

# ST. CRONAN'S CHURCH

PARTNERSHIP OF BRACKENSTOWN, SWORDS, RIVER VALLEY & DONABATE PARISHES

TRINITY SUNDAY

31 MAY 2026

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For some time now, representatives from the Parish Pastoral Councils of the parishes in our partnership have been meeting every two months or so to look at how we can work more closely together (ie: shared events or liturgies) and share resources of personnel or expertise in order to further the mission of the Gospel. This form of collaboration across neighbouring parishes is happening right across the diocese and is facilitated by the Building Hope programme of pastoral renewal. The diocese has now invited partnerships to choose a name for their partnership. Each parish will retain its individual name, but choosing an umbrella name invites us to develop a stronger sense of working for mission as part of a wider partnership of several parishes. It will also be particularly useful when we move towards having a shared website for all the parishes which make up the partnership, enabling parishioners at a glance to see where they can find Mass at a particular time in any of the participating parishes.



Our respective Pastoral Councils have been tossing around a number of possible names for our Partnership and, having narrowed it down to three possible names, we plan to invite parishioners to choose one of these three names at each of the weekend Masses on **Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> June**. At each Mass, a member of the PPC will give a brief explanation of the process, then parishioners will be invited to tick only one of three names presented to them on a slip of paper. All the votes at each Mass across all the churches in the partnership will be counted together, and the result announced following approval by the diocese.

The three proposed names are the following:

- 1) **Blessed Francis Taylor** was born in Swords, around 1550, a prominent Catholic politician and merchant in Dublin, serving as an Alderman and Mayor of Dublin in 1595–1596. His strong Catholic faith led to his arrest and imprisonment around 1614, and he died in Dublin Castle in 1621, after refusing to renounce his religion for his freedom. Recognized as a martyr, he was beatified by Pope John Paul II on September 27, 1992.
- 2) **Saint Eithne** is a relatively obscure figure, but recorded in the earliest Irish martyrologies, as the daughter of Baite. Connected to the area of Swords, she is commemorated with her sister, Sodelb on **March 29th**.
- 3) **Early Irish Saints** -this name includes all the early Irish saints who have given their names to our respective churches: St Patrick (Donabate), St. Ita (Portrane), St. Colmcille (Swords), St. Finian (River Valley), St Cronan (Brackenstown).

**St. Cronan's Church**  
Brackenstown Road, Swords,  
Co Dublin, K67 FK22  
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**PARISH INTERNATIONAL DAY**  
*Many Cultures, One Faith, One Family in Christ.*

**DATE**  
Sunday,  
28th June  
2026

**TIME**  
Starts at  
11:00 AM

**VENUE**  
St. Cronan's Church  
Brackenstown Road,  
Swords, Co Dublin,  
K67 FK22

**INTERCULTURAL MASS**  
Prayers and singing in different languages.



Fr. Richard

**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)

A meeting of the full **Pastoral Councils from our Partnership** will meet this Saturday 30th May from 10.30am-12.30pm to review progress on our short/medium/long-term goals as part of the Building Hope initiative.

A meeting to welcome **new parish volunteers** will take place next Sunday 7th June immediately following the 11.00am Mass in the parish centre. Refreshments will be provided.

Training for new and continuing **Ministers of the Word** for all the parishes in our partnership will be provided by Peter Siney from the Diocesan Office of Mission and Ministry from 7.30-9.30pm on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May in the church. Tea/coffee available from 7.00pm in the coffee dock.

Training for new and continuing **Ministers of Holy Communion and Sacristans** for all the parishes in our partnership will be provided by Peter Siney from the Diocesan Office of Mission and Ministry from **7.30-9.30pm on Thursday 25th May** in the church. Tea/coffee available from 7.00pm in the coffee dock.

The Diocesan Office of Mission and Ministry are taking applications for both the **Pathways** and **Catechesis** courses for the coming year. A significant number of our parishioners have participated in these programmes over the past few years and found them very helpful for engaging in parish ministry.

**An International Mass**, to celebrate the cultural diversity in our parish, will take place at 11.00am on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> June. It will be followed immediately by a celebration of music, food and dance from our various cultures in the parish centre.

Some **religious books**, which have been donated by a parishioner, have been left at the back of the church. They will be available over the next week for parishioners and visitors to help themselves to a book or two and take them home. Please do not return the books!

Our annual **Mass with Anointing of the Sick** will take place at 5.00pm on Sunday 5th July. Refreshments will be provided afterwards in the parish centre.

The **Annual Diocesan Sacraments Conference** takes place from 10am to 3pm on June 20<sup>th</sup> at St Paul's, Arran Quay. Cost €10 per person.

To register, please email [angela.mcgarry@dublindiocese.ie](mailto:angela.mcgarry@dublindiocese.ie). Places are limited. This year's conference explores the various roles of Parish, School and Family as we accompany families on the journey of Sacramental Preparation. All parish pastoral workers, catechists and parish sacramental teams are warmly invited.

**If anyone knows** of someone experienced who can paint the statues in the Grotto, please contact the Parish Office.

**St. Cronan's Junior National School** are recruiting for 2 very important roles - firstly a part time secretary. The position has been advertised on Educationposts.ie and more details can be found at the school. The second position is some substitute cleaners to cover leave/holidays etc. Anyone interested can contact the school.

**LEGION OF MARY:**

**Religious Goods Suitable for families**

Prayer books, beads and medals. Also Baptism cards and candles, motorist prayers, key rings, children's books and lots more at repository Saturday evenings and Sunday mornings.

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

**Tuesday, 9th June 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.

<p>PARISH PRIEST Fr. Richard Sheehy 087 2412459 richardsheehy@gmail.com PARISH CHAPLAIN Fr. Joseph Hao P.C. 01 8401188 office@brackenstown-parish.com PERMANENT DEACON Declan Colgan 01 8401188 office@brackenstown-parish.com PARISH SECRETARY Louise Donnelly Mon to Fri. 9:30am – 1:00pm 01 8401188 office@brackenstown-parish.com PARISH OFFICE HOURS Monday - Friday 9:30am - 1:00pm Registered Charity Number 20016166</p>	<b>SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS</b>	
	<b>Recently Deceased</b>	
	Joan Ryan	
	Maxie Fitzgerald	
	Bernie Lavelle	
	Vincent Foley	
	Mike Wright	
	<b>Anniversaries</b>	
	Rose Anne Shields (1A)	
	Joe Walsh (4A)	
Darren Stafford (11A)		
John Pentony		
Alice Howell		
Padraig Flaherty		
Jack Rogers		
Pat & Agnes Kealey & Dcsd Family Members		
Augustine Aissi & Eli Marcos		
Dessie Molloy		
		<b>10 AM Masses THIS WEEK</b>
	<b>Mon</b>	90th Birthday Intention
	<b>Tues</b>	Terry Murphy (A) Joe Murtagh (A)
	<b>Wed</b>	Patrick & Ella Kearns Marian Movement for Priests
	<b>Thur</b>	Padraig Flaherty (32A) Gary Gregan (2A)
	<b>Fri</b>	Special Intention
	<b>Sat</b>	Special Intention