

ST. CRONAN'S CHURCH

PARTNERSHIP OF BRACKENSTOWN, SWORDS, RIVER VALLEY & DONABATE PARISHES

24TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

15TH SEPTEMBER 2024

YEAR B

Protecting God's Creation

Catholic parishes have an important role in keeping the global temperature rise below 1.5 degrees Celsius. There are more than 220,000 Catholic parishes globally which adds up to many more times this number in church buildings, offices, schools and other parish buildings as well as vehicles that, in using conventional energy, contribute directly to the global climate emergency.

St Cronan's Parish actions since the Season of Creation, September 2023

Sustainable Energy. These actions will help to reduce our carbon emissions and lead to a reduction in our future gas and electricity bills

- A Care of Creation/Laudato Si group was set up in the parish.
- Energy audits carried out on the church, pastoral centre and both presbyteries.
- A smart electricity monitor was installed to provide electricity usage data for all electrical devices in the church and pastoral centre.
- Second battery installed to store surplus electricity from the church solar panels.
- Solar panels were installed on both presbytery roofs to provide clean renewable energy and reduce future electricity bills.
- We have fitted infra-red heating panels in the sacristy and the kitchen in Fr. Richard's house.
- The church central heating system boiler, radiators and pipelines were power flushed to clean the system and improve heating performance.
- A manual time-limited booster was installed for the church central heating.
- Three presbytery fireplaces blocked to prevent heat loss.

Biodiversity. These initial actions will help increase biodiversity on the parish campus.

During the Spring & Summer we allowed two lawn areas to become long-flowering wildflower meadows. We allowed Fr. Richard's lawn area to become a short flowering "6-week meadow" (wildflower lawn).

Paddy O'Byrne

O DIVINE PRESENCE,

MAKE ME ATTENTIVE TO THE
WAYS YOU SPEAK TO ME

THROUGH NATURE AND ALL LIFE FORMS.

HELP ME PRIORITIZE COMMUNING WITH YOU
IN THE GREAT CATHEDRAL OF THE OUTDOORS,
KNOWING THAT YOU REVEAL YOURSELF HERE
IN WAYS EVER FRESH AND NEW.

I PRAY FOR EYES TO SEE YOU, HANDS TO TOUCH YOU,
AND LUNGS TO BREATHE YOU IN,
EVERY STEP I TAKE.

AMEN.

BY SHANNON K. EVANS

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.

St Cronan's Hospitality Team are organising a Church Coffee Morning in aid of ST FRANCIS HOSPICE on Sunday 29th September, after 11am Mass. Any donations towards Raffle Prizes or baking for the Cake Sale would be greatly appreciated.

This weekend, **Crosscare** will hold its Annual Appeal for those most in need. This will replace the Share collection at all Masses. Crosscare delivers a wide range of homeless, youth, and food poverty support to people at various stages of poverty or marginalisation. Regrettably, the demand for these vital services continues to increase, and Crosscare relies on your generosity to reach as many people as possible who need help. Please support the Crosscare collection or you can donate online at www.crosscare.ie.



Safeguarding Sunday will take place on the 22nd September throughout the diocese. The theme for this year's Sunday is **A Safe and Welcoming Church for Children and Vulnerable Adults**

Archbishop Dermot Farrell has published a new Pastoral Letter, **Building Hope with Open Hearts**. Copies of the pastoral letter are available at the entrances to the church and on our website.

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

**ST FRANCIS
HOSPICE
COFFEE
MORNING
from
10:30am**

Brewley's **BIG
COFFEE
MORNING
SOCIAL
FOR HOSPICE**

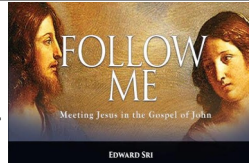
to 1pm

**Thursday 26th
September**

**in Jean & Frank Stacey's home
(18 Elmwood Park)
in aid of
St. Francis Hospice
All welcome & bring a
friend!**

**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



Would you like to spend time in conversation with Jesus? Would you like to discover how to relate prayer to your daily experience of life? Or would you just like to renew your relationship with God/Christ? The Team at Manresa Retreat Centre will come to the parish on **Sunday 13th October** to lead a **Week of Guided Prayer**. Participants will have the opportunity to meet individually with a prayer guide each day. The week will close with Mass on Sunday 20th October. If interested, please contact the parish office and leave your contact details, as places are limited.

SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS

Recently Deceased

Joe McDonagh

Anniversaries

Fred Curtis (1A)
Ann Kavanagh (1A)
Monica (2A) & Willie Hughes
Matthew Oglesby (2A)
Brian Lyons (28A)
Ann Cawley
Tony O'Reilly
Rose, Joe & Vera Ryan
Michael Smith & Dcsd Members
of Hartnett & McKittrick Families
John Keane & Dcsd Family
Members
Martin Lawrence (BR)

10 AM MASSES THIS WEEK

Mon	Liam Martin (1A)
Tues	Patrick Byrne (86BR) Patricia McGuirk (2A)
Wed	Special Intention
Thur	Birdie O'Reilly (RD)
Fri	Special Intention
Sat	Peter & Anne Smith (A)

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

The next safeTALK (Suicide Alertness for Everyone) training taking place in Clayton Hotel, Dublin Airport. The booking link is as follows: <https://bookwhen.com/dublin-north-city-county-suicide-prevention-training/e/ev-sgrc-20240916093000> **When:** Monday, 16 September 2024 9:30am - 1pm. **Where:** Clayton Hotel Dublin Airport, Stockhole Lane, Clonshaugh, Swords, Co. Dublin, K67 X3H5. This training is free and open to those over 18.

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.

Confirmation Calendar 2024-25

Parent Meetings:

Tuesday 1st Oct at 7.00pm, 7.45pm + 8.30pm *St. Cronan's*
Tuesday 8th Oct. at 7.30pm *Gaelscoil Bhrian Boroimhe*
Swords & Thornleigh Ed. Together 6th class Tuesday 10th Sept. at 8.00pm
Swords & Thornleigh Ed. Together 5th class Tuesday 10th Sept. at 7.00pm

First Communion Parent Meeting

Tuesday 24th Sept. at 7.00 and 7.45pm and 8.30pm *St. Cronan's*
Thursday 26th Sept at 7.00pm *Gaelscoil Bhrian Boroimhe*
Thursday 26th Sept at 8.00pm *Swords & Thornleigh Ed. Together + Broadmeadows CNS*
Thursday 26th Sept. at 6.15pm Parent meeting for 1st class *Swords & Thornleigh Ed. Together + Broadmeadows CNS*



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: haveasipswords@gmail.com*

Thrive is an international movement that supports communities through engagement and activities that build and nurture our mental health and wellbeing. It is shaped and led by the local community and supported by **Mental Health Ireland**.

Thrive Swords are looking for people with a range of skills and an interest in mental health to come on board this group. If you are interested in joining us, please contact Caroline at: Caroline@mentalhealthireland.ie or call 087 254 2158.

Patrician Meeting - What was the message of Bernadette of Lourdes to the world?

Thursday 19th September at 7:30pm in Brackenstown Parish Pastoral Centre. Refreshments offered during interval.



Legion of Mary

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. €15 for under 18y.** Please contact member of Legion of Mary at repository on Sat evening or Sunday morning or ring Bróna at 0862104151 if interested in going.

**Bethany Bereavement
Support Group**

offer a free and confidential telephone support to any bereaved parishioners who wish to avail of it
Please phone Terri - 8403243
Sunday 8th September to
Saturday 21st September
*"Blessed are those who mourn,
for they shall be comforted"*

Anam Cara North Dublin, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding a Parent Evening for bereaved parents on **Wednesday 18th September at 7:15pm in the Hilton Hotel, Malahide Road.** Please contact us on info@anamcara.ie or 085 2888 888 for any queries.

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