

ST. CRONAN'S CHURCH

PARTNERSHIP OF BRACKENSTOWN, SWORDS, RIVER VALLEY & DONABATE PARISHES

22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 1ST SEPTEMBER 2025 YEAR C

REFLECTION

The Second Vatican Council famously described the Eucharist as 'the source and summit of the Christian life'. It is the people of God gathering together each week to pray with and for one another, to break open God's word in Scripture and to share Communion with Christ and with one another in the Eucharist. The General Instruction of the Roman Missal reminds us that the Eucharist is 'an action of the whole Church'. Following a meeting of the Liturgy Group earlier in the summer and with ministers of the Eucharist and sacristans this week, we are introducing some small changes to our weekend celebration of the Eucharist from next weekend, 6th/7th September to highlight this emphasis. We are restoring the practice of a family or two members of the congregation presenting the offertory gifts from the body of the church. Ministers of the Eucharist, who are bringing Communion to the housebound, will be invited to approach the altar before the prayer after Communion and final blessing, so that the celebrant can bless them on behalf of the community as they go to share our Communion with parishioners at home.

To celebrate the fact that our parish embraces parishioners from many different cultures and nationalities, we are planning to hold an international Mass and festival of food at 11.00am on Sunday 5th October. We invite parishioners of various nationalities to consider how they might like to contribute to the liturgy (ie: music, dance, traditional dress etc) to represent their culture, as well as to present some food that would be typical of their country or ethnic background. A meeting will be held shortly to pool ideas.

Fr Richard



BLESSING OF SCHOOL BAGS!

SATURDAY 6TH SEPTEMBER AT 6PM



We will celebrate a special Family Mass with Blessing of Schoolbags next Saturday 6th Sept at 6.00pm. All school children and their families are welcome, especially those beginning school for the first time. Refreshments will take place after Mass in the parish centre.

Our annual general cleaning of the church and grounds will take place on Saturday 13th September at 1.00pm (*there are baptisms at 12 noon*). All parishioners are welcome to join us for this annual thorough cleaning of our church. It should only take an hour or two – many hands etc!



ALL HANDS ON DECK!
ANNUAL CLEAN UP

We invite all willing volunteers to join us in a thorough cleaning and tidying of the church and its environs

Saturday 13th September at 1:00 pm

Gloves and cleaning materials will be provided

St. Cronan's Church Brackenstown Parish

We welcome 6th year students from both Colaiste Choilm and Loreto College at our 6pm Mass this Saturday 30th August, as well as Fr. Martin Moran OMI. It is an opportunity for us to invoke God's blessing on the students as they prepare to travel to Lourdes as volunteers with the Dublin Diocesan and Oblate pilgrimages respectively in the next week or two.



We are currently recruiting new members for our **Children's Choir**. Rehearsals will begin on **Wednesday 3rd September** and will continue each Wednesday from 4.00-5.00pm.



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

Registration is Now Open



Families who wish their child to celebrate the sacraments of First Communion or Confirmation in 2026 are invited to register their child through the parish website at the earliest opportunity. Either click on this link <https://www.brackentown-parish.com/sacrament-registration> or on the front page of the website, click on the box **'Registration**

is Now Open for First Holy Communion & Confirmation 2026', then fill out and submit the drop down form. The registration payment of €50 needs to be made separately by clicking on the **'Donate'** icon, also on the front page of the website.

Parents who would like their child to celebrate the sacraments of **First Communion or Confirmation in 2027** and whose child attends a non-Catholic school, are invited to register their child for after school religion classes which begin this September using this link: <https://platform.payzone.ie/customer/10007/product-list>, and choosing the **'Religious Education Classes' section.**

A Mass for the 25th anniversary of the **Catholic Grandparents Association** will be celebrated by Bishop Paul Dempsey on Monday 8th September at 10.30am in the Church of the Holy Child, Whitehall. Refreshments will be provided after the Mass.

The next **St Vincent de Paul Church Gate collection** takes place on Saturday 6th & Sunday 7th September and they have a contactless machine for anyone who wishes to use it. Your support is greatly appreciated.



A Charity Ceilí, with Fíor Ceilí, Set Dancing & Social Dancing in aid of Derrybeg Church, Gweedore which burnt to the ground on 21st April this year, will be held in **St Colmcille's GAA, Swords** on **Friday 5th September** from 8:30pm to late. Music by Raymond Loney and admission is €10. Contact Grace on 087 9549066 for further information.

A family picnic will be held in Marley Park, Grange Road, Rathfarnham Dublin 16 on Sunday 14th Sept from 2.30pm. Engaged or married couples and families are very welcome. The picnic is organised by Teams of Our Lady, a movement which promotes the spirituality of married couples. More details available from Fr. Richard or from their website: www.teamsireland.com

Calmness Within Yoga & Meditation for Beginners in St Cronan's Pastoral Centre:

Starting: **Tuesday 9th September** from 9:30am to 10:45am & **Thursday 11th September** from 7pm—8:15pm.

Calmness Within Gentle Chair Yoga in St Cronan's Pastoral Centre:

Starting: **Tuesday 9th September** from 11:15am to 12:15pm.
4 Week Class €50 or pay as you go €14.

Contact Caroline for more information on 087 6913028.

St Cronan's Bridge Club in Swords Senior Citizens Day Centre, Every Thursday at 7.30pm from September. €5.00 for the night (Tea, Coffee and Biscuits provided). Float available if you have no partner. All levels welcome. €25 for membership for the year. Great for any age to have a friendly night out and make friends!

Frank Duff Summer School 31st August -5th September 2025. All are welcome!

De Montfort House, Morning Star Avenue, North Brunswick Street, D07VA03. A week long of events from Sunday 31st August to Friday 5th September. Contact Legion of Mary for further details.

Legion of Mary Pilgrimage to Knock 28th September

Bus will leave St Cronan's Church 7:45am. Bus will stop for light refreshments and dinner. Alternatively bring packed lunch. €25 Bus only. €15 for <18years. Names of pilgrims should be given to members of Legion of Mary after weekend Masses.



Legion of Mary

SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS

Recently Deceased

Anne Fagan
Veronica Hesnan
Mark Brody
Monica Lowndes
Gerty Egan
Angeline Grant
Pat O'Mahony

Anniversaries

Joe McDonagh (1A)
Liam Campbell (2A)
Rene O'Reilly (5A)
Daniel Delaney (37A)
Eda & Zara Cafolla
Ita McArdle
Larry O'Donoghue (BR & 3A)

10 AM MASSES THIS WEEK

Mon Joan McNeill (RD)
Tues Joan McNeill (RD)
Wed Francis Kirwan (A)
Thur Ellen Donovan (A)
Fri Angeline Grant (RD)
Sat Special Intention

Summer Offerings envelopes are available at the back of the church. **Summer Offerings** form part of the annual remuneration of the priests of the parish and of the diocese.

Bethany Bereavement Support Group

offer a free and confidential telephone support to any bereaved parishioners who wish to avail of it

Please phone Terri
on 8403243,

or Brid on 086 6006397

*"I ask you Lord to be kind to them now,
who were always kind to me here"*

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