

ST. CRONAN'S CHURCH

THE EARLY IRISH SAINTS PARTNERSHIP OF PARISHES

BRACKENSTOWN, SWORDS + DRYNAM, RIVER VALLEY + DUBLIN AIRPORT & DONABATE, PORTRANE + BALHEARY

24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

13TH SEPTEMBER 2026

YEAR A

The Canticle of Creation of St. Francis of Assisi

Praised be you, my Lord, with all your creatures,
especially Brother Sun,
Who is the day through whom you give us light.
And he is beautiful and radiant with great splendour,
of you Most High, he bears the likeness.
Praised be you, my Lord, through Sister Moon and the stars,
in the heavens you have made them bright, precious and fair.
Praise be you, my Lord, through Brothers Wind and Air,
And fair and stormy, all weather's moods,
by which you cherish all that you have made.
Praised be you, O Lord through our Sister, Mother Earth,
who sustains and governs us,
producing varied fruits with coloured flowers and herbs...

September is **Care for Creation** month, which reminds us of our responsibility to care for our planet for the sake of the generations who will come after us. Christina Leano, leader of the International Laudato Si movement, named after the encyclical of the same name, by the late Pope Francis, writes that 'The Season of Creation has begun, and we are already hearing beautiful Living Water stories through you—our communities around the world. Stories of prayer. Stories of small actions. Stories of people opening doors in their parishes and standing together to protect creation. Each one is different. But each one is a drop joining the same river. We have made consistent efforts over the past few years to reduce the frequency of lawn mowing and to allow a portion of the church grounds to return to nature so as to encourage bio-diversity and the growth of bee pollinator plants. In the past year we also engaged

Transition Year students from Coláiste Choilm and St. Finian's to work with us on some Laudato Si projects. More on this soon as we journey towards the feast of St. Francis of Assisi...! Speaking of St. Francis.... a group of 34 pilgrims from the partnership of Donabate, Swords, River Valley and Brackenstown parishes are preparing to head off early on Monday morning (it wouldn't be pilgrimage if there wasn't an early start!) to Rome and to the home town of St. Francis, Assisi. As well as spending a few contemplative days in this medieval hill town in the middle of the beautiful Umbrian countryside, then exploring the rich cultural and religious heritage of the bustling metropolis, which is now the centre of western Christianity, we will have an opportunity to reflect on the significance of the 'poor man of Assisi' for us today with regard to peace making, detachment and care for God's creation.

Fr. Richard

Brackenstown Parish

Welcome

BACK TO SCHOOL

We Invite

PARENTS AND CHILDREN TO A

**Blessing of your
Child's School Bag**

Sunday 13th September
at 11.00 am Mass
St. Cronan's Church,
Brackenstown

Don't forget to bring
your school bag!

Refreshments Afterward in
the Pastoral Centre

BAPTISM

WE WELCOME THE
FAMILIES OF THOSE
WHO WILL BE BAPTISED
THIS WEEKEND

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**We congratulate the parents and families
of children who will be baptised at
12 noon this weekend**

**Our monthly Hospitality Sunday resumes this
Sunday 13th September in the parish centre
following 11.00am Mass.**

**Also, Wednesday morning coffee Mornings have
resumed after the 10am Mass. All are welcome.**



Mass with **Blessing of schoolbags**, takes place this Sunday 13th September at 11.00am Children, particularly those starting school for the first time, are invited to attend with their parents and bring their school bags.

SUNDAY MASSES: 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

We ask parents, who have not yet done so, to register their child for **First Communion or Confirmation** next year ASAP on our parish website, and to pay the registration contribution of €50.

COFFEE MORNING IN AID OF ST. FRANCIS' HOSPICE
Thursday 24 September from 10:30am to 1pm
Stacey's House, 18 Elmwood Park.
Please note Bewley's are no longer sponsoring the Coffee Mornings! All Welcome.

Come and Adore Him – Eucharistic Adoration get together on Saturday 26th September from 10am to 1pm in Church of the Nativity and Parish Centre Beaumont D05 X8F8 starting with Mass at 10am. This event featuring Fr Adrian Crowley and Rita Daly is for those who do Eucharistic Adoration and for those who want to promote or develop Eucharistic Adoration in their parish. All welcome. Please bring a packed lunch. Enquiries to John McCormack Dublin North Eucharistic Adoration Committee, phone 087 2208714 or mccormackjohn124@gmail.com

The Society of **St. Vincent de Paul** would like to thank parishioners for your generous response to their first church gate collection in several months last weekend.

Scripture Study Classes are back on Monday 21st September from 7:30pm to 9pm. This year's study will be on Matthew: The King and His Kingdom, and will run until 23rd November. All are welcome to join.

The **annual collection for Crosscare** takes place next **weekend 19th/20th September** replacing the usual Share collection. Parishioners who may not be able to contribute on these dates can support the appeal online at www.crosscare.ie. Crosscare provides practical support alongside families worried about losing their home, young people in need of guidance and support, people experiencing homelessness, and migrants and refugees seeking safety and a fresh start.

A coffee morning in BASE. A chance to practice and improve your Irish. Open to all levels. Informal setting. Starting **Tuesday 22nd September from 11am** for one hour.

B.A.S.E. Classes: Classes start from **Monday** 14th September with Creative Writing Group 10am—12pm; Crochet/Knitting 7:30pm—9:30pm; Sign Language (ISL) 7pm—8pm (deposit €40). **Tuesday** is Basic Conversational Irish 10am—11am. **Wednesday** is Art Advanced 9:30am –11:30am; Crochet/Knitting 11:45 am—1:45pm. **Thursday** is Flower Arranging 10:30am—12:30pm. **Friday** is Art for Beginners 10am—12pm. Classes are 10 week terms (€100 and over 65's €65) except for Sign Language is 8 weeks (€80). Enquiries: Phone 01 8902593 or email jenny.baseswords@gmail.com.

Parents whose children attend a school other than a Catholic school, are invited to also register their child for the *Seeds of Faith* preparation classes which take place weekly from October to May over two years for both First Communion and Confirmation. Registration for these classes is online. The fee for the classes is €150 for the year.

Anam Cara, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, will hold its monthly Parent Support Evening on **Wednesday 23rd September at 7.30pm in the Hilton Hotel, Malahide Rd, 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

Parishioners wishing to attend 10.00am Mass will not be able to access the car park before 9.30am any weekday morning. In the middle section of the car park, which backs onto the railings of the walkway, parishioners are asked to reverse their car into the parking spot, so as to make it both easier and safer when they wish to drive away after Mass. We appreciate the cooperation of parishioners and parents with the new car park arrangements, which are being taken in the interest of the safety of children and of our parishioners.

Calmness Within—Gentle Yoga with Caroline starts back on **Thursdays** in St Cronan's Parish Centre. Contact Caroline for more information and to register on 0876913028.
Mat Yoga: 9:45am - 11:00am
Chair Assisted Yoga: 11:15am— 12.15pm
Mat Yoga: 7pm—8:15pm

LEGION OF MARY: KNOCK BUS
 Legion of Mary Annual Pilgrimage to Knock is on Sunday 27th September, 7:45 am departing from St Cronan's Church. Contact Brona on 086 2104151.
Invitation to Patrician Meeting:
Mother Theresa's Influence on Us
 Thursday 17th September at 7:30pm in Brackenstown Parish Pastoral Centre. Refreshments will be offered during the interval. *Patricians aim to deepen religious knowledge and empower all to be more effective in apostolate work.* Organised by the Legion of Mary

PARISH PRIEST	SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS	10 AM MASSES THIS WEEK
Fr. Richard Sheehy 087 2412459 richarddesheehy@gmail.com	Recently Deceased Anne Hanlon Seamus O'Brien Christopher Farren	Mon Liam Galvin (RD) 58th Wedding Anniversary Remembrance
PARISH CHAPLAIN Fr. Joseph Hao P.C. 01 8401188 office@brackenstown-parish.com	Anniversaries Joe McDonagh (2A) Brendan Farrell (24A) Brian Lyons (30A) Ann Cawley Rose, Joe & Vera Ryan Gerry, Daniel, Nathan Maughan & Mary Sinead Maughan Michael Smith Healing Intention Margaret & Harry Donnelly	Tues Healing Intention
PERMANENT DEACON Declan Colgan 01 8401188 office@brackenstown-parish.com		Wed Frankie Oaks & Dcsd Members Oaks & Murphy Families
PARISH SECRETARY Louise Donnelly Mon to Fri. 9:30am – 1:00pm 01 8401188 office@brackenstown-parish.com		Thur Patrick Byrne (88BR) Peter Dunne (1A) Patricia & Mary McGuirk (A) Tom Freeney (13A)
PARISH OFFICE HOURS Monday - Friday 9:30am - 1:00pm Registered Charity Number 20016166		Fri Marie Keegan (RD) Sat 59th Wedding Anniversary Remembrance
<i>Please note Mass Intentions must be booked into the parish office at least a week in advance of the Mass date</i>		