

ST. CRONAN'S CHURCH

PARTNERSHIP OF BRACKENSTOWN, SWORDS, RIVER VALLEY & DONABATE PARISHES

COMMEMORATION OF ALL SOULS 2ND NOVEMBER 2025

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This weekend, members of the Parish Pastoral Council will present the fourth and final pillar of the **Building Hope** diocesan programme for pastoral development, **Social Justice**. A brief summary of the feedback from the questionnaires on the three previous pillars: Welcome and Inclusion, Faith, and Servant Leadership, is presented on the blue display board at the back of the church, which parishioners are invited to consult as a reminder of the journey of consultation we have engaged in over the past four months, together with parishioners from our partnership parishes (Swords & Drynam, River Valley and Donabate).

Our next step is for the Partnership Pastoral Council to reflect together on the feedback from the consultation

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and draw up a plan, indicating which recommendations can be addressed at partnership level and which pertain to the needs of a particular parish. We were delighted to get so many suggestions from parishioners. We clearly cannot address them all, so we will endeavour to address those which parishioners saw as priorities, classifying them as immediate, medium or long term goals.

The work of addressing our pastoral needs and priorities is also not simply the task of the Parish Pastoral Council or of the clergy; it is the call of each of us as baptised members of this community of faith. With the guidance of the Holy Spirit, may we together ensure a future of faith and of Christian life and service in our community.

Fr Richard



This **Saturday 1st November**, the universal Church celebrates the **Feast of All Saints** with Mass at 10.00am. As Christians we draw inspiration, hope and encouragement from those who from the earliest centuries have witnessed to their faith in Christ Jesus by their words, lives, and sometimes sufferings. The feast also reminds us that it is the calling of every baptised person to be a saint. On Sunday 2nd November we celebrate the **Commemoration of All Souls**. It is a long standing tradition in the Catholic Church to pray for those who have died. As we recite in the Apostles Creed, we believe in that great communion in Christ of those who are living and those who have gone before us in faith and which we refer to as the Communion of Saints. We remember them with love, thanksgiving and hope, and we trust that they are interceding for us. Later this month we will celebrate our annual Mass, remembering those parishioners who have died in the past year. It is a wonderful opportunity to reach out again to their grieving families and to assure them that we continue to remember their loved one before God. The Mass offers all of us an opportunity to remember our own deceased family members and friends and to draw strength from gathering together around the table of the Risen Lord.



BAPTISMS

Baptisms are held on
2nd and 4th Saturday and Sunday
of each month at 12 noon
Up to three babies may be
baptised at each ceremony

Please contact the Parish Office
to register your child for Baptism
brackenstownparish@gmail.com

A preparation meeting for the parents of those who will be baptised in our church in the next month or two will take place this Sunday 2nd November at 12noon, in the Pastoral Centre directly after the 11.00am Mass.

SUNDAY MASSES: (Sat Vigil) 6pm; 9am; 11am & 5pm

CONFESIONS: SATURDAY 10:45am to 11:30am in the Sacristy

ADORATION: MON, TUES, THURS & SAT:10:30AM—11:30AM **WEEKDAY MASSES:** MONDAY to SATURDAY 10:00am

All our ceremonies are broadcast online at www.brackenstown-parish.com

WEDNESDAY: 6pm - 9pm **FRIDAY:** 3pm—6pm

A meeting of the **Funeral Ministry** team will take place on Monday 3rd November at 2.30pm in the parish centre.

The monthly **Taizé Prayer around the Cross** will take place on Thursday 6th November at 7.30pm in the church. All our welcome!

The monthly *Grow in Love* Mass in preparation for First Reconciliation and First Communion will take place **next Saturday 8th November at 6.00pm and Sunday 9th November at 5.00pm**.

Our **Children's Choir** is enrolling new members. The children's choir sing at the monthly *Grow in Love* Mass on Saturdays in preparation for First Communion. Any parent whose child is interested in joining should contact the parish office.

The parish welcomes new **Altar Servers**. Parents of any child who would like to become an altar server should contact the parish office or speak to one of the priests after weekend Mass. The only requirement to become an altar server is for the child to have made their First Holy Communion. Parents will also be asked to sign a consent form. Merry Zacharias, a member of our Pastoral Council and Parish Safeguarding representative, looks after the Altar Servers.

Congratulations to Holly Bell and Laurence Gilmartin who will celebrate their marriage in our church this Saturday 1st November!

Sacramental classes in preparation for First Communion and Confirmation resume in the parish centre on Tuesday 4th November from 3.00-4.00pm.

Parents who wish their child to celebrate the sacraments of First Communion or Confirmation in 2026 need to register their child through the parish website at <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**', 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.

The annual **Mass for Parishioners** who died during the past year will take place on Friday 21st November at 7.30pm. Invitations will be going out to their families in the next week or two. All parishioners are invited to come to the Mass and avail of an opportunity to remember deceased loved ones.

The annual Mass for deceased priests of the diocese will be celebrated at St. Mary's Pro-Cathedral next Saturday 8th November at 10.30am.

Malahide Musical & Dramatic Society are having a concert in **St Sylvester's Church on Sunday 9th Nov 2025 at 7:30pm**. The concert is in memory of all the people who died during the Pandemic. The Malahide Musical Society will be providing the singers on the night. If people would like to send a photo of a loved one who died during the pandemic we will show it on our big screen on the night of the concert. Please email the photo to rememberconcert2025@gmail.com

A day of Prayer for the Souls in Purgatory at Emmanuel House, Clonfert on Sunday 9th November 2025. Bus departs St Cronan's Church at 8am and County Council Offices at 8:15am. Contact Nora at 8404247 or 0863292329.

Servant of God Frank Duff 45th Anniversary Mass—Founder of the Legion of Mary

Saturday 8th November, St Mary's Pro Cathedral, Dublin at 3:00pm. Celebrant Aux. Bishop Donal Roche. Mass will be live streamed on www.procathedral.ie. All are welcome.

Religious Goods & Literature - Suitable gifts for families

Children's books, The Order of Mass Congregational Cards, Candles, Statues, Bibles etc. all available in main porch after Saturday evening & Sunday morning Masses.



SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS

Recently Deceased

Anne Kelly

Month's Mind

Thomas Fox
Declan Carolan

Anniversaries

Michael & Betty Carolan
John Davis (1A)
Dcsd Members of Kelly & Rooney Families
Health Intention

10 AM MASSES THIS WEEK

Mon	Tom Bergin (RD)
Tues	Elizabeth & Paddy Shields (A)
Wed	Marian Movement for Priests
Thur	Sean Bentley (RD)
Fri	Special Intention
Sat	Gerald Waters (RD) Seamus Agnew & Dcsd Family Members Niall Monks (3A)

Envelopes for the **Altar List of the Dead** are available on tables at the back of the church. Parishioners and visitors are encouraged to write the names of deceased loved ones on the slip of paper provided, return it to the envelope and place it in the safe at the back of the church. Those whose names are on the Altar List of the Dead are remembered at Mass throughout the month of November and on the First Friday of every month for the next year.

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