

ST. CRONAN'S CHURCH

PARTNERSHIP OF BRACKENSTOWN, SWORDS, RIVER VALLEY & DONABATE PARISHES

23RD SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

8TH SEPTEMBER 2024

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REFLECTION Schools are back, parish groups are up and running again, and meetings are planned for parents of children who hope to receive sacraments of First Communion and Confirmation next year. September is the month of new beginnings and a great opportunity to think about what activity or area of personal development you might like to create space for in the coming year. As you will see from the notices below, there a plethora of opportunities at both parish and diocesan level to get involved in a ministry or to deepen your faith, appreciation of the richness of scripture or discover a new way of praying, whether it's exploring John's Gospel, participating in the week of Guided Prayer in October or signing up for the few remaining places on the diocesan Pathways programme, which this year is being directed by Peter Siney. Have a think, and pray, about which you are drawn towards...then take the plunge!



Fr Richard

Next weekend, September 14th and 15th, 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.



A meeting of the **Care for Creation** committee will take place at 7.30pm in the pastoral centre on Monday 9th September. New members especially welcome!

A meeting of the **Finance Committee** will take place on Monday 9th September at 8.45pm in the pastoral Centre.

The **Church Cleaning Group** will meet next Saturday 14th September at 12noon. New volunteers welcome!

A meeting of the **Pastoral Centre Committee** will take place at 5.30pm on Friday 13th September in the Pastoral Centre.

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.

This weekend, 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.



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

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BLESSING OF SCHOOL BAGS!

FOR JUNIOR INFANTS

SATURDAY 7TH SEPTEMBER AT 6PM

A Blessing of Schoolbags for Junior Infant children will take place at the 6pm Mass this Saturday. All are welcome, and there are refreshments afterwards.

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

A meeting for parents in 5th class in Swords and Thornleigh Ed. Together schools, whose children would like to receive the sacrament of **Confirmation in 2026** will take place at 7pm on Tues 10th Sept. in the pastoral centre.

A meeting for parents in 6th class in Swords and Thornleigh Ed. Together schools, whose children would like to receive the sacrament of **Confirmation in 2025** will take place at 8pm on Tues 10th Sept. in the pastoral centre.

A meeting of the **Partnership Pastoral Council** will take place at 8pm on Thursday 12th September in the parish centre. Brackenstown is part of a partnership of parishes which includes, Swords, River Valley and Donabate.

Our partnership pilgrimage to Lourdes is just one week away! Parishioners are invited to leave any **prayer petitions** in the Petitions box in the church over the next few days. These will be brought with us and deposited in the petitions box at the Grotto in Lourdes.

Please do not put any donations in the petitions box!

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.

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

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 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: havesipswords@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.

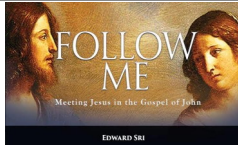


Frank Duff Prayer Meeting
You are invited to pray for your intentions through the intercession of Frank Duff on **Tuesday, 10th September 8:00pm-9:00pm** in Parish Pastoral Centre. The Rosary, a reading and reflection on Sunday's Gospel and a little background information about Frank Duff will be included. All are most welcome.

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.

Meeting Jesus in the Gospel of John 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.

Mr. Karl Foster, Deputy Principal, and the students from Colaiste Choilm, wish to thank parishioners for your generous support of their participation in the diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes, which is currently taking place. Parishioners contributed €2,170 towards their costs, and the students have promised to share their experience of the pilgrimage with us on their return.

SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS

Recently Deceased

Anthony Byrne
Bernie Kane
Esther McGowan
John Power

Month's Mind

Mary Smith

Anniversaries

George Mulligan (9A)
Daniel Delaney (36A)
Ita McArdle
Rene O'Reilly
George Shaw
Peggy & Danny Kelly
Pauline Byrne (nee Kelly)
Larry O'Donoghue (BR)

10 AM MASSES THIS WEEK

Mon	Pat Shiels (RD) George Shaw (A)
Tues	Special Intention
Wed	John & Kathleen O'Connor (A)
Thur	Jean Byrne (A)
Fri	Jim Carroll (RD)
Sat	Michael Smith & Dcsd Members Hartnett & McKittrick Families

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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