

ST. CRONAN'S CHURCH

PARTNERSHIP OF BRACKENSTOWN, SWORDS, RIVER VALLEY & DONABATE PARISHES

7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

23RD FEBRUARY 2025

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As many of you are aware, the diocese has embarked on a journey of renewal entitled **Building Hope**, the fruit of consultations in parishes right across the diocese on what parishioners consider pastoral priorities. What emerged clearly from those consultations was the desire that we form Christian communities which are (1) **faith-filled**, (2) **welcoming and inclusive**, (3) characterised by **servant leadership** and **co-responsibility**, and (4) with a concern for **social justice**. To assist parishes and partnerships in working towards these objectives, the diocese has recently produced a Building Hope Pastoral Strategic Planning Resource 2025-2027. The resource sets out practical steps which can be taken under each of the four above headings using the Synodal model of Prayer – Reflection – and Planning. Next Saturday 1st March, the Parish Pastoral Councils of the four parishes in our partnership (Donabate, River Valley, Swords and Brackenstown) will spend a half day in our Pastoral Centre, exploring how we as a partnership might work more closely together in realising some of these objectives. As the number of priests in the diocese become fewer (most recent statistics show that more than 50% of the priests in the diocese are over 70 years of age), there is a more urgent need for parishes to share resources and to work more collaboratively together. As well as our regular parish pastoral council meetings, the partnership pastoral council meets every second month, and we have had two meetings of a finance forum which brings together representatives of the different finance committees. Key to the success of Building Hope is creating increasing capacity for lay ministry in our parishes. A number of our funeral ministry team have trained as lay leaders and regularly lead prayers at the funeral home, cemetery or crematorium. Parishioners will have noticed that in recent weeks a liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion has taken place on a different day in each of the Swords parishes, and our thanks are due to the ministers of the Word and of the Eucharist who have led these liturgies very effectively and reverently. I invite parishioners to pray that the gathering of the four pastoral councils next Saturday will bear fruit in a plan of pastoral action for the coming years.

The Building Hope Prayer

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.

Mary, Mother of the Church, pray for us.

St Laurence O'Toole, pray for us.

St Kevin, pray for us.

St Brigid, pray for us.

Fr Richard

Baptisms will take place this weekend, 22nd and 23rd February at 12 noon.

Please note that Baptisms do not take place at St. Cronan's during Lent, which begins on Ash Wednesday 5th March. The next baptisms will be on Easter Sunday 20th April.



Bible Study Course on the Bible and the Church Fathers 2025 marks the 1,700th anniversary of the Council of Nicaea in AD 325. Nicaea clarified church teaching on the

Trinity and the Incarnation, that God is three and yet one and that Christ is fully God and fully man. St. Cronan's Parish is offering **The Bible and the Church Fathers** over 12 weeks in St. Cronan's Pastoral Centre each Monday from 7.30 to 8.30pm. There is no charge, and all are welcome.

A meeting of the **Pastoral Centre Committee** will take place on Monday 24th February at 7pm in the Parish Centre.

A meeting to plan the next **Family Mass** will take place on Tuesday 25th February at 6pm in the Pastoral Centre. New volunteers welcome to join us. The **Family Mass** will take place on Saturday 1st March at 6.00pm.

ALL HANDS ON DECK!
ANNUAL CLEAN UP

We invite all willing volunteers to join us in a thorough cleaning and tidying of the church and its environs
Saturday
22nd February
at 12 noon

The **cleaning of the church** will take place **this Saturday 22nd February at 12 noon.** New volunteers always welcome, even if you can only come once in a while.


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

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| <p>The new Family Offering Parish Weekly Envelopes 2025 boxes will be available to be collected at the back of the Church after all Masses this weekend 22nd/23rd February. Your support for the Family Offering is greatly appreciated. The Parish depends on the voluntary contributions of parishioners for the running and development of the Parish.</p> <p>The new envelope boxes for the Sunday collections at Mass will also be available for collection. If you don't already use these envelopes for your Sunday Mass donations, please consider doing so. By donating to the Mass collections using these envelopes rather than directly into the baskets, your donation could be worth up to 45% more to the parish, at no extra cost to you! For example, if you pay income tax and your total annual combined donation (including Family Offering, First and Second collections and Christmas/Easter Offerings) is €250 or more per year, we can claim a refund from Revenue on the tax that you have already paid. This refund is available through the CHY Charitable Donation Scheme for approved charities. Last year the Parish received a CHY income tax refund of €44,960, which was of immense help to the parish finances. You can request a box of envelope or a standing order form for the Family Offering to support the running of the Parish by contacting the Parish office: Tel 840 1188, or email brackenstownparish@gmail.com</p> <p>Thank you to all who support the Parish so generously!</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Finance Committee</p> | | <p>SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS</p> <p>Recently Deceased Tony Corrigan</p> <p>Month's Mind Amanda Harford</p> <p>Anniversaries Michael John Canning (1A) Doreen McKittrick (2A) Terry Culbert (4A) Sean McKenna (4A) Dolly Keane (11A) Bridget Kelly (20A) Mary Joseph Michael, John, Tommy & Emma Kelly Deirdre Walsh Alphonsus Snr, Alphonsus Jnr, & Raymond Skelton John & Margaret Murtagh Margaret Morandeira Christy McNally Paddy McManus Reg Cheevers Hannah, Martin & Matthew Gormley Bridie Caulfield (BR)</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <p>Ash Wednesday 5th March marks the beginning of the season of Lent Mass with distribution of ashes will take place at 10.00am and at 7.30pm</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <p>Trocaire Lenten campaign packs (which include the Lenten donation box) will be available on tables around the church from this weekend. This year's campaign, entitled <i>Stronger Together</i>, focuses on communities affected by the effects of climate change in Guatemala and other parts of the world. The annual Lenten campaign is Trocaire's biggest fundraiser.</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <p>The annual diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock will take place on Saturday 26th April (Easter Saturday). It is hoped once again to organise a bus from the partnership of parishes to travel to Knock. Note the date, and watch this space for more details!</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <p>'Shout' March 5th & 6th in Fingal Community College at 7:15p.m each night In a world full of words, how can Dana be herself when she can't speak? Dana has selective mutism, but that doesn't stem her vivid imagination. Because it's not just the noise you make that makes you who you are. Alexis Zegerman's play Shout is a funny, moving drama about anxiety, celebrating difference, and finding your voice. It wonders what exactly it takes to overcome anxiety and cope with mental health issues when you're a teenager. https://www.gr8events.ie/sales/index.php?event=1897</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <p>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: natalie.doherty@dublindiocese.ie Register Interest: https://forms.office.com/e/9fGvLqil7t</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <p>The January edition of <i>Mission & Ministry Matters</i> is available by clicking here</p> | <p>Prayer Resources for the Jubilee Year can be found at https://dublindiocese.ie/jubilee2025/</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <p>Partnership Working Together: St Colmcille's Parish— Lenten Discussions For Lent this year we will be meeting over five weeks during Lent for discussions on ' <i>Calling a Wounded Earth Home</i>'. Following on from last year's book club during Lent, where we discussed the book <i>Finding God in a Leaf</i>, this year we will be reflecting on the topic ' <i>Calling a Wounded Earth Home</i>'. We will have prayers, reflections and discussions on a different theme each week. If you attended last year we would be delighted to see you again. If you did not attend last year, you will be very welcome, it is not necessary to have attended last year. We will start on Tuesday 11th March and each Tuesday until April 8th at 2.00pm in the Parochial House, Seatown Road. There will be an additional session on Tuesday night April 8th at 7.00pm for anyone who would like to join in the discussion but are unable to attend in the afternoons. All materials will be provided. For more information or to register your interest contact Colette at the Parish Office 01 8407277 or parishoffice@stcolmcilleschurch.ie</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|  | <p>Come and See Meetings! Legion of Mary hold meetings on Tuesday 10:30-11:45am in St Joseph's Room and Wednesdays 7:30-9:00pm in St Cronan's Pastoral Centre. Junior Legion: Fri 5:00-6:00pm. All welcome to attend any meeting at your convenience.</p> <p>Alive Newspaper Could you help us distribute <i>Alive</i> newspaper in Valley View area this year? If interested, please contact members of the Legion at Repository on Saturday evenings or Sunday mornings.</p> <p>Religious Goods - Suitable for the Home 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> | <p>10 AM MASSES THIS WEEK</p> <table><tr><td>Mon</td><td>Patrick & Mary Kate Gallagher (A) Francisca Abing (23A) Special Intention</td></tr><tr><td>Tues</td><td>Margaret Morandeira, Christy McNally & Paddy McManus (A)</td></tr><tr><td>Wed</td><td>Marie Reilly (RD)</td></tr><tr><td>Thur</td><td>Special Intention Delia O'Donohoe (A)</td></tr><tr><td>Fri</td><td>Terry Culbert (4A)</td></tr><tr><td>Sat</td><td>Aileen Devine (2A)</td></tr></table> <p>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.</p> <p>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>"I ask you Lord to be kind to them now, who were always kind to me here"</i></p> | Mon | Patrick & Mary Kate Gallagher (A) Francisca Abing (23A) Special Intention | Tues | Margaret Morandeira, Christy McNally & Paddy McManus (A) | Wed | Marie Reilly (RD) | Thur | Special Intention Delia O'Donohoe (A) | Fri | Terry Culbert (4A) | Sat | Aileen Devine (2A) |
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