

ST. CRONAN'S CHURCH

THE EARLY IRISH SAINTS PARTNERSHIP OF PARISHES
BRACKENSTOWN, SWORDS + DRYNAM, RIVER VALLEY + DUBLIN AIRPORT & DONABATE, PORTRANE + BALHEARY

26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

27TH SEPTEMBER 2026

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Child Safeguarding & Protection Service

DIOCESAN SAFEGUARDING DAY
Sunday, 27th September 2026

Safeguarding Sunday

This year our diocesan Safeguarding Sunday coincides with the “World Day of Migrants and Refugees”. We should take this opportunity to reflect on the particular vulnerability of the children who come to this country as refugees or seeking international protection. Most people who migrate to Ireland do so in a planned way. They come here to live on a short- or long-term basis, and they contribute to our society through their work, especially in fields such as health and

social services. They enrich our lives, our culture and our Church. Many of them have brought fresh life and vigour to our parishes. A much smaller number of people (about 10% of the total) come here as asylum seeking refugees, often fleeing war, persecution and extreme poverty. Just like those who left Ireland in so-called coffin ships during the Famine, many endure great hardship in making the journey to Ireland. In 2025 approximately 13,000 people came here seeking international protection. Included in that number were nearly 5,000 children who arrived with family members. However, during that year 248 unaccompanied children arrived in Ireland. Unaccompanied children are very vulnerable to exploitation, including sexual exploitation, trafficking and abuse. Tusla, the Child and Family Agency, has responsibility for their welfare and protection. Younger children are placed in foster care wherever possible, while older children may be accommodated in residential settings. The availability of suitable accommodation and support for these children remains a significant challenge. Where appropriate, safe and regulated accommodation is not available, children can find themselves in settings where safeguarding arrangements may not provide the level of protection that vulnerable children require.

How do we, as a Christian community, respond to this situation?

- Crosscare, the diocesan social care agency, provides an immigration information and advice service. We must continue to support this vital work.
- We must strive to build inclusive parishes where all are welcomed, cherished and supported, especially those in difficult circumstances, recognising a sister or brother in the other.
- We must continue to emphasise the importance of safeguarding and attendance at safeguarding training. Training helps us to recognise the risks that children and young people may face and to understand how concerns for their safety should be responded to and reported.
- We must insist that all activities for children and young people are run in strict accordance with best safeguarding practices.
- We should remember that we are citizens as well as Christians and seek to influence public debate about matters to do with immigration. We should highlight the many ways in which Irish society is enriched through immigration and reject all forms of racism and xenophobia.
- We need to foster social cohesion and make sure that Ireland continues to be known as a country of “a thousand welcomes” for the people who come to our shores. We must develop a profound respect for people from different cultural and religious backgrounds. As Pope Leo said on 17 June of this year: “We are all invited to re-read the gospel in today’s world, exchanging the gifts of our respective cultures with each other”.
- We must continue to remember, and to pray for, all victims and survivors of abuse.

Safeguarding is ultimately about creating communities where every child is valued, respected and protected. On this Safeguarding Sunday, let us renew our commitment to making our parishes places of welcome, inclusion, safety and care for all.


Dermot Farrell
September 2026

Come & Join the
CHILDREN'S CHOIR!



Next Rehearsal
Wednesday 30th September
from 4:15pm to 5:15pm
in St. Cronan's Church, Brackenstown
Please note a Parent must attend the rehearsal

SEEDS OF FAITH
SACRAMENTAL CLASSES 2027

TUESDAY'S 3:00PM—4:00PM
ST. CRONAN'S PASTORAL CENTRE
STARTING TUESDAY 29th SEPTEMBER



ST. CRONAN'S PASTORAL CENTRE
BRACKENSTOWN PARISH

The Seeds of Faith classes for children, who attend a school other than a Catholic school, and who wish to prepare for the sacraments of First Communion and Confirmation, begin this Tuesday 29th September at 3.00pm. The classes will continue weekly from October to May. Registration for these classes is online, and the fee for the classes is €150 for the year.

SCRIPTURE STUDY
STARTING MONDAY 21 SEPTEMBER



THE GOSPEL OF
MATTHEW
The King and His Kingdom

Bible Study continues this Monday 28th Sept. at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre. We are looking at Matthew's Gospel, which is the Gospel we are following at Mass each Sunday this year.

We congratulate the families of the children who will be baptised this Saturday 26th September in St Cronan's Church

SUNDAY MASSES: 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

A meeting of the **Partnership Pastoral Council** will take place on Tuesday 29th September at 7.00pm in the Parish Centre.

A meeting of the **Partnership Finance Forum** will take place in the Parish Centre on Wednesday 30th September at 7.30pm.

The **Pastoral Centre Committee** will meet on Thursday 1st October at 6pm in the Parish Centre.

A **preparation meeting for parents** (and godparents) of children, who will be baptised during the coming month, will take place next Sunday 4th October at 12 noon in the parish centre.



ALL HANDS ON DECK! The annual **Big Clean of the church** will take place next **Saturday 3rd October at 12 noon.**

This is an opportunity for parishioners, who can only help out occasionally, to come along and give a hand.

Gloves and cleaning equipment provided, along with coffee and croissants. Just bring a generous spirit, good humour and a willingness to 'muck in'!

Book Launch: Conquest or Leaven

Reflections of a Catholic Priest in Palestine/Israel by David Neuhaus SJ
Monday 19 October 2026, 7.00pm. In-person event at Manresa Jesuit Centre of Spirituality, 426 Clontarf Road, Dollymount, D03 FP52. Books will be available for purchase. Limited to 30 people; To Register contact: reception@manresa.ie or 01 5529 448

LEGION OF MARY:

OCTOBER CANDLELIGHT PROCESSION takes place on 6th October at 7pm followed by Mass. All welcome!

VISIT THE RELICS OF ST THERESE AND STS LOUIS & ZELIE MARTIN

The Legion of Mary Morning Star Avenue, D07 VA03 on Friday 2nd Oct at 1pm for procession on Morning Star Avenue, followed by reception of the relics by Archbishop Dermot Farrell and Mass at 3:30pm. Saturday 3rd Oct Mass at 10am and Mass and Benediction at 5pm celebrated by Bishop Paul Dempsey.

THANK YOU for the donations of €990 for the trip to Lourdes.

ENROLMENT MASS

For children and their parents preparing for



First Communion and First Reconciliation

Saturday 3rd October at 6.00pm & Sunday 4th October at 5.00pm

The **Enrolment Mass** for children and their parents who are preparing for **First Communion and First Reconciliation**, will take place next **Saturday 3rd October at 6.00pm** and **Sunday 4th October at 5.00pm.**

Fáilte / Conversational Irish

Learn a little Irish • Build your confidence
Have a chat • All welcome!

Every Tuesday Morning

11:00am – 12:00pm (1 hour)

at B.A.S.E Resource Centre Swords

Conas atá tú?
Tá mé go maith!



Pop along for a cuppa and a chat!



To book in email
Jenny.baseswords@gmail.com

or phone
01 890 2593

Everyone welcome!

Calmness Within—Gentle Yoga with Caroline on **Thursday's** in St Cronan's Parish Centre. Contact Caroline for more information and to register on 0876913028. Cost €15 per class or €50 for 4 Week Block.

Mat Yoga: 9:45am - 11:00am

Chair Assisted Yoga: 11:15am— 12.15pm

Mat Yoga: 7pm—8:15pm

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday
9:30am - 1:00pm
Registered Charity Number
20016166

SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS

Recently Deceased

Sean Pepper
Mary Sheehan
Rita MacCarthy
Anne Hanlon

Month's Mind

David Mongan

Anniversaries

Declan Carolan (1A)
Betty & Michael Carolan
Noel Lynch (6A)
Vincent Cox (17A)
Bobban Cheramvelil Devasia (17A)
Noel Lynch
Jim & May McKay
John Keaney & Dcsd Family Members
Brena Jennings (BR)
Frank Moran (BR)

10 AM MASSES THIS WEEK

Mon Liam Martin (3A)
Marie Dunleavy (RD)
Tues Anne Hanlon (RD)
Wed Bridget Delaney (RD)
Thur Matt Bohan (A)
Fri P.K. Kuriakose (A)
Kuruvila Kuruvila (A)
Kurian Kurian (A)
Sat David Mongan (MM)
John O'Brien (A)

Please note Mass Intentions must be booked into the parish office at least a week in advance of the Mass date