

ST. CRONAN'S CHURCH

PARTNERSHIP OF BRACKENSTOWN, SWORDS, RIVER VALLEY & DONABATE PARISHES

26TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

29TH SEPTEMBER 2024

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Beginnings & Endings:

This weekend, with the Mass of Enrolment on Saturday and Sunday evenings we begin our parish preparation for First Communion and Confirmation. Our weekly after school sacramental preparation classes for children attending Swords and Thornleigh Educate Together and Broadmeadows Community National schools also begin this week. This Saturday, 28th September, there will also be a Mass of thanksgiving in St. Colmcille's church for the contribution of the Ursuline sisters to pastoral life in the Swords parish over the past 40 years. Since their arrival in the early 1980s, the Ursuline sisters have been active in sacramental ministry: visiting the schools in preparation for First Communion and Confirmation, playing an active role in the parish baptismal and funeral teams, Pastoral Council, St Vincent de Paul and Bethany. They have also been supportive of the parishes in the Swords and Donabate area working together in partnership. The departure of the sisters from Swords is a sad moment for both the sisters and the faith community in St Colmcille's, but it also provides an opportunity to thank the sisters, to acknowledge the great legacy they leave behind of dedicated service to the Gospel, and to wish them every blessing for the future. Meanwhile we anticipate the diocesan meeting on Thursday next, which will introduce the next phase of Building Hope, the diocesan initiative that seeks to enable parishes to work more closely together to further the mission of the Gospel. At times of sometimes painful transition, and also of deepening conflict in the world, the Church's mission is to proclaim a Gospel of hope founded on the resurrection of Jesus Christ.



Fr Richard



Candlelight procession in honour of Our Lady of the Rosary and Mass on Monday 7th October at 7pm All are most welcome

St Cronan's Hospitality Team are organising a Coffee Morning and Cake Sale in aid of **ST FRANCIS HOSPICE**

this Sunday 29th September after 11am Mass

A representative of St Francis' Hospice will also attend selling Hospice Merchandise - Christmas Cards, Christmas Decorations etc.



St. Francis Hospice

Any donations towards Raffle Prizes or baking for the Cake Sale would be greatly appreciated

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.

The **Enrolment Mass** for children in the different schools in our parish who are preparing for the **sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Communion** will take place this weekend at **6.00pm on Saturday and at 5.00pm on Sunday.**

There has been a great response to the presentation by the Manresa Team at Masses last weekend about the **Week of Guided Prayer, which runs from 13th-20th October.** Participants will have the opportunity to meet individually with a prayer guide each day. The week will close with Mass on Sunday 20th October. Already about 20 people have signed up to participate. Anyone who would still like to take part is invited to sign the form on the clipboard at the back of the church.

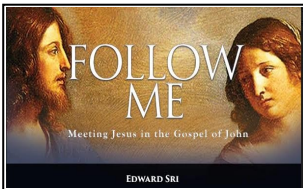
SUNDAY MASSES: (Sat Vigil) 6pm; 9am; 11am & 5pm

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



Meeting Jesus in the Gospel of John

A new season of Bible Study will begin on Monday 30th September 7.30-8.30pm in the pastoral centre. Follow me: Meeting Jesus in the Gospel of John, an 8-part Bible study with Dr. Edward Sri.

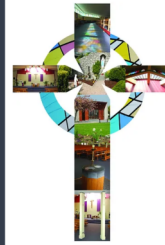
To join, please contact the Parish office on 01 8401188 or email brackenstownparish@gmail.com

CONFIRMATION 2024 REUNION

St. Cronan's Pastoral Centre
2nd Oct, 7pm-8pm

Join us for a table quiz, reflection and snacks.

Participants must be signed in by a parent/guardian.



SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS

Recently Deceased

Hugh Devaney
Nuala Teeling

Month's Mind
Bridget O'Connell

Anniversaries

Vincent Cox (15A)
Jim & May McKay

John O'Brien

Eileen, Pat & Michael Howard
Tommy, Douglas & Saoirse
Crosbie

10 AM MASSES THIS WEEK

Mon	Vincent Kelleghan (RD) Lynda Ferris (15A)
Tues	Mariyamma (A)
Wed	Marian Movement for Priests
Thur	Special Intention
Fri	John O'Brien (A)
Sat	Knel Deeb (1st A)

Bethany Bereavement Support Group

offer a free and confidential telephone support to any bereaved parishioners who wish to avail of it
Please phone Brid - 086 6006397
Sunday 22nd September to Saturday 5th October
Please phone after 6pm.
"Blessed are those who mourn,"



A Sip of Support Meeting Group located at B.A.S.E. Brackenstown Road.

A Grief Support Group with weekly meetings every

Wednesday 7pm to 8pm. We hope to offer a listening ear to anyone who is dealing with or living with grief.
Contact email:
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9:30am - 1:00pm

Registered Charity Number
20016166



On Friday's
4th October
1st November
6th December
join us as we celebrate
Taizé Prayer
Around the Cross

in St. Cronan's
Church at 7:30pm
ALL WELCOME
www.brackenstown-parish.com

A Confirmation Reunion for children who celebrated Confirmation in April will take place on Wednesday 2nd October from 7.00-8.00pm in the Pastoral Centre. Join us for table quiz, reflection and snacks. Participants must be signed in by a parent or guardian. Find out about our new post-Confirmation youth faith group which will meet at the same time on 16th October, 13th November and 11th December.

Training for members of Funeral Teams in the Fingal North Deanery will conclude this Wednesday 2nd October at 7.00pm in Blanchardstown church.

A meeting for those interested in helping to start a monthly family Mass will take place in the pastoral centre on Friday 4th October at 6.00pm.

The next phase of the Building Hope pastoral planning will be introduced at a pastoral area meeting in Porterstown Pastoral Centre at 7.30pm on Thursday 3rd October.

Meetings for parents of children in St. Cronan's S.N. school, who would like their children to prepare for the **Sacrament of Confirmation** will take place at 7.00pm, 7.45pm and 8.30pm on **Tues 1st Oct.** in the pastoral centre.

Religion Classes in preparation for First Communion and Confirmation for children attending Swords or Thornleigh Educate Together or Broadmeadows Community National Schools will begin this **Tuesday 1st October from 3.00-4.00pm** in the pastoral Centre. Parents and children are invited to assemble in the church at 3.00pm, and the teachers will then lead the children off to the relevant class.

Calmness Within—Gentle Yoga with Caroline

A 6 week beginner's class starting Monday 30th September in St Cronan's Parish Centre (beside Church). Arrive 9:115am and class starts at 9:30am—10:45am. Wear comfortable clothing and bring a yoga mat. Contact Caroline for more information and to register on 0876913028. Fee €75 for 6 weeks.

Silent Christian Meditation in Brackenstown Parish Centre every Monday at 11am (St Joseph's Room)

Recommencing the 9th Sept Meditation is a spiritual discipline, of silence, stillness and of Presence. It is about awakening to one's true self. Research has shown that Meditation benefits us at a physical, mental, cognitive and emotional level. It reduces blood pressure, helps us cope with stress and aids insomnia to mention but a few. For more information contact Marian Burke 0879703640. The fruits/benefits of Meditation: **Peace, love, joy, patience, understanding, kindness, goodness, freedom and self-control.** Galations:5:22

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 Registration is now open. A registration contribution of €30 can be paid using the *Donate* button on the parish website.

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.

Now that schools have reopened for the new school year, we remind parents that when accompanying their children to school in the mornings or collecting them after school, they are asked not to drive into the car park. This is for the safety of all, but especially for children attending either the schools or the play schools, and it is the reason why the barrier remains in the lowered position at times of school start and finish. Many thanks to everyone for your cooperation with these arrangements.

Legion of Mary Candlelight Procession

Candlelight procession in honour of Our Lady of the Rosary and Mass on **Monday 7th October at 7pm.** All are most welcome.



Legion of Mary