

ST. CRONAN'S CHURCH

PARTNERSHIP OF BRACKENSTOWN, SWORDS, RIVER VALLEY & DONABATE PARISHES

25TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

22ND SEPTEMBER 2024

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A group of 44 pilgrims have just returned from a pilgrimage to the shrine of Our Lady at Lourdes, a small but busy town nestling in the foothills of the Pyrenees in south-western France. Our group was composed of parishioners from the parishes in our partnership (Brackenstown, River Valley, Swords and Donabate) as well as a few others from Newbridge, Donegal and Tyrone who joined us. We had a wonderful four days taking part in the various pilgrimage exercises, which included daily Mass in one of the churches around Lourdes, the Blessed Sacrament and evening torchlight processions and visiting the Baths. Highlights included participating at Mass at the Grotto, celebrated by Bishop Eamon Walsh, along with hundreds of pilgrims at which our deacon Declan proclaimed the Gospel, celebrating anointing of the Sick at the village of Bartres, where St. Bernadette spent many weeks looking after sheep before returning to Lourdes to make her First Communion just a few weeks before the apparitions began. Many in our group, particularly those visiting Lourdes for the first time, were amazed at the number of people who were sick or incapacitated, but we were equally impressed to encounter many Leaving Cert students from Belvedere, Loreto and Holy Faith, Clontarf who were looking after them. Another great feature was meeting people from other groups and countries, reminding us that we are part of a universal church, and getting to know at a deeper level people from our own and the other parishes. After Mass on our final morning we walked as a group to the Grotto, where we deposited the many petitions which parishioners had entrusted to us and lit a candle for everyone at home.

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 Sunday, 22nd September is diocesan **Safeguarding Sunday**. The Parish Safeguarding representatives will speak at all Masses this weekend.

Our Lady of Lourdes, pray for us. St. Bernadette, pray for us!

Fr Richard

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.

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, and the early birds have already signed up!

A member of the retreat Team at Manresa will speak after Communion at all Masses this weekend in preparation for our Week of Guided Prayer

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
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



SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS

Recently Deceased

Eileen McCluskey
Catriona Harford

Anniversaries

Eddie Monaghan (1A)
Noel Lynch (4A)
Mary & Phyllis McQuillan
John Joe, Eileen & Sean Lynch
Anna Nessman
Jimmy Duffy
John Keaney & Dscd Members of
Kealy & Keaney Families
Bridget Green (BR)

10 AM MASSES THIS WEEK

Mon	Special Intention
Tues	Special Intention
Wed	Special Intention
Thur	Brena Jennings (BR)
Fri	Vincent Cox (15A)
Sat	Hugh Devaney (RD)

Meetings for parents of children who would like their children to prepare for **First Reconciliation and First Communion 2025 (2nd Class)** will take place in the Pastoral Centre as follows:

St. Cronan's JNS on Tuesday 24th Sept at 7.00pm; 7.45pm and 8.30pm
Gaelscoil Bhrian Boroimhe on Thursday 26th Sept at 7.00pm
Swords and Thornleigh Ed. Together and Broadmeadows on Thursday 26th September at 8.00pm

A parents meeting for children in **1st Class Swords & Thornleigh Ed. Together + Broadmeadows CNS** who would like their children to prepare for **First Reconciliation and First Communion 2026** will take place in the Pastoral Centre on **Thursday 26th Sept. at 6.30pm.**

The **Pastoral Centre AGM** will take place at 7.30pm on Monday 23rd September in the Pastoral Centre. All parish and other groups, which use the pastoral centre on a regular basis, are expected to have a representative present.

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

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 Registration is now open. 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.

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.

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.

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 Brid - 086 6006397
Sunday 22nd September to Saturday 5th October
Please phone after 6pm.
"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted"



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:
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