

ST. CRONAN'S CHURCH

PARTNERSHIP OF BRACKENSTOWN, SWORDS, RIVER VALLEY & DONABATE PARISHES

33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9TH NOVEMBER 2025

YEAR C

As parishioners will be aware, there are two collections at Mass each Sunday. The first collection (the red pouch) is for the Diocesan Common Fund. This collection directly supports the priests of the parish and of the diocese, and we are very grateful for your faithful and continued support throughout the year. The second collection supports Share, but many parishioners are unclear what exactly Share is. Originally set up by Archbishop Dermot Ryan to fund the establishment of parishes at a time of significant expansion, Share has evolved to meet the needs of today. It continues to support parishes in areas of disadvantage, where alternative funding might not be available, but Share now largely funds the various diocesan offices which support the development of lay ministry in parishes. They provide training to baptism and funeral ministry teams, catechists, ministers of the Word and of the Eucharist, support in the area of child safeguarding and

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SHARE

Garda vetting, as well as guidance to parishes in the areas of finance, education and communications. This Sunday is Share Appeal Sunday, and Archbishop Dermot Farrell has written a letter thanking parishioners for your contributions 'in support of mission, service and solidarity' and asking for your continued support. Copies of the Archbishop's letter are available on tables at the back of the church. Many thanks to parishioners and visitors for your response last weekend to the Building Hope questionnaire on social justice. There was some very enlightening feedback on what you consider the major social justice issues in our parish or in the wider community, and we will put a summary of these responses on the blue noticeboard at the back of the church, along with a summary of the responses to the three other pillars: welcome and inclusion, faith and servant leadership. Our next step will be for the Parish Pastoral Council to analyse the feedback from the questionnaires over the past four months and propose the beginnings of a pastoral response. We will also be meeting with PPC representatives from the other parishes in our area to plan a response at partnership level.

Fr Richard

Building Hope

Prayer

Pilgrim God, we give you thanks and praise.
You constantly journey with us
even in our darkness and doubts.
We seek your way of loving kindness
to walk together as one family.
Open our eyes to recognise you
in the faces of one another,
in the breaking of bread
and in the splendour of creation.
May the risen Christ sow seeds of hope
and new life deep within us.
May our hearts and minds be filled with your Word,
bringing forth truth, justice and peace.
May the Holy Spirit working in
and through us do much more
than we can dare to imagine
as we live out our baptismal calling
in humble and loving service.
We make this our prayer through Christ Our Lord.
Amen.

Mary, Mother of the Church, pray for us.
St Laurence O'Toole, pray for us.
St Kevin, pray for us.
St Brigid, pray for us.

The monthly *Grow in Love* Mass in preparation for First Reconciliation and First Communion takes place this Saturday 8th November at 6.00pm and Sunday 9th November at 5.00pm.

Our **Children's Choir** welcomes new members. The children's choir sing at the monthly Mass on Saturdays in preparation for First Communion. Any parent whose child is interested in joining should talk to Andrea after 6.00pm Mass this Saturday.



BAPTISMS

Baptisms are held on
2nd and 4th Saturday and Sunday
of each month at 12 noon
Up to three babies may be
baptised at each ceremony
Please contact the Parish Office
to register your child for Baptism
brackenstownparish@gmail.com

We welcome the families
of those who will be
baptised in our church this
Saturday 8th and Sunday
9th November at 12noon.

The annual **Mass for Parishioners** who died during the past year will take place on Friday 21st November at 7.30pm. Invitations will be going out to their families in the next week or two. All parishioners are invited to come to the Mass and avail of an opportunity to remember deceased loved ones.

St Cronan's Church
Brackenstown Parish

Annual Mass of Remembrance

21st November 2025
at 7:30pm



SUNDAY MASSES: (Sat Vigil) 6pm; 9am; 11am & 5pm

WEEKDAY MASSES: MONDAY to SATURDAY 10:00am

CONFESIONS: SATURDAY 10:45am to 11:30am in the Sacristy

ADORATION: MON, TUES, THURS & SAT:10:30AM—11:30AM **WEDNESDAY:** 6pm - 9pm **FRIDAY:** 3pm—6pm

All our ceremonies are broadcast online at www.brackenstown-parish.com

Copies of our **Financial Report for 2024** are available on tables at the back of the church, and parishioners are welcome to take a copy with you. Once again, sincere thanks to parishioners for your generous support of your parish throughout the year.

The first ever **#YouthCon** to mark the annual World Youth Day is happening on Saturday, **November 22nd 2025** from 10am to 6pm in St Patrick's College - DCU, Drumcondra. The day is open to all young adults aged 18-35 and features **Fr Joe McGrath** on the theme of 'Encountering Christ Together'. After lunch, there are opportunities to learn where you can live out your faith locally from speed inputs, some time together for prayer, and to make new connections. The day finishes with the celebration of Mass for the feast of Christ the King. Tickets include lunch and refreshments, so head to Eventbrite at: <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/1814418838589?aff=oddtdtcreator> All queries can be sent to natalie.doherty@dublindiocese.ie

The parish welcomes new **Altar Servers**. Parents of any child who would like to become an altar server should contact the parish office or speak to one of the priests after weekend Mass. Parents will also be asked to sign a consent form. Merry Zacharias, a member of our Pastoral Council and Parish Safeguarding representative, looks after the Altar Servers.

Anam Cara, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, will hold its monthly Parent Support Evening on **Wednesday 19th November at 7.30pm in the Hilton Hotel, Malahide Rd, Dublin, D17 Y924**. This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or how recent their death was. We also offer an online support group meeting. To find out more call 01 4045378 or email info@anamcara.ie

This month, **St Mary's Pro-Cathedral** celebrates its bicentenary. We also mark this year the 800th anniversary of the canonisation of St Laurence O'Toole, our diocesan patron. Schedule of events for the St Mary's Pro-Cathedral Bicentenary Weekend include Mass for the **Friday 14th November**, the Feast of St Laurence O'Toole at 12 noon and Choral Vespers at 5:30pm; **Saturday 15th November** Hope Concert at 7pm and on **Sunday 16th November** Mass at 11am and Gloria Concert at 3:30pm.

All day long blessings with the First Class relics of **St Thérèse** at St. Thomas the Apostle, Laurel Lodge, Blanchardstown, Dublin 15 on **Saturday 15th November 12pm** till 8pm & **Sunday 16th November 8.30am** till 1.30pm. 15 min talks with Fr Damian McNeice at 1pm, 2pm, 3pm & 4pm. Confessions at 4.30pm - 6pm and Vigil of Sunday Mass at 6.30pm.

A 3-year fixed-term position as a **Faith Development Co-ordinator for Youth and Young Adult Ministries**, reporting to the Director of Mission & Ministry, has become available. This role involves developing a comprehensive approach to youth and young adult ministries, guided by the vision of Christus Vivit in the North Side of the Archdiocese. This position is full-time on-site; the role is based at Arran Quay, Smithfield, Dublin 7. Full details at <https://dublindiocese.ie/vacancies/>. Closing date: **Tuesday, November 11**.

Malahide Musical & Dramatic Society are having a concert in **St Sylvester's Church on Sunday 9th Nov 2025 at 7:30pm**. The concert is in memory of all the people who died during the Pandemic. The Malahide Musical Society will be providing the singers on the night. If people would like to send a photo of a loved one who died during the pandemic we will show it on our big screen on the night of the concert. Please email the photo to rememberconcert2025@gmail.com

Frank Duff Prayer Meeting *Pray...Reflect..Share*

Tuesday, 11th November 8:00pm-9:00pm in Parish Pastoral Centre, St Cronan's Church. You'll be most welcome. Please invite a friend. The Rosary, reading & reflection on next Sunday's Gospel and a little background information about Frank Duff will be included. Prayer Group promotes devotion to the Servant of God, Frank Duff.

Religious Goods & Literature - Suitable gifts for families

Baptism gifts/items, Statues, ornaments, children's colouring books, bibles and lots more available at Repository on Saturday evenings and Sunday mornings.



SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS

Recently Deceased

Paddy Flanagan

Anniversaries

Billy Barry (2A)

Niall Monks (3A)

Colette Savage (4A)

Martin Doyle (4A)

Joan Kelly (10A)

Florrie O'Keeffe

Winifred Kirwan

Christopher & Mary O'Loughlin

Austin O'Malley

10 AM MASSES THIS WEEK

Mon Dcsd Family Members of Buckley Family Health Intention

Tues Betty & Dave Dunleavy (A) Special Intention

Wed Tom & Alice Kane (A) Irene Mulligan (RD)

Thur Leo Fernando (R)

Thur Maisie Ward (A) Special Intention

Fri Peter Dunne (BR)

Sat Elsie Shackley (RD) Wedding Ann. Intention

Envelopes for the **Altar List of the Dead** are available on tables at the back of the church. Parishioners and visitors are encouraged to write the names of deceased loved ones on the slip of paper provided, return it to the envelope and place it in the safe at the back of the church. Those whose names are on the Altar List of the Dead are remembered at Mass throughout the month of November and on the First Friday of every month for the next year.

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Monday - Friday

9:30am - 1:00pm

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