

# ST. CRONAN'S CHURCH

PARTNERSHIP OF BRACKENSTOWN, SWORDS, RIVER VALLEY & DONABATE PARISHES

16TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

21ST JULY 2024

YEAR B



I am writing these words in a warm and sultry Turin, where I have been attending a week long gathering of Équipes Notre Dame (Teams): bringing together approximately 7,000 married couples and chaplains from all over the world. As some of you may be aware, I have

I myself will gather the remnant of my flock from all the lands to which I have driven them and bring them back to their meadow; there they shall increase and multiply



been chaplain for a number of years to a team of married couples who meet monthly for fellowship and support and to deepen their relationship with Christ and their understanding of the vocation of marriage. There are approximately 35 such teams spread across Ireland north and south, but for the 18 or so of us who came to Turin, it is our first time attending an international gathering which takes place every 6 years.

The focus of the gathering is encounter, learning, sharing and celebration. The theme of the gathering, **Let us go with a burning Heart**, was inspired by the Road to Emmaus story in Luke, and each day's theme echoed a particular moment in that story as well as reflecting the structure of the Mass. Each morning, along with one or two formal presentations, one or two couples from different parts of the world shared with remarkable honesty and courage their experience of trying to live the commitment of marriage and the support they have received from Teams. Each evening scattered across Turin in different hotels, we met in groups after supper to reflect on what we had heard that morning and how it touched our own lives. It was both a humbling and uplifting

## 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.

## FAITH 'N' FUN 3 WEEK PROJECT

The story of Carlo Acutis who used his computer to put the spotlight on the Eucharist. He even brought his mother back to her faith.

**FREE - to all aged 6 - 11 years**

in St. Cronan's  
Pastoral Centre  
Brackentown  
Road, Swords

**Thursdays**  
**25th July**  
**1st August**  
**8th August**  
**2pm - 4pm**



Organised by Legion of Mary  
Registration Forms available in  
Main Porch of St. Cronan's Church  
Parish Office Phone No: 01 8401188

experience to sit around a table with couples from various countries, whom we had not met before, and to share the experience of trying to live one's faith commitment as a couple or as a priest or religious. We would not even have attempted it if we did not believe deep down that Christ was present with us, as he is at every table waiting to break the bread of friendship, honesty, forgiveness and love, if we only have the courage to say along with the disciples at Emmaus:

*'Stay with us, Lord'.*

*Fr. Richard*

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.brackentown-parish.com](http://www.brackentown-parish.com)



The **National Grandparents Pilgrimage to Knock** takes place next Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> July and will be led this year by Archbishop Montemayor, Papal Nuncio to Ireland. The pilgrimage for Grandparents and the Elderly will begin with Anointing of the Sick at 2.30pm in the Basilica, followed by Mass at 3.00pm and the Rosary. Children are invited to write a prayer for their grandparents and send it to CGA Knock Shrine. Those unable to travel to Knock can join the pilgrimage online at: [www.knockshrine.ie](http://www.knockshrine.ie) For those participating in the **National Grandparents Pilgrimage to Knock** on 28th July, a bus will leave St Cronan's Church at 8:15am and Fingal County Council Offices at 8:30am. For more information contact Nora on 8404247 or 086 3292329.

**SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS**

**Recently Deceased**

Ann Murphy  
Katherine Curtin

**Month's Mind**

Pat Casey

**Anniversaries**

Mary Cassidy (7A)  
Anne Fitzsimons  
Andrew, Mary, Bernard,  
Andrew Jnr, John, Kathleen  
& Johanna Cawley  
Tony & Betty Whelan  
Niall Monks (BR)

*Registration is Now Open*



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

A registration contribution of €30 can be paid using the Donate button on the parish website.

**BLESSING OF GRAVES — FINGAL AREA**

Sunday	21st July	3:30 PM	Donabate	Mass
Thursday	15th August	7:30 PM	Garristown	Prayers
Thursday	15th August	6:30 PM	Ballyboughal	Prayers
Sunday	18th August	3:00 P.M.	Balscadden	Mass
Sunday	1st September	4:00 P.M.	The Naul	Prayers

**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.

**10 AM MASSES THIS WEEK**

Mon	Anne Fitzsimons (A) Margaret (1A) & Cyril O'Neill (A) Eugene, Michael & Eugene Jnr Fitzsimons (A)
Tues	Bernie O'Leary (A)
Wed	Christy Martin (A)
Thur	Marie McHugh (RD)
Fri	Mary Dahlke (RD)
Sat	Aleyamma (A)

**Bethany Bereavement Support Group**

offer a free and confidential telephone support to any bereaved parishioners who wish to avail of it  
**Please phone after 6pm**  
**Brid - 086 6006397**  
**Sun 21st July to Sat 27th July**  
*"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted"*

The Irish Hospice Foundation provides a free **Bereavement Support Line**. This National Freephone Service is available from 10am to 1pm, Monday to Friday by calling 1800 807077  
Visit [www.hospicefoundation.ie](http://www.hospicefoundation.ie) for more information

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.

The parish office has sent out receipts to parishioners for contributions made in 2023. We are greatly indebted to parishioners for your generous support. If parishioners have any queries regarding their contributions, feel free to contact the parish office any weekday morning. Please note that Christmas Offerings lodged before 14<sup>th</sup> January are credited with the 2023 figures. If they are lodged after 14<sup>th</sup> January, they are credited for 2024.

We ask those who have received a **CHY Tax Reclaim** form recently to return it to the Parish Office as soon as possible. Many thanks to all who have already returned their completed forms. The CHY Tax Rebate scheme allows the Parish reclaim tax for all qualifying **recorded contributions of €250 and over**. If you are not a PAYE or Self-Assessed donor, unfortunately we cannot claim tax back on your donations but please let us know in order to avoid receiving future CHY documentation. Sincere thanks to all those who support the running of the Parish through your financial offerings.  
*From the Parish Finance Committee*

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

**Registered Charity Number**  
**20016166**



*Legion of Mary*

**Faith 'n' Fun starts next Thursday**

**Please Return Completed Registration Forms to Repository in Church Porch after Mass or Parish Office**

This year participants will get to know Blessed Carlo Acutis, a computer savvy Italian teenager who championed the Eucharist. The project will take place on **25<sup>th</sup> July, 1<sup>st</sup> August & 8<sup>th</sup> August**. It is free.

**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. A total of €1275.85 was collected last weekend. If you forgot we will be here to collect at Masses this Saturday evening and Sunday morning.