

ST. CRONAN'S CHURCH

PARTNERSHIP OF BRACKENSTOWN, SWORDS, RIVER VALLEY & DONABATE PARISHES

20TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

18th AUGUST 2024

YEAR B

BE LOVED. BE KIND. BE YOU.

BRACKENSTOWN PARISH WISHES...

All the Boys & Girls
coming back to school and those starting for the first time...

Good Luck Enjoy Each Day

Look After Each Other

Jesus my friend
Be with me today
Help me to be my best
In what I do and say
Amen

As we move into the second half of August, we are conscious of the shorter evenings as summer draws to a close. Already parents are busy getting all the things their children will need for the start of school in the coming weeks, and it won't be long before the classrooms are full again, and the campus here reverberates with the sound of children playing in the school yard. It's a particular rite of passage for parents whose children are beginning junior infants, while other children are facing the challenge of moving from primary to secondary school. Meanwhile students anxiously await the publication of the Leaving Cert results due next week, and we pray that these will allow them to make wise choices for

the next stage of their lives. For all of us, these last weeks of summer provide an opportunity to take a break, enjoy the garden, do a retreat, sign up for a new course or get round to those tasks that we have been putting off, so that we are ready to face the joys and challenges that September will bring. In the coming weeks the next phase of the diocesan Building Hope Initiative will be introduced, while in October we anticipate the second Synodal gathering in Rome.

Praised be the God of new beginnings!

Fr. Richard

PARISH PARTNERSHIP OF SWORDS & DRYNAM, RIVER VALLEY & DUBLIN AIRPORT, BRACKENSTOWN AND DONABATE INVITE YOU TO

NEW

Young Adult Faith Fellowship

Come and See! Weekly meeting of 18-30 year olds for bible study, prayer and chats. Growing in Faith together.

For more information or to be added into our Whatsapp group contact Sarah on: donabateparishya@gmail.com

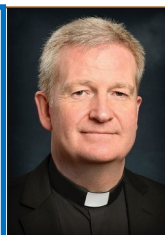
As part of our parish partnership, Donabate Parish would like to invite new members aged 18-30 to join a newly formed Young Adult Faith Fellowship. This is a faith formation group and is an opportunity to connect with other young adults in a community of faith. We hope to grow in our faith together through 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 at donabateparishya@gmail.com.

Taize Prayer Around the Cross

Resumes on Friday
6th September
join us as we celebrate
Taizé Prayer Around the Cross

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

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.



We warmly welcome **Bishop Paul Dempsey**, who will celebrate the 11.00am Mass next **Sunday 25th August**, and celebrate the sacrament of Baptism immediately afterwards! Bishop Paul, who had formerly been bishop of Achonry, was installed as auxiliary bishop of Dublin on 26th May along with Fr. Donal Roche who was ordained a bishop that day. This will be Bishop Dempsey's first visit to Brackenstown parish.

Fr Tony Pazhayakalam worked in Brackenstown Parish from 2006 to 2012, now works in the Catholic diocese of Clifton at the Parish of Wells. He is visiting Swords next week and will celebrate Mass on **Thursday 22 August** at 10am. There will be cup of tea in the Parish Centre afterwards.



ANNUAL CLEAN UP

We invite all willing volunteers to join us in a thorough cleaning and tidying of the church and its environs

Saturday 17th August at 12 noon

Gloves and cleaning materials will be provided

St. Cronan's Church Parish Pastoral Council

The annual deep clean-up of the church and its environs takes place this Saturday 17th August, meeting at the church at 12 noon. We invite as many volunteers as possible to join us. Gloves and cleaning materials provided.

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

Registration is Now Open



First Holy Communion 2025 & Confirmation 2025

Register at: www.brackenstown-parish.com

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

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.

A letter from Archbishop Farrell about **Seeds of Faith, the new Diocesan Policy for the religious education in parishes of Catholic children attending schools other than Catholic schools**, can be found at <https://dublindiocese.ie/seeds-of-faith/> along with the *Seeds of Faith* Policy document and the *Seeds of Faith* Resource Packs for 1st, 2nd, 5th and 6th classes.

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.

A meeting of the **Pastoral Centre Committee** will take place on **Monday 19th August at 7.30pm**

SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS

Recently Deceased

Michael Keville
Mrs Buckley

Month's Mind
Ann Murphy

Anniversaries

Catherine Bond
Josephine, Thomas & Donald Macken
Frank Reynolds (23A)
Ellen Donovan
Martin & Mary Kate Coen
Evelyn O'Malley

10 AM MASSES THIS WEEK

Mon	Maisie (5A) & Peter (Sonny) Blanche Sr Anne Marie & Ronnie Stacey
Tues	Anne Murphy (RD)
Wed	Myles Byrne (RD)
Thur	John & Kathleen O'Connor (A)
Fri	Patrick (25A) & Kathleen O'Reilly & Dcsd member O'Reilly & Lee Families
Sat	Bridget Green (BR)

Bethany Bereavement Support Group

offer a free and confidential telephone support to any bereaved parishioners who wish to avail of it

Brid - 086 6006397

Sun 11th to Sat 24th August

Please phone after 6pm

"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted"

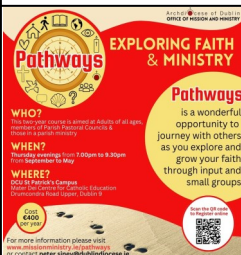
Many thanks to parishioners and visitors who have contributed to the **Summer Offerings** for the support of priests of the parish and of the diocese! Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

The **National Novena to Our Lady of Knock** takes place at Knock Shrine from **14-22 August** and will include daily workshops, guided prayer sessions, guest speakers and daily historical tours, along with daily Mass, Anointing of the Sick and evening candlelight procession. More information at www.knockshrine.ie



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/register/tZAqf-6ggT4vGtf09D7YfGe9vJbbfNz82QEA>



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

Fan the Spark

Catholic Conference on faith and culture for young adults (18-40y) with talks, workshops, prayer, Mass, food and social in De Montfort House, Morning Star Avenue, Brunswick St Dublin on Sat 24th August from 9:30am -5:30pm. Tickets €15. For queries email deusetpatria@gmail.com.

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.

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