

ST. CRONAN'S CHURCH

PARTNERSHIP OF BRACKENSTOWN, SWORDS, RIVER VALLEY & DONABATE PARISHES

SECOND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

19TH JANUARY 2025

YEAR C

Novena Prayer to the Holy Spirit

for the renewal of the Church
in the Archdiocese of Dublin

May 21 to 29, 2023

Come, Holy Spirit, revive and renew us
Come, Holy Spirit, inspire and enthuse us
Come, Holy Spirit, unbind and release us

Open our eyes to see God's grace around us
Open our ears to hear God's voice within us
Open our hearts to welcome God among us

Send us out with joy to live the Gospel
Send us out with peace to act as one
Send us out with love to build up hope

Archdiocese of Dublin

Building Hope through
Prayer, Reflection and Planning

The process has begun to establish a **Diocesan Pastoral Council** for the Dublin Diocese, which will be commissioned at the beginning of Lent 2025. Following on from the Synodal and Task Force listening exercises, having a Diocesan Pastoral Council was seen as an essential part of moving forward. Earlier this year Archbishop Farrell set up a group to look at the requirements, statutes and membership of the Council. The work of the group can be seen **on the Diocesan website under the Diocesan Pastoral Council tab**: <https://dublindiocese.ie/ddpc2024/>

The function of the Diocesan Pastoral Council is to be a consultative group which works co-responsibly with Archbishop Farrell in designing ways and means by which the Diocese can best fulfil the mission of Jesus Christ.

It will be made up of the Archbishop and 21 laity, religious and clergy. The makeup of the membership will reflect the entire People of God with the good of the whole Diocese in mind. Those who will be on the Council are not representatives of areas or groups in the Diocese but fulfil the criteria for membership that has been set down.

The choosing of the nine lay members will be a five-stage process of discernment. As the discernment process continues over the next few months, we ask the Holy Spirit to guide all who are involved, both the nominees and those engaged in the discernment process. As this continues, we will keep you updated and let you know the key moments as they happen.

Fr. Richard

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is observed from the 18th to the 25th January each year. The materials for this year were prepared by the ecumenical community at Bose in Northern Italy. As we celebrate 1,700 years since the Council of Nicaea, the scripture readings for this year focus on belief. We are invited to reflect on the story of Martha's confession of faith in Jesus as narrated in John 11:17-27.

2025

"Do you
believe this?"
(John 11:26)

1700th anniversary
of the Council of Nicaea

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity



A preparation Mass for the sacraments of **First Reconciliation** and **First Communion** will take place this Saturday 18th at 6.00pm and Sunday 19th January at 5pm.

A **Confirmation Retreat** will take place this Tuesday 21st January in the parish centre for Mr. Higgin's and Ms. J. Mc Dermott's classes from St. Cronan's SNC. Retreats for the other classes will follow in subsequent weeks, and they are all being led by Gerard Hanley, director of youth ministry with Alpha.

A meeting for the parent group to plan the Confirmation preparation Masses next weekend will take place on **Wednesday 22nd January at 7.30pm** in the parish centre.

Religion classes for those preparing for the sacraments of First Reconciliation, First Communion, and Confirmation continue each Tuesday from 3.00-4.00pm in the parish centre.

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

The Council of Nicaea, the Bible and the Church Fathers

2025 marks the 1,700th anniversary of the Council of Nicaea which took place in AD 325. Nicaea clarified church teaching on the Trinity and the Incarnation, that God is three and yet one and that Christ is fully God and fully man. The Council gave us the Nicene Creed with language that we repeat every Sunday – that Jesus is “consubstantial” with the Father, true God from true God, begotten not made.

To deepen our understanding of the importance of Nicaea and why the Council was necessary, St. Cronan's Parish Scripture Study group will offer the study *The Bible and the Church Fathers* beginning on Monday 10th February. Participants will meet in St Cronan's Pastoral Centre on Monday nights 7.30 to 8.20 pm over 12 lessons, to view a video presentation each week followed by a group discussion and an opportunity to ask questions. At the end of the course you will have a good understanding of the various heresies in the Early Church and of how the Church Fathers were able to refute these false beliefs through Holy Scripture. There is no charge, all are welcome. For more information or to register, please contact Louise in the Parish office tel. 01 8401188 or email brackenstownparish@gmail.com.

A preparation Mass for the sacrament of **Confirmation** will take place on Saturday 25th at 6.00pm and Sunday 26th January at 5pm.

A **Partnership Pastoral Council** meeting will take place on Tuesday 21st January at 7.30pm in the parish centre.

As two of the priests in the partnership of parishes will be away for a month from 19th January, the Swords parishes will not be able to maintain a weekday Mass in each parish during that period. It is proposed that on at least one weekday in each parish, a **Service of the Word and of Holy Communion** will take place with the assistance of Ministers of the Word and of the Eucharist. This will take place on Friday mornings in St. Cronan's church, beginning on Friday 24th January. Those who wish to attend Mass on Fridays can attend at St. Colmcille's, Swords, or St. Finian's, River Valley. We appreciate the collaboration of the Ministers of the Word and of the Eucharist who will lead these Friday liturgies.

Many thanks to parishioners, who kindly returned **Christmas Offerings**. The priests of the parish and of the diocese appreciate your generous support.

Jubilee of Youth Pilgrimage: We are delighted to announce our plans to have a group representing the Diocese at the **Jubilee of Youth gathering in Rome during the summer**. If you can't make it, there's also an option for a 'Rome @ Home'! Fill in your details to express interest in being part of the group or mark your option for 'Rome @ Home'. Email: natalie.doherty@dublindiocese.ie. Register Interest: <https://forms.office.com/e/9fGvLqil7t>

Prayer Resources for the Jubilee Year can be found at <https://dublindiocese.ie/jubilee2025/>
The **December** edition of *Mission & Ministry Matters* is available by clicking [here](#)

Traveller Outreach Addiction Service: this is a free and confidential drug and alcohol treatment service providing addiction support to the Traveller Community and their families in North Dublin. Opening hours: 9.00am-5.00pm. To speak to a member of the team, contact: 01/6991077. For more information contact: travellersupport@coolminetc.ie.

B.A.S.E. NEW TERM CLASSES STARTING 20TH JANUARY 2025

Monday: Creative Writing 10am—12pm; Crochet/Knitting 7:30pm—9:30pm; Sign Language (ISL) 7pm—8pm (deposit €40); Chair Yoga 7pm—8pm.

Tuesday: Yoga 6pm—7pm.

Wednesday: Art Advanced 9:30am—11:30am; Yoga 10am—11am; Crochet/Knitting 11:45am—1:45pm.

Thursday: Flower Arranging 10:30am—12:30 pm.

Friday: Art for Beginners 10am—12pm. Classes are 10 week terms (€100) with the exception of Sign Language 8 weeks (€80). Enquiries to jenny.baseswords@gmail.com or phone 01 8902593.

6 week Beginner's Yoga Class starting on Monday 27th January from 9:30am—10:45am
And starting on Wednesday 29th January from 7pm—8:15pm

6 week Chair Yoga Class starting on Monday 27th January from 11:15am—12:15pm in St Cronan's Parish Centre (beside Church). 6 Week Course €75 or pay per class €14
Contact Caroline for more information on 087 6913028. All walk-ins welcome.

Separated, Divorced, Widowed Are you coping? Beginning Experience is a peer support group dedicated to helping those who are navigating life alone whether through death, separation or divorce. A team of trained facilitators will run a Three Day Coping with Life Alone Programme which will take place on: Saturday 25th, January, 8th and 15th February 2025 (Advance Booking Essential) Carmelite Community Centre, Whitefriar Street, Dublin 2. For further information contact Beginning Experience 086 0877379, or email: bedublin@gmail.com

Patrician Meeting: “Pilgrims of Hope” -Why is this interior journey important today?

There will be insights from “Building Hope” and on how to accompany families on their pilgrimage of hope this Jubilee year. All are most welcome. **Thursday 23rd January at 7:30pm in Brackenstown Parish Pastoral Centre.** Refreshments will be offered during interval.

Religious Goods - Suitable gifts for the home

Church Art calendars, statues, ornaments, children's colouring books, bibles and lots more available at Repository on Saturday evenings and Sunday mornings.



**Legion
of Mary**

SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS

Recently Deceased

Joseph Leo Fernando
Patrick Leavy
Andrew Murphy
Liz Ryan

Anniversaries

Jim Tobin (1A)
Margaret Donnelly (2A)
Anne Hopkins (4A)
Billy Curtis
Hans & Teasy Stelzer
Ann Kavanagh
Marie Lynch
Frank & Lena Walsh
Oliver Dignam and
Dcsd Members of
Dignam & Gregan Families

10 AM MASSES THIS WEEK

Mon	Special Intention
Tues	Judith Hamill (A)
Wed	Special Intention
Thur	Breda Fitzsimons & Dcsd Family Members
Fri	Communion Service
Sat	Mary Kate Gallagher (A)

Swords Memory Cafe

For people living with dementia, their carers, family members and those interested in fostering a dementia inclusive community in Swords – hold a free Cafe on the third Thursday of each month in Fingallian's GAA club between 10.30am and 12.30pm.

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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