

# ST. CRONAN'S CHURCH

PARTNERSHIP OF BRACKENSTOWN, SWORDS, RIVER VALLEY & DONABATE PARISHES

19TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

11th AUGUST 2024

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Like many of us, I suspect, I have been following the Olympic Games in Paris over the past two weeks more than I intended to. In part it's due to the increased Irish participation and prospect of winning medals and the extensive TV coverage, and in part due to how imaginatively the French have staged the Games. There is sadly a contrast between the anti-immigration protests which have been taking place in cities around the UK and Belfast during the past week, leaving many people feeling vulnerable and insecure, and the wonderful camaraderie and mutual respect which we have witnessed among the Olympic competitors from every country, applauding one another's success and gracious in victory.

## Olympic Games



### FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION Blessed Virgin Mary

Mass times as follows

Wednesday 14th August

Vigil Mass 7.30pm

&

Thursday 15th August

Mass 10.00am

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I was particularly struck by the maturity and wisdom of some of these athletes when interviewed. One Irish Olympic champion talked about the lessons he drew from his experience of defeat in a previous Olympics and hoped that his success in these games would now encourage young people to follow their dreams, not only in the field of sport but in any area of life. Long after the games are over, perhaps some of that wisdom will continue to inspire young people to believe in themselves and reach for their goals.

Fr. Richard

## 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.

## 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

## ANNUAL CLEAN-UP DAY

We are blessed to have a volunteer cleaning group who meet regularly to clean the church. However, once a year we like to invite a larger number of parishioners to assist us in a thorough cleaning and tidying of the church and its environs. We invite all willing volunteers to join us next **Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> August**, meeting at the church at 12 noon. Gloves and cleaning materials will be 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](http://www.brackenstown-parish.com)

## Registration is Now Open



**First Holy Communion 2025  
& Confirmation 2025**  
Register at: [www.brackenstown-parish.com](http://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](http://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.

## SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS

### Recently Deceased

Mary Smith  
Patrick Carroll  
Aidan O'Leary  
Matty Moran

### Anniversaries

Brena Jennings (1A)  
Noel Lowndes (7A)  
Mary Mulligan (9A)  
Carly Flynn (13A)  
Joan Kelly (BR)  
Eileen Amis  
Nuala Ryan (nee Hughes)  
Mary & Michael Hughes  
Dcsd Members  
of McTernan Family

### 10 AM MASSES THIS WEEK

Mon	Special Intention
Tues	Myles Byrne (RD)
Wed	Mark Farrell (Rem)
Thur	Mark O'Neill (16A)
Fri	Thomas, Mary & Eddie O'Callaghan (A)
Sat	Catherine Bond (A)

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](http://www.knockshrine.ie)

We have been asked to advertise the workshops below by **John Duffy**, Resource Officer for Suicide Prevention, HSE Mental Health Services Dublin North City & Co.

Date/Time	Training	Location	Booking Link
August 19 <sup>th</sup> 9:30am - 1pm	SAFE Talk: Suicide Alertness For Everyone	Taylor House, St Ita's Campus, Portrane	<a href="http://BOOKWHEN.COM">BOOKWHEN.COM</a>
August 26 <sup>th</sup> 9am - 5pm	Suicide Bereavement for Professionals	Taylor House, St Ita's Campus, Portrane	<a href="http://BOOKWHEN.COM">BOOKWHEN.COM</a>
August 27 <sup>th</sup> 9am - 5pm	Understanding Self-Harm	Taylor House, St Ita's Campus, Portrane	<a href="http://BOOKWHEN.COM">BOOKWHEN.COM</a>

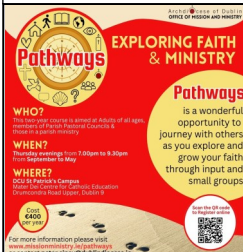
### Bethany Bereavement Support Group

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**

*Summer Offerings* envelopes for the support of priests of the parish and of the diocese are available on the tables at the entrances to the church.



**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 (excluding holidays) 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.

The cost is €400 per year (*Brackenstown parish will help to cover some of the cost or you can contact the office of Mission and Ministry to discuss the possibility of a bursary*). 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](http://www.missionministry.ie/pathways) or email [peter.siney@dublindiocese.ie](mailto:peter.siney@dublindiocese.ie)

We now have a group of over 30 people booked to take part in our partnership of parishes **Pilgrimage to Lourdes** from Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September. Anyone still interested in taking part in our pilgrimage is urged to book directly with Marian Pilgrimages in the coming days. The cost of the pilgrimage for four nights and five days (inclusive of flights, accommodation and full board) is €735 per person sharing. A limited number of single rooms are available, at a single supplement of €40 per night. Booking forms are available at the parish office.



### Legion of Mary

### 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 [deusetpatricia@gmail.com](mailto:deusetpatricia@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.

### Dublin Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes Fund

Thank you for your kind generosity towards sending sick pilgrims from the Dublin archdiocese to Lourdes in September. Total sum collected was €1393.40.

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**PARISH OFFICE HOURS**  
**Monday - Friday**  
**9:30am - 1:00pm**

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**20016166**