PALM SUNDAY

13TH APRIL 2025

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With the celebration of Palm Sunday this weekend, we enter the most solemn week in the Church's year, Holy Week. We will gather in the forecourt outside the church (weather permitting) before each Mass and bless palm branches before processing in, carrying them and singing 'hosanna', recalling Christ's triumphant entry into Jerusalem. Later in the same Mass, we will listen to Luke's account of the Passion, which occurred only a few days after that entry, reminding us how quickly the public mood can change. There are a variety of liturgies during the week, each of which invite us to reflect on the mystery of God's extraordinary love for us revealed in the life, passion and death of Jesus: from the celebration of the Seder (Monday), to the partnership Reconciliation service (Tuesday) to the Mass of the Lord's Supper (Holy Thursday) and the celebration of the Lord's Passion (Good

"BLESSED IS THE KING WHO COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD. Luke 19:38

Friday). As we engage with these liturgies, we carry in our hearts all those who are suffering in our world, whether as a result of sickness, poverty, war, conflict, forced migration, human trafficking or addiction. On Saturday we will celebrate the solemn Easter Vigil, beginning with the blessing of the Paschal fire and lighting of the Paschal candle outside the church and then carrying the candle into a darkened church, where each

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# Brackenstown Parish - St. Cronan's Church

St Cronan's is part of the partnership of Parishes of Swords, River Valley, Do **HOLY WEEK & EASTER TIMETABLE 2025** 

# PALM SUNDAY 13TH APRIL:

Vigil Mass: 6:00pm Sunday Mass: 9:00am, 11:00am & 5:00pm Blessing of palms outside the church before each Mass

MONDAY, TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY 14TH TO 16TH APRIL Mass 10:00am

# MONDAY 14TH APRIL

A Christian presentation of the Seder Meal 7.30pm

# TUESDAY 15TH APRI

Reconciliation Service for the Swords Partnership of Parishes (location Brackenstown) 7.30 pm

# WEDNESDAY 16TH APRI

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 6.00-9.00pm

## HOLY THURSDAY 17TH APRIL Morning Prayer: 10:00am

Mass of the Lord's Supper: 7:30pm

Watch and Pray: 8.45pm - 9.30pm

# GOOD FRIDAY 18TH APRIL Morning Prayer: 10:00am

Children's Stations of the Cross: 12 noon Celebration of the Lord's Passion: 3.00 pm

Outdoor Way of the Cross 5.00 pm. (The stations will take place at various locations around the parish)

Taizé Prayer around the Cross: 7.30pm HOLY SATURDAY 19TH APRIL

Morning Prayer: 10:00am Easter Vigil: 9:00pm

# **EASTER SUNDAY 20TH AI**

Easter Mass 9:00am, 11:00am & 5:00pm

EASTER MONDAY 21ST APRIL - SATURDAY 6TH APRIL:

Mass at 10:00am

# SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER 27TH APRIL:

Vigil 6:00pm, Sunday 9:00am, 11:00am & 5:00pm Divine Mercy Devotion 3:00pm concluding with Mass at 5:00pm

# SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (Confession):

Monday 14th - Wed 16th April: following 10:00am Mass Good Friday 18th April:

10:30am-11.30am, 4:00pm-5:00pm Holy Saturday 19th April: 10:30am to 11:30am.

All our liturgies are also available online at www.brackenstown-parish.com

participant then takes the light from the Paschal candle to light their own candle. Having listened to the scripture readings recalling the story of God's intimate involvement in human history, we profess our faith in Christ risen through renewing our baptismal promises. We will also have the joy of welcoming two adults into full membership of our faith community through the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. Easter reminds us that whatever we may be dealing with in our lives, Christ journeys with us, sharing his risen life with us, so that our lives are not dominated by fear or anxiety but rather shaped by hope and trust. Let our journey through Holy Week deepen our faith so that we can bear the light of Christ's love to others.

Fr Richard

Our monthly **Family Mass** takes place this Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> April at 6.00pm

# LIVING LENT

Prayer & Reflection on the Sunday Readings for Lent

Join us on Monday

7:00pm to 7:45pm

ST CRONAN'S CHURCH **BRACKENSTOWN PARISH** 



St. Cronan's Church

A reflective reading of one of the Sunday readings will take place each Monday during Lent from 7.00pm-7.30pm in the Church. All are welcome.

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 parish **Easter card**, timetable of Holy Week ceremonies and Easter Offering envelope are available for collection on the tables around the church. Please take one for yourself, and perhaps also for a neighbour who is unable to attend the church.

**The Bible and the Church Fathers** continues on Monday 14th April from 7.30 to 8.30pm in St. Cronan's Pastoral Centre.

On Monday 14th April, we will have a **Seder Meal** which gives us an insight into the Jewish background to the celebration of The Last Supper. The meal will take place at 7.30pm in St. Joseph's, and it is now booked out.

On Good Friday, 18<sup>th</sup> April, we will have **Children's Stations of the Cross** at 12 noon. We invite children to take part in re-enacting Jesus' way of the cross. It is essential for children participating to attend the <u>two</u> rehearsals from 3.30-4.30pm on Wed 9<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> April and to be at the church for 11.30am on Good Friday. Children participating need to be accompanied by at least one parent.

Next Saturday, 19th April Yu Xin Wang, will receive the sacraments of Christian Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist), at the Easter Vigil, while her twin sister, Yu Tong Wang, will receive the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist. Let us keep them both in our prayers as they prepare to become full members of our church.

For the first time since before Lent, we will also celebrate **Baptisms** during the 11.00am Mass on Easter Sunday

Filled Trocaire Lenten boxes can be left into the sacristy after Masses

The annual diocesan **Pilgrimage to Knock** will take place on Saturday 26th April (Easter Saturday). We are planning once again to organise a bus for Knock for the parishes in our partnership. Our parish office is now taking bookings!!

The team who look after the Sacred Space would appreciate any donations of flowers for Easter

Anam Cara, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, will hold its monthly **Parent Support Evening** on Wednesday 16th April at 7.30pm in the Horse and Jockey Hotel, Thurles. 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. Call 01 4045378 or email info@anamcara.ie

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# GENTLE YOGA WORKSHOP

April 26<sup>th</sup> 9:15am-12pm Brackenstown Parish Church Centre

Breathwork \* Yoga \* Meditation

CONTACT CAROLINE TO SECURE YOUR SPOT ON 0876913028

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.

Prayer Resources for the Jubilee Year can be found at <a href="https://dublindiocese.ie/jubilee2025/">https://dublindiocese.ie/jubilee2025/</a>
The January edition of Mission & Ministry
Matters is available by clicking here

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: <a href="mailto:natalie.doherty@dublindiocese.ie">natalie.doherty@dublindiocese.ie</a> Register Interest: <a href="https://forms.office.com/e/9fGvLqiL7t">https://forms.office.com/e/9fGvLqiL7t</a>

# Patrician Meeting - The Christian meaning of human suffering

There will be insights on suffering as a gateway to hope and glory from the Book of Job, Sts. Paul, Thérèse and John Paul II and how you can accompany those who suffer. All are most welcome. Thursday 24th April at 7:30pm in Brackenstown Parish Pastoral Centre. Refreshments will be offered during interval.

Religious Goods- Suitable for the home.

Baptism, Confirmation and Communion gifts/items, Statues, ornaments, children's colouring books, bibles and lots more available at Repository on Saturday evenings and Sunday mornings.

# **SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS**

# **Recently Deceased**

Cicily Thomas

# **Anniversaries**

Dan Molloy (3A)
Paddy Lalor (3A)
Noreen (5A) & Peter McKittrick
Mary O'Neill
Ned & Eddie Monaghan
Vincent Harford
James Keely
Enda Rogers (BR)

# **10 AM MASSES THIS WEEK**

Leo Fernando

Mon Seamus Agnew (RD)
Special Intention

Tues John & Kathleen O'Connor (A)

Wed Mary Ellen, Jack & Pat Delamere (A)

Thur Patsy Russell (A)

Fri Martina Harley (A&BR)
Special Healing Intention

Sat | Special Healing Intention

Grief Support Group weekly meetings every Wednesday 7pm to 8pm. We hope to offer a listening ear to anyone who is dealing with or living with grief. Contact email: haveasipswords@gmail.com

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.

# 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

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> PARISH OFFICE HOURS Monday - Friday 9:30am - 1:00pm

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Legion of Mary