

ST. CRONAN'S CHURCH

PARTNERSHIP OF BRACKENSTOWN, SWORDS, RIVER VALLEY & DONABATE PARISHES

6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

10 MAY 2026

YEAR A

Building Hope



The month of May in practically every parish in the diocese and across the country is associated in the popular imagination with the celebration of First Communion. It is an occasion of great joy and celebration for families and the parish community as children mark a further stage in their initiation into the Church, begun at Baptism, and which will be completed with the sacrament of Confirmation. For the children, who have been preparing in school or in sacramental classes organised in the parish and attending with their families a monthly preparation Mass, it will be their first time to receive Jesus in holy Communion. As with any sacrament which we witness being celebrated for someone in our parish community, it is at the same time an invitation for each of us to reflect on what that sacrament means in our life. Do we appreciate what it means to belong to a community, whose central focus is the celebration of the Sunday Mass? Do we reflect enough

on what it means to receive and grow into the Body of Christ? Does our reception of the Eucharist move us to a deeper commitment to Christ and his kingdom? The great thing about our journey in faith is that every day is an opportunity to begin again.

Next Sunday, Feast of the Ascension of the Lord, marks the beginning of an annual Novena to the Holy Spirit – a dedicated period of prayer, reflection and planning for the renewal of the Church in the Archdiocese of Dublin, which will continue through Pentecost to the Feast of Mary, Mother of the Church. As the Novena this year takes place during the month of May, the Novena prayer below is dedicated to Our Lady. **Fr. Richard**

Novena Prayer

Mary, Mother of the Church,
stand with us at this Spirit-filled time.
Grace us with your faithful presence
as we pray, reflect and plan.

Mary, our Mother,
wrap your mantle of gentleness and courage around us.
Inspire us to say 'yes' to your Son,
as we breathe in the Spirit of Truth and Love,
to renew our communities of faith around Jesus.

Holy Mary,
you stood at the foot of the Cross, broken-hearted.
You witnessed the joy of the resurrection
and the wonder of Pentecost.
You walked great distances in your time.
Be with us now on our Synodal Journey, *Building Hope*.

Beloved Mother,
open our hearts generously to our baptismal calling.
Encourage us into ever deepening communion
with your Son, with each other,
with those most in need, and with all of God's creation.

A Mhuire Mháthair,
hold us close to you
as we embrace God's loving invitation
to wholeness, healing and peace.
Amen.

Archdiocese of Dublin
Building Hope through Prayer, Reflection and Planning

**Taizé Prayer
Around the
Cross**



**On Thursday
14th May**

7:30pm

**St. Cronan's Church
Brackenstown Parish**

**Join us as we celebrate
Taizé Prayer Around the Cross**

www.brackenstown-parish.com

We congratulate the families of those children who will be **baptised in our church** this weekend 9th/10th May.

We also congratulate the children from Gaelscoil Bhrian Boroimhe, Swords ETNS, Thornleigh ETNS and Broadmeadows CNS, who will celebrate the Sacrament of **First Holy Communion** this Saturday 9th May.

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

Our weekly exploration of **St. Matthew's Gospel** continues each Monday at 7.30pm in the parish centre. The study centres around a video presentation, followed by an opportunity for questions and discussion. St. Matthew's Gospel is the one that we are reading at Sunday Mass this year.

St. Finian's Community College Transition Year students are offering to meet parishioners to assist them with getting the most out of their devices (mobile phone, tablet, iPad etc). The students are offering this assistance under the supervision of their teacher in the parish centre. A second session will take place **next Friday 15th May** following the 10.00am Mass. Please let the parish office know if you would be like to take part.

Please pray for **Maria Gomez and Leonardo Alves, who will be confirmed** during the 11.00am Mass next (Ascension) Sunday, 17th May.

The Brackenstown branch of the **Vocations Society of St. Joseph**, which supports the training of priests, will hold a church gate collection **next weekend 16th/17th May**. The branch meets on the last Wednesday of each month at 10.30am Mass in the parish centre. New members welcome.

Many thanks to parishioners and visitors who have returned **Easter Offerings**. Easter offering envelopes are available on tables around the church.

We ask parishioners to please return any outstanding **Trocáire Lenten boxes at home**, as soon as possible to the parish office or sacristy.

CHY TAX REFUND SCHEME

CHY forms for 2025 were posted earlier this year to parishioners who meet the qualifying criteria. If you received a form and have yet to return it we ask that you please do so at your earliest convenience. We wish to express our sincere thanks to all those parishioners who help fund the running costs of the parish. Your support is very much appreciated.

Parish Finance Committee

Congratulations to the **Transition Year students from St. Finian's Community College** who took part in an **Action Day** on Wednesday as part of the Laudato Si Awards programme! Under the guidance of Paddy O'Byrne, from our Care for Creation Committee, the students created a 'hotel' for insects and planted seeds to attract bees, thus facilitating pollination.

The Diocesan Office of Mission and Ministry are taking applications for both the **Pathways and Catechesis courses** for the coming year, which will start in September. A significant number of our parishioners have participated in these programmes over the past few years and found them very helpful in engaging in ministry in the parish. For more information, see the posters on our notice boards or on our website.

Anam Cara, which supports bereaved parents, will hold its monthly **Bereaved Parent Support Evening** on Wednesday 20th May 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

The **Annual Diocesan Sacraments Conference** takes place on June 20th from 10am to 3pm at St Paul's, Arran Quay. Cost €10 per person. To register, please email 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.

BEGINNERS YOGA WITH CAROLINE

Mat Yoga: Tuesdays 9:30am-11am; Thursdays 7-8:15pm. Chair Yoga for Arthritis and Mobility issues Tuesdays 11:15am-12 noon. 4 Week Block €50 or €14 per class. Contact Caroline 087 691 3028

LEGION OF MARY:

A Day of Prayer at Emmanuel House, Clonfert

Pentecost Saturday, 23rd May. Bus departs St. Cronan's Car Park at 7:30am and Fingal Offices at 7:45am. Contact Nora at 8404247 or 0863292329.

Religious Goods- Suitable for families

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

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SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS

Recently Deceased
Maura Keegan (née Dalton)

ANNIVERSARIES
Bob McQuillan (4A)
Josephine & Michael Slevin
90th Birthday Intention
Phyllis Byrne (88BR)

10 AM Masses THIS WEEK

Mon Pat McGonigle (RD)
Sheila O'Shea (A)
Special Healing Intention
Tues Robert McCourt (A)
Wed Gerry, Daniel, Nathan & Mary Sinead
Maughan
Thur Special Intention
Fri Special Intention
Sat Mai Gargan (MM)
Anne Marke (5A)
Pat McGonigle (BR)