

# ST. CRONAN'S CHURCH

PARTNERSHIP OF BRACKENSTOWN, SWORDS, RIVER VALLEY & DONABATE PARISHES

3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

23RD MARCH 2025

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Earlier this week, representatives from our parish attended a pastoral area meeting in Blanchardstown as part of the Synodal pathway. Since the Synod of the universal Church concluded in Rome in October, we are able to turn our attention to the national synod of the Irish church, which is due to take place next year. The process began in 2021 when the Irish bishops announced a five year process leading up to a general assembly in October 2026. Parishioners probably remember that consultation meetings were held at parish level in 2022 at which they were invited to list what were there many hopes and concerns for the future of the Church in Ireland. The fruits of these meetings were gathered into a diocesan document which in turn was integrated into a national document, which became the Irish contribution to the universal Synod in Rome. The Irish document, Synthesis of the Consultation in Ireland for the Diocesan Stage of the Universal Synod 2012-2023 can be downloaded at: [Synod National Synthesis Document](#). Key themes which were highlighted in the Irish document include: baptism – belonging – co-responsibility – lay ministry- abuse – youth –women –sexuality and LGBT+ issues and faith formation. The purpose of this week's meeting, which brought together clergy, chairs of parish pastoral councils, parish synodal animators and parish pastoral workers from across three deaneries, was to reflect on those themes and try to identify priorities which should go forward to the national Synod next year. Similar gatherings will take place in the four other pastoral areas across the diocese in the coming weeks. These will all feed into a national pre-Synodal assembly in October this year in preparation for next year's Synod.

This week the final discernment for the nine members of the Diocesan Pastoral Council from across the Diocese takes place. 23 women and men nominated by the Deanery members have reached this final level of discernment, which will follow the process which has guided each stage of this journey: namely the synodal way of prayer, silence, discussion, prayer and decision.

Fr Richard

## SYNTHESIS

of the Consultation in Ireland for the Diocesan Stage of the Universal Synod 2012 - 2023.



The Synodal Pathway  
of the Catholic Church in Ireland

A preparation Mass for **Confirmation** will take place this Saturday at 6.00pm and Sunday at 5.00pm

## Caring and Sharing Association (CASA) Church Gate Collection 22 & 23 March 2025



CASA is a registered charity that organises social events and meet ups to help people with disabilities to develop friendships and social networks. CASA creates opportunities for connection. Additionally CASA offers an annual pilgrimage to Lourdes with one to one volunteer support.

Our inclusive community welcomes individuals of all ages and backgrounds, including those with physical, sensory and intellectual disabilities. We appreciate your support this weekend at our church gate collection.

## LIVING LENT

Prayer & Reflection on the  
Sunday Readings for Lent  
Join us on Monday's

24th March  
31st March  
7th April  
14th April  
7:00pm to 7:45pm

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**Liturgical note:** During the 40 days of Lent, the Gloria at Mass is neither recited nor sung, and the Gospel Acclamation is  
*'Praise and honour to you, Lord, Jesus Christ'*

**A reflective reading of one of the Sunday readings will take place each Monday during Lent from 7.00-7.30pm in the church, beginning on Monday 10th March. All are welcome.**

Niall Quillinan, a representative from **Trocaire**, will speak at all Masses this weekend about this year's Trocaire Lenten campaign. Trocaire is the agency of the Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference particularly concerned with justice and development overseas. **Trocaire Lenten campaign packs** (which include the Lenten donation box) will be available on tables around the church from this weekend. Trocaire boxes can be left into the sacristy towards the end of Lent.






**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)

<p>This Sunday at the 11.00am Mass, one of our parishioners who will be received into the Church at the Easter Vigil through the sacraments of Christian Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist), will participate in one of the preliminary steps, called the scrutinies. We are invited to keep her in our prayers as she prepares to become a member of our church.</p>	<p><b>SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS</b></p> <p><b>Recently Deceased</b> Gerry Kavanagh</p> <p><b>Month's Mind</b> Mae (Mary) O'Keeffe Tony Corrigan</p> <p><b>Anniversaries</b> Doreen McKittrick (2A) George Barnes (3A) Ann Dynes (3A) Jim Kavanagh (4A &amp; 60BR) Paddy Harrington (9A) Marie McArdle (9A) Jimmy Duffy Alphonsus Snr, Alphonsus Jnr, &amp; Raymond Skelton &amp; Dcsd Family Members Tommy O'Keeffe Patrick, Teresa &amp; Joe Kenny John &amp; Kathleen Kelly &amp; Dcsd Members Kelly &amp; Halton Families</p>	
<p><b>CHY Tax Rebate:</b> We ask those who have received a CHY Tax Reclaim form recently to return it to the Parish Office as soon as possible. Many thanks you to all who have already returned their completed forms. The CHY Tax Rebate scheme allows the Parish reclaim tax for all qualifying <b>recorded contributions of €250 and over</b>. St. Cronan's parish received €44,960 from the scheme last year. If you are not a PAYE or Self-Assessed donor, unfortunately we cannot claim tax back on your donations but please let us know in order to avoid receiving future CHY documentation from us. Sincere thanks to all those who support the running of the Parish through your financial offerings.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Parish Finance Committee</i></p>		
<p>St. Cronan's Parish is offering <b>The Bible and the Church Fathers</b> over 12 weeks in St. Cronan's Pastoral Centre <b>each Monday from 7.30 to 8.30pm</b>.</p>		
<p>The <b>Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock</b> will take place on <b>Saturday 26th April</b> leaving Donabate Church Car Park at 7:30am; Brackenstown 7:50am; Swords 8am &amp; River Valley 8:10am. Cost of the bus is €30 per person and Children under 16 free. Please bring a Packed Lunch – Tea &amp; Coffee available in St. John's Centre, Knock. Bus will stop for 15 minutes on the way down and back at Ballinalack Service Station. To book please contact the Parish Office.</p>		
<p>This weekend the relics of Blessed Carlo Acutis, the Italian teenager who was very active on social media and had great devotion to the Eucharist, will be visiting St. Sylvester's church, Malahide. For more information, see the flyers around the church.</p>		
<div><p><b>On Sunday 23rd March</b> <b>BASE are holding a 'SPRING SALE' from 9am to 4:30pm</b> With Cakes, Bric-a-Brac, Crafts and Coffee. Raffle in aid of BASE, Brackenstown Road To book a table</p></div> <div><p><b>Swords Memory Cafe</b> 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.</p></div>		
<p><b>Community Connect</b>, a registered charity dedicated to providing practical support to pregnant mothers and vulnerable families with small babies, is organising a National Donation Day event called Drive &amp; Drop which takes place next Sunday, 23rd March between 9.30am-11.30 pm in the carpark of St. Finian's Parish Church, Swords. We are kindly asking people to support mothers and babies in need, by adding a few extra items to their shopping baskets, such as: nappies, baby wipes, shampoos, Babygro's and vests, baby hooded towels, blankets and bottles. Financial donations also accepted.</p>	<div><p><b>Bethany Bereavement Support Group</b> offer a free and confidential telephone support to any bereaved parishioners who wish to avail of it <b>Please phone Terri on 8403243, or Brid on 086 6006397</b> <i>"I ask you Lord to be kind to them now, who were always kind to me here"</i></p></div>	
<p><b>Jubilee of Youth Pilgrimage:</b> We are delighted to announce our plans to have a group representing the Diocese at the <b>Jubilee of Youth gathering in Rome during the summer</b>. 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></p>	<p><b>CO PARISH PRIEST</b> Fr. Richard Sheehy 087 2412459 <a href="mailto:richardsheehy@gmail.com">richardsheehy@gmail.com</a></p> <p><b>PARISH CHAPLAIN</b> Fr. Joseph Hao P.C. 01 8401188 <a href="mailto:brackenstownparish@gmail.com">brackenstownparish@gmail.com</a></p>	
<p><b>6 week Beginner's Yoga Class</b> starting on Monday 27th January from 9:30am—10:45am And starting on Wednesday 29th January from 7pm—8:15pm <b>6 week Chair Yoga Class</b> 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.</p>		
<p><b>Patrician Meeting - What does God want from you today?</b> There will be insights on Christian hope, new evangelization, hospitality and how you can accompany others in discernment. All are most welcome. <b>Thursday 27th March at 7:30pm in Brackenstown Parish Pastoral Centre.</b> Refreshments will be offered during interval.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Religious Goods- Suitable for the home.</b></p> <p>Confirmation and Communion gifts/items, Statues, ornaments, children's colouring books, bibles and lots more available at Repository on Saturday evenings and Sunday mornings.</p>	<div><p><b>Legion of Mary</b></p></div>	