

# ST. CRONAN'S CHURCH

PARTNERSHIP OF BRACKENSTOWN, SWORDS, RIVER VALLEY & DONABATE PARISHES

25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 21ST SEPTEMBER 2025 YEAR C

As a parish and partnership of parishes, we are currently engaging with the diocesan Building Hope initiative, in Year 1 of a three year implementation plan 2025-2027. Following parish consultation across the whole diocese a few years ago, four key pillars emerged as central to the Building Hope aim of developing parishes which are vibrant and faith filled: Welcome and Inclusion, Faith, Servant Leadership and Social Justice. Together with the other parishes in our partnership (Swords and Drynam, River Valley, Donabate and Portrane), we have agreed to address one of these pillars each month at weekend Mass and to seek the wisdom of parishioners through a questionnaire as to how we might develop each of these areas in our parish. In July we focussed on 'Welcome and Inclusion'; in August we looked at 'Faith'. This weekend, a member of our Parish Pastoral Council will speak about: 'Servant Leadership', which reminds us, following Christ's example of washing the feet of the disciples at the Last Supper, that, for Christians, leadership is always connected with service and is about empowering others. Finally, in October, we will address the fourth pillar, 'Social Justice'. We appreciate the response of parishioners to the questionnaires, which help us discern, together with the other parishes in our partnership, how we move forward to build the Church of the future, a Church which reaches out to serve the needs of the community. We will shortly put up a display at the back of the church, so that parishioners can read the summary of each of the consultations so far.

Fr Richard



Pilgrim God, we give you thanks and praise.  
You constantly journey with us even in our darkness and doubts.  
We seek your way of loving kindness to walk together as one family.  
Open our eyes to recognise you in the faces of one another, in the breaking of bread and in the splendour of creation.  
May the risen Christ sow seeds of hope and new life deep within us.  
May our hearts and minds be filled with your Word, bringing forth truth, justice and peace.  
May the Holy Spirit working in and through us do much more than we can dare to imagine as we live out our baptismal calling in humble and loving service.  
We make this our prayer through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

The Irish Bishops' Conference have published a Pastoral Letter entitled: **Why Sunday Matters: An Invitation to Reflect on Sunday Mass**. Some copies of the Pastoral Letter are available at the back of the church, or it can be downloaded [HERE](#)

The annual collection for **Crosscare**, the Diocesan Social Care Agency, takes place next weekend 20<sup>th</sup>/21<sup>st</sup> September and replaces the second (Share) collection at Mass. Parishioners who may not be able to contribute on those dates can support the annual appeal online at: [www.crosscare.ie](http://www.crosscare.ie)

- A meeting of the **Parish Finance Committee** will take place (via Zoom) on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> September at 7.30pm.
- A meeting of the **Parish Pastoral Council** will take place on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September at 7.30pm in the parish centre.

We are planning an **International Mass** at 11.00am on Sunday 5th October to celebrate the richness of the diversity in our parish community. Parishioners of various nationalities are invited to contribute to the liturgy (ie: music, dance, traditional dress etc). Please contact the parish office if you are willing to read a prayer of the faithful in your own particular language. Parishioners are also invited to present some food typical of their country or ethnic background in the parish centre immediately after the Mass, so they we can enjoy a 'tasting'.

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)

We wish to remind parents who wish their child to celebrate the sacraments of First Communion or Confirmation in 2026 that they need to register their child through the parish website as soon as possible. Either click on this link <https://www.brackenstown-parish.com/sacrament-registration> or on the front page of the website, click on the box **'Registration is Now Open for First Holy Communion & Confirmation 2026'**, then fill out and submit the drop down form. The registration payment of €40 needs to be made separately by clicking on the **'Donate'** icon, also on the front page of the website.

Many thanks to all those who participated last Saturday in our general cleaning of the church and grounds. It was great to see the involvement of so many.

### ST FRANCIS HOSPICE COFFEE MORNING

**Thursday 25th September from 10:30am to 1pm**

**in Jean & Frank Stacey's home, 18 Elmwood Park**

**in aid of St. Francis Hospice - All welcome & bring a friend!**



The Irish Bishops' Conference has published a Pastoral Letter entitled: **Why Sunday Matters: An Invitation to Reflect on Sunday Mass**. Copies of the Pastoral Letter are available at the back of the church, or it can be downloaded <https://www.catholicbishops.ie/why-sunday-matters-resources-page/>

An adult from the parish has requested to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. This would be a great time for any other adults seeking Confirmation to come forward. If you are an adult who has not been confirmed, or if you know such an adult who is interested in exploring the possibility of receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation, please contact the parish office for further information.

All parish/community groups and other organisations, who wish to use the facilities of the Parish Centre in the coming year but did not attend the AGM on Wednesday, must call into the parish office to sign a licence agreement and receive a copy of the fire regulations at the earliest opportunity.

Our annual diocesan **Safeguarding Sunday** takes place this year on the weekend of Saturday/Sunday 27<sup>th</sup>/28<sup>th</sup> September. Our parish safeguarding representatives, Mary-Liz O' Donoghue and Merry Zacharias will address parishioners at each Mass that weekend.

We wish to take this opportunity to thank parishioners for your support of the parish in so many ways. As you know, there are two collections at each weekend Mass: the first collection is for the support of the priests of the parish and of the diocese; the second collection is usually for Share (which funds the various diocesan offices, which in turn support parish life and ministry. The Family Offering (whether through weekly envelope, monthly standing order or donations through the Tap n Go machine at the back of the church or QR code) supports the running costs of the parish, as does the revenue from shrine candles. We could not run this parish without your continued and regular support, so once again sincere thanks!

**Silent Christian Meditation in Brackenstown Parish Centre every Monday at 11am.** Meditation is a spiritual discipline, a discipline of Presence. It is about awakening to one's true self. It is about silence, the silent Presence of God. For more information contact Marian Burke 0879703640.

**Calmness Within Yoga & Meditation for Beginners**  
in St Cronan's Pastoral Centre

**Tuesday 9th September** from 9:30am to 10:45am

**Thursday 11th September** from 7pm—8:15pm.

**Calmness Within Gentle Chair Yoga**

**Tuesday 9th September** from 11:15am to 12:15pm.

4 Week Class €50 or pay as you go €14.

Contact Caroline for more information on 087 6913028.

**BASE, Brackenstown Road, Phone: 01 5902593**

**Email: [jenny.baseswords@gmail.com](mailto:jenny.baseswords@gmail.com)**

10 week Classes (100) Over 65's €65

Sign Language Class ISL—8 Week Course €80

Classes include Creative Writing; Crochet/Knitting,

Chair Yoga, Yoga, Art & Flower Arranging. **Contact**

**Jenny for times and more information.**

### Legion of Mary Pilgrimage to Knock 28th September

Bus will leave St Cronan's Church 7:45am. Bus will stop for light refreshments and dinner. Alternatively bring packed lunch. €25 Bus only. €15 for <18years. Names of pilgrims should be given to members of Legion of Mary after weekend Masses.

### Religious Goods- Suitable for the home.

Baptism gifts/items, 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

Peter Dunne

Mark Brody

#### Anniversaries

Fred Curtis (2A)

Eddie Monaghan Jnr (2A)

Noel Moore (3A)

Francis Brown (4A)

Noel Lynch (5A)

Evelyn O'Malley (25A & BR)

Peter & Anne Smith

Tom Freaney

Annie, Nick & Roy Savage

John Joe, Eileen & Sean Lynch

Anna Nessman

Mary & Phyllis McQuillan

Ned Monaghan

Ann Kavanagh

Teasie Stelzer

Rebecca & Nicholas Murphy

Patricia Daly & Dcsd Family

Members

### 10 AM MASSES THIS WEEK

**Mon** Angeline Grant (RD)

Chris Corcoran (RD)

Special Intention

**Tues** Special Intention x 2

**Wed** Special Intention

**Thur** Ita Buchanan (1A)

**Fri** Chris Corcoran (RD)

**Sat** Sean McGreevy (A)

### 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"*

#### PARISH PRIEST

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#### PARISH SECRETARY

**Louise Donnelly**

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#### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

**Monday - Friday**

**9:30am - 1:00pm**

**Registered Charity Number**

**20016166**