

ST. CRONAN'S CHURCH

PARTNERSHIP OF BRACKENSTOWN, SWORDS, RIVER VALLEY & DONABATE PARISHES

21ST SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

25th AUGUST 2024

YEAR B

REFLECTION

As summer draws to a close, we are gearing up for the new school year and anticipating new energy and life as pupils and teachers return to the campus.

With Fr. John Daly now installed as parish priest of both Swords and River Valley parishes, it will also mark a new beginning in the life of our partnership together with Donabate parish. One of our joint collaborations in the immediate future will be our shared pilgrimage to Lourdes in just three weeks' time. Over 40 pilgrims are signed up from the four parishes, which is a significant representation, and we will be having a first gathering in our parish this week so that we can get to know our fellow pilgrims. If parishioners have any intentions that they would like to have prayed for in Lourdes, we will be happy to collect such petitions in the coming weeks and undertake to place them at the Grotto. The annual diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes will take place a week ahead of our own. Many sick pilgrims, supported by the recent collection in our parish, will be travelling as part of that pilgrimage, as will volunteer doctors and nurses. A number of school students from our parishes will also be travelling to assist with the liturgies and also to assist pilgrims with disabilities. Students from Colaiste Choilm who will travel to Lourdes as part of the Dublin diocesan pilgrimage will speak at Masses this weekend, and they appreciate any support parishioners can offer towards their travelling expenses. May Our Lady of Lourdes bless all our pilgrimages, and especially those pilgrims travelling for the first time!

In the coming week, Archbishop Dermot Farrell will issue his new Pastoral Letter, Building Hope with Open Hearts, which launches a new phase of the Building Hope pastoral renewal initiative. From September, with the aid of a number of workshops across the diocese, the new Pastoral Strategic Planning Resource 2025-27 will be rolled out. The Pastoral Letter will be available to parishioners from next Sunday.

Finally, next Sunday, 1st September will mark the World Day of Prayer for Creation, marking the beginning of the season of caring for creation which runs through to the feast of St. Francis of Assisi on Friday 4th October.

Fr. Richard

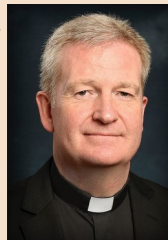


THANK YOU

A huge thanks to all who took part in the general cleaning of the church and its immediate environs last Saturday. There was a good turn-out, and an even better atmosphere, as everyone got stuck in. Don't worry if you missed it... we'll do the same again next year, if not before!

We congratulate the families of the children who will be welcomed into the community of faith through the sacrament of Baptism this Saturday and Sunday at 12 noon

We warmly welcome **Bishop Paul Dempsey**, who will celebrate the 11.00am Mass this **Sunday 25th August**, and celebrate the sacrament of Baptism immediately afterwards! Bishop Paul, who was formerly Bishop of Achonry, was appointed by Pope Francis as Auxiliary Bishop of Dublin in April this year. This is his first visit to Brackenstown parish.



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.

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



A meeting of the **Liturgy Committee** will take place in the parish centre on **Thursday 29th August at 7.30pm**

A meeting for those intending to travel on the partnership pilgrimage to Lourdes from 15-19th September will take place in the parish centre on **Tuesday 27th August at 7.30pm**. The meeting will be an opportunity to finalise our plans for the pilgrimage and to get to know one another.

Registration is now open!
We invite parents of children who wish to receive the sacraments of **First Communion or Confirmation in 2025** to register their child for the appropriate sacrament on our parish website www.brackenstown-parish.com
A registration contribution of €30 can be paid using the Donate button on the parish website

As **Junior Infants** begin school for the first time on **Thursday 29th August**, we invite their parents to join us for hospitality 'Tea and Tears', in the parish centre anytime between **9.00am and 9.30am**. All are welcome!

Join us as we celebrate **TAIZE PRAYER AROUND THE CROSS on Friday 6th September** in St Cronan's Church at 7:30pm

We offer our sympathies to our parish secretary, Louise, and to her family on the recent death of her nephew, Owen Quinn. May he rest in peace.

As part of our parish partnership, Donabate Parish would like to invite new members **aged 18-30 to join a newly formed Young Adult Faith Fellowship**. This is a faith formation group and is an opportunity to connect with other young adults in a community of faith. We hope to grow in our faith together through weekly bible studies, spiritual events, prayer, socialising and reflecting together. **The group will meet every Wednesday evening in Donabate (Bus Route 33B)**. If you would like more information or would like to be added to the Whatsapp group please get in touch with Sarah.

REGISTRATION FOR RELIGION CLASSES:
Parents of children attending Swords or Thornleigh Educate Together or Broadmeadows Community National Schools, who would like their children to celebrate the sacraments of either First Communion or Confirmation, are also invited to **register their children** separately on our website **for religion classes**, which begin on a weekly basis in September. The preparation classes for each sacrament run over a two year basis, regardless of which class the child is attending in primary school. The cost per child per year for the religion classes is €150, which covers the remuneration of teachers, hiring of rooms and course materials. This should be paid using the Donate button on the website.

SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS
Recently Deceased
Owen Quinn
Anniversaries
Larry O'Donohoe (2A)
Martin Feehan (3A)
Anthony (9A) & Breda Boylan
Noeleen Bentley (39A)
Paddy, Kitty, Jack, Noel,
George & Pete Cowley
Cora Duffy
Marie Healy
Kathleen & James Smith
Mona Campbell
Nikkie Murphy
Bridget Green (BR)

10 AM MASSES THIS WEEK

Mon	William Crosbie (A) Thomas Reid (A)
Tues	Patrick Collins (RD)
Wed	Maureen MacCarthy (MM)
Thur	90th Birthday Intention
Fri	Bernie Foley (RD)
Sat	Frank Connolly (RD) Michelle Maguire (MM)

Bethany Bereavement Support Group
offer a free and confidential telephone support to any bereaved parishioners who wish to avail of it
Phone Bridget - 085 2812985
Sun 25th Aug to Sat 7th Sept
Please phone from 6pm—8pm
"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted"

Many thanks to parishioners and visitors who have contributed to the **Summer Offerings** for the support of priests of the parish and of the diocese! Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Anam Cara are holding an **ONLINE Bereavement Information Evening on Tuesday 3rd of September at 7pm**. Our guest speaker for this month's talk is Bryan Nolan. Bryan has an M.A. Healthcare Chaplaincy DCU, Certified Healthcare Chaplain, End of Life and Grief and loss specialist, Training and facilitation expert.
The link to join is: <https://us02web.zoom.us/join/zoom/register/tZAqf-6qqT4vGf09D7YFGe9vJbbfNz82QEa>



Pathways is an Adult Faith formation programme run by the Archdiocese aimed at all adults, members of PPCs and those in parish ministry. It is a 2 year course running on Thursday evenings from September to May from 7pm-9.30pm in DCU, Drumcondra, Dublin 9. The course has a number of modules including input on Images of God, Discipleship, Scripture, Liturgy, Church, Vatican II, Sacraments and Parish. The Second Year goes deeper into some of the topics and has a more intentional focus on Ministry. Each evening includes a presentation on the topic as well as small group sharing and discussion and there is no written work or assessments. A number of parishioners from this parish have participated in recent years and have found Pathways very enriching. For more details, and to

complete the online application form, please visit www.missionministry.ie/pathways or email peter.siney@dublindiocese.ie

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20016166

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. Having them in the home sanctifies the circumstances of family life.
Legion of Mary Pilgrimage to Knock
Bus will leave St Cronan's Church at 7:40am on Sunday 29th September. **Cost €30 for Bus only**. Refreshments & Dinner extra (€17). Alternatively bring packed lunch. Please contact member of Legion of Mary at repository on Sat evening or Sunday morning if interested in going.