

# ST. CRONAN'S CHURCH

PARTNERSHIP OF BRACKENSTOWN, SWORDS, RIVER VALLEY & DONABATE PARISHES


20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

20TH AUGUST 2023

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## Reflection

After the lovely warm days earlier in the week, the sudden return to cooler and wetter conditions as the weekend approaches heralds the onset of autumn. Parents and teenagers are probably busy buying last minute materials in preparation for the new school year. Whatever the weather, hopefully most people have had an opportunity to enjoy some down time this summer, to visit places familiar and new, spend time with those who are important to us and to generally recharge the batteries. Now as our various parish



Thus says the Lord:  
have a care for justice,  
act with integrity,  
for soon my salvation will come  
and my integrity will be manifest.

Isaiah 56: 1

groups and sacramental programmes prepare to gear up again, and we explore further the opportunities and challenges of participating in a partnership of parishes, it is a good time to remind ourselves what we are about as a community of faith. Perhaps we need look no further than the words of the prophet Isaiah in this Sunday's First Reading, who reminds us to 'have a care for justice, act with integrity', and to strive always to be a welcoming and outward looking community, 'for my house will be called a house of prayer for all the peoples'.

Fr. Richard

## ENTERING RELIGIOUS LIFE

 Sara Abbrescia

Sara was formally received as a postulant of the Redemptoristine's in Italy this week



We wish her every blessing and continue to remember her in our prayers.



**SEASON OF CREATION - Laudato Si' Working Group** The Laudato Si' Working Group and Animators have prepared [two sets of resources](#); firstly, to return 30% of our parish grounds to nature and secondly, those for the 2023 Season of Creation (1st Sept – 4th Oct) in accord with the theme of 'let justice and peace flow'. In his message for the 2023 Season of Creation, Pope Francis highlights our interconnectedness with God, with each other, with ourselves and with all of creation. These resources offer the opportunity for parishes to pray, discuss and take practical actions to address global warming at a local level. Our little actions together can have a global impact for the future of our Common Home. In light of the above, we are setting up a parish Laudato Si group, which Paddy O' Byrne has agreed to chair. Anyone interested in participating in this group should contact the parish office or Paddy directly.



**Many thanks to all the volunteers who participated in the clean-up of the church and its precincts on Saturday 19th August, and apologies for the confusion around the date of the clean up!**



The Parish Pastoral Council is inviting volunteers to become part of a church cleaning group, who would on a rota basis assist with keeping our beautiful church clean. If interested, please give your name and contact details to the parish secretary.



**SUNDAY MASSES:** (Sat Vigil) 6pm; 9am; 11am & 5pm      **WEEKDAY MASSES:** MONDAY to SATURDAY 10:00am  
**CONFESSIONS:** 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](http://www.brackenstown-parish.com)

**Fingal County Council have confirmed a water outage in Swords, to allow for essential maintenance on the watermain, on Tuesday 22 August from 10am - 4pm approx.**



**Areas Affected:**

- All of Swords Manor; All of Ormond Estate; Valley View; Abbeyvale; Lioscian; Cianlea; Ardcian Park; Rathbeale Road (from junction of Murrrough Road / Glen Ellan Road to the junction of Church Road); Mooretown; Pine Grove Park; Windmill Avenue / Park; St. Columba's Estate; Glasmore Park; St. Cronan's Estate; Brackenstown Avenue and Surrounding Areas

The wife and family of the late Noel O'Toole (RIP) wish to express their grateful thanks to all who sympathised with them during the sad days of their loss. Mass will be celebrated for your intentions on Saturday 23rd September.

**Diocesan Youth Leadership Course**

Beginning in September, a new **Diocesan Youth Leadership Course** will take place to equip young adults to take on leadership roles in their parish setting and for peer-to-peer ministry, as well as training those looking to accompany young adults in their parish. Each month, new skills are learnt and will be put into practice at the retreat day which will be shaped and organised by the course participants. For more info email [natalie.doherty@dublindiocese.ie](mailto:natalie.doherty@dublindiocese.ie). Register here: <https://forms.office.com/e/vnhG5552SW>



**SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS**

**Recently Deceased**

Eamonn Scully  
Bridget Reid

**Month's Mind**

William Stacey  
Margaret O'Neill

**Anniversaries**

Margaret Jackson (4A)  
Maisie (4A) & Pete Blanche  
Frank Reynolds (22A)  
Noel Lowndes  
Ellen Donovan  
Dcsd Members of  
McTiernan Family

**10 AM MASSES NEXT WEEK**

- Mon** Paddy, Kitty, Jack, Noel, George & Pete Cawley (A)
- Tues** John & Kathleen O'Connor (A)
- Wed** Patrick & Kathleen O'Reilly & Dcsd Members of O'Reilly & Lee Families
- Thur** Ann Redmond (RD)
- Fri** Special Intention
- Sat** William Crosbie Snr (5A)



**A Sip of Support Meeting Group located at B.A.S.E.**

Brackenstown Road, Swords, Co. Dublin K67 PH96

**A Grief Support Group Starting 6 September 2023**

**Weekly Meetings every Wednesday 7-8pm**

We hope to offer a listening ear to anyone who is dealing with or living with Grief

*If you cannot fly then run, if you cannot run then walk; if you cannot walk then crawl, but whatever you do, do your best to keep moving forward*

**Email: [haveasipswords@gmail.com](mailto:haveasipswords@gmail.com)**



A Sip of Support  
(Grief Support Group Swords)



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**PPC Training on Voluntary Ministries**

Training for Parish Pastoral Council members on the **Voluntary Ministry Matters** resource takes place on **12th AND 19th September 2023** via Zoom. This is **2 part** training course exploring the new guidebook for all members of PPCs in the Archdiocese. This is a REPEAT of the training given on 1st and 8th June 2023. If you would like to register for this Zoom training please complete the online form on the Adult Faith section of [www.missionministry.ie](http://www.missionministry.ie).

**Confirmation Connect:** The Zoom information session for parishes on **Confirmation Connect** will be repeated on Wednesday September 13, at 7:30pm. For more information email [natalie.doherty@dublindiocese.ie](mailto:natalie.doherty@dublindiocese.ie) or <https://forms.office.com/e/2LunznvExv>

The *Instrumentum Laboris*, the official working document for the first session of the 16th Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops, was launched on June 20. A large number of people from various parts of the world with different expertise prepared this important text which will animate all the work of the October assembly. See <https://synod.ie/instrumentum-laboris-for-synod-2021-2024/>.

An opportunity exists for an experienced **Administrator** to join the team based at Archbishop's House. This full-time role primarily supports the Office for Religious & Extern Priests but also involves working with the Archbishop's Office and Office for Clergy. Candidates should have experience of working in an administrative role in a religious or charitable organisation. Applications are especially welcome from those with relevant parish experience. A full job description and further information is available from Cintia Mota, HR Administrator, at [cintia.mota@dublindiocese.ie](mailto:cintia.mota@dublindiocese.ie) or 01 8087572.

Applications are now open for the next intake of participants for **Pathways**. The programme, run by the Dublin Archdiocese, begins this year in DCU St. Patrick's Campus, Upp. Drumcondra Road, Dublin 9, on Thursday, September 28 (7pm – 9.30pm). Places are limited so early application is advised. Pathways is a two-year, one-evening-a-week course for adults of all ages who wish to explore their faith. It runs from late September to May each year. There are no exams and no written work. The only requirement is an openness to listening to others and to participate. You can just come along and enjoy! The cost is €400 for the coming year which may be paid in instalments. Some sponsorship may be available for those of limited means. Places are limited. For more information please visit [www.missionministry.ie](http://www.missionministry.ie) or contact Eileen Houllahan, Director, *Pathways* Programme at 01 8087594 or [pathways@dublindiocese.ie](mailto:pathways@dublindiocese.ie).



*Summer Dues*

**Summer Offering Envelopes are available at the church entrances. Summer Offerings form part of the annual remuneration of the priests of the parish and of the diocese.**

**Thank You for Supporting Your Priests**

**Bethany Bereavement Support Group**

offer a free and confidential telephone support to any bereaved parishioners who wish to avail of it  
**Brid - 085 2812985 Sunday 20th to Saturday 26th August**  
Please phone after 6pm.

*"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted"*

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**PARISH OFFICE HOURS**  
Monday - Friday  
9:30am - 1:00pm

Registered Charity Number  
20016166



Legion of Mary

**PRAYING THE ROSARY**

The Legion of Mary are an untiring advocate of the rosary championing a better understanding of it, a stronger commitment to praying it and a deeper appreciation of its power. Listen to a 2.42 min clip by Bishop Robert Barron on

**Why Pray the Rosary? - YouTube.** As part of our outreach, the "Rosary Statue" was blessed for use in the homes of the parish at the October Candlelight Procession. If you would like to have the statue in your home for a little time, please contact a member of Legion of Mary in the main porch after Saturday evening or Sunday morning Masses.

**Upcoming Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine**

Sunday 24th September Legion of Mary Pilgrimage. Those interested in travelling on pilgrimage are invited to leave their name and contact details with a member of the Legion of Mary at Church Repository before /after Mass on Saturday evening or Sunday morning.