

# ST. CRONAN'S CHURCH

PARTNERSHIP OF BRACKENSTOWN, SWORDS, RIVER VALLEY & DONABATE PARISHES

21ST SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

25th SEPTEMBER 2024

YEAR B

## REFLECTION

This Sunday, *World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation*, marks the beginning of the Season of Creation, which runs to *the feast of St. Francis of Assisi on 4th October*. As part of the Parish's initial ecological action plan and in promotion of the message contained in the Holy Father's encyclical "Laudato Si'" we have been looking for ways to increase biodiversity in our Parish. To this end we identified two suitable areas within the grounds of Saint Cronan's Church campus: the pastoral centre garden and the lawn area between the entry and exit gates. We allowed the lawns in these two areas to remain uncut for 12 weeks during the summer to encourage pollinators and other wildlife. This proved to be quite successful, and we were pleasantly surprised to discover that we had so many wildflower species already present in our lawns, especially in the pastoral centre lawn.



PHOTO 4



PHOTO 5



PHOTO 1



PHOTO 3



PHOTO 2

In the front lawn area, we found a large patch of Cuckoo Flower/Lady's Smock (photo 1) which is the host plant for the caterpillar of the Orange Tip Butterfly (photo 2). We hope to facilitate an expansion in the area in which Cuckoo Flowers are present and to provide an attractive future habitat for the Orange Tip Butterfly. The various wildflower species attracted large numbers of bees. Bumble bees do not make honey and because of this they have no way of storing food. This means that they are always only a couple of days away from starvation, unless there is a nearby food source.

We propose adding selected native flowering & fruit bearing shrubs to our hedges as opportunities arise. These will provide food for bees, insects and birds as well as shelter for wildlife in general. Recently we had to remove six large Leylandii trees (photo 3) from the rear of Fr. Joseph's house as they had outgrown the available space. We intend to plant a biodiversity-friendly Blackthorn hedge (photos 4 & 5) in place of the Leylandii.

Following the success of the solar panels on the church roof in curbing carbon emissions, as well as reducing our energy bills, we have now installed solar panels on the roof of each of the parish houses. We are open to other ideas parishioners may have in relation to the care of creation and will be happy to welcome new members at our next meeting of our Care for Creation Committee on Monday 9th September at 7.30pm in the Pastoral Centre.

*Paddy O'Byrne*

### 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.



**Taizé Prayer Around the Cross**  
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

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**BLESSING OF SCHOOL BAGS!**  
**FOR JUNIOR INFANTS**  
**SATURDAY 7TH SEPTEMBER AT 6PM**

*We congratulate all the children who started or returned to school during the past week and pray that the coming year will be a fruitful one of growing, discovering and making new friends! A Blessing of Schoolbags for Junior Infant children will take place at the 6pm Mass next Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> September. All are welcome, and there will be some refreshments afterwards.*

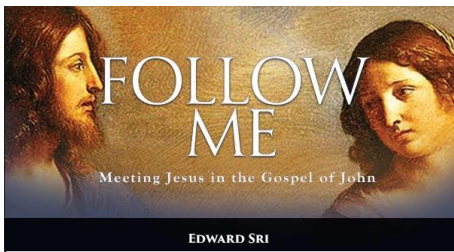
**SUNDAY MASSES:** (Sat Vigil) 6pm; 9am; 11am & 5pm

**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](http://www.brackenstown-parish.com)



**Meeting Jesus in the Gospel of John**  
 The purpose of this Gospel, as stated by John himself, is to show that Jesus of Nazareth was Christ, the Son of God, and that believers in him might have eternal life. All are welcome to join our study of St John's Gospel which will be starting on Monday 30th September in St Cronan's Pastoral Centre. Classes are from 7.30 to 8.30 pm and there is no charge. *Follow Me; Meeting Jesus in the Gospel of John* is an 8-class DVD-led course which will conclude on 25<sup>th</sup> November. To join, please contact the Parish office on 01 8401188 or email [brackenstownparish@gmail.com](mailto:brackenstownparish@gmail.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

One of our major projects this summer was to get the car park relined. It makes clear that parking in front of the church is reserved for church patrons, so that they can access the church for Mass and for funerals. We have also added an extra few disabled parking spaces. Teachers may park in the area on the far side of the walk way, while five spaces are reserved for the staff at BASE immediately in front of that building. 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.

  
**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: [havesasipwords@gmail.com](mailto:havesasipwords@gmail.com)

A Sip of Support Meeting Group located at B.A.S.E. Brackenstown Road.

**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](mailto:Caroline@mentalhealthireland.ie) or call 087 254 2158.

  
**Pray for Dublin Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrims (5<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> September 2024)**  
 We thank all our parishioners and associate members who contributed to the Lourdes Diocesan Fund this year. A total of €1400 was submitted to the Diocesan Pilgrimage Office. Please continue to support Dublin Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrims with your prayers this coming week.  
**Legion of Mary Pilgrimage to Knock**  
 Bus will leave St Cronan's Church at 7:40am on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> 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.

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 13<sup>th</sup> 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 20<sup>th</sup> October. If interested, please contact the parish office and leave your contact details, as places are limited.

Many thanks to parishioners for your generous support of the students from Colaiste Choilm, who spoke at Masses last weekend. They were overwhelmed by your encouragement and generosity. Next Friday they head to Lourdes as helpers with the Dublin diocesan pilgrimage. We ask the Lord to bless all those who are travelling to Lourdes with the Dublin diocese.

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

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.

**SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS**

**Recently Deceased**  
 Bridget O'Connell  
 Frank Connolly  
 Brian Kealy  
 Fr Peter Paul Daly OMI  
 Kian Dawson Kirk  
 Eoghan Dawson

**Month's Mind**  
 Michelle Maguire  
 William Cawley

**Anniversaries**  
 Liam Campbell (1A)  
 Noel Moore (2A)  
 Bridget (Nuala) Byrne (41A)  
 Margaret Jackson  
 Eda Cafolla  
 Zara Cafolla  
 Augustine Elisabeth Aissi

**10 AM MASSES THIS WEEK**

Mon	Healing Intention
Tues	Marian Movement for Priests Patrick & Agnes Kealy (A&BR)
Wed	Francis Kirwan (6A) Ann O'Donnell (RD)
Thur	Tony Monaghan (RD)
Fri	Healing Intention
Sat	Ronnie Stacey & Sr Anne Marie Stacey

**Bethany Bereavement Support Group** offer a free and confidential telephone support to any bereaved parishioners who wish to avail of it  
**Phone Bridget - 085 2812985**  
**Sun 25th Aug to Sat 7th Sept**  
**Please phone from 6pm—8pm**  
*"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted"*

As summer comes to a close, we would like to thank parishioners and visitors who have contributed to the **Summer Offerings** for the support of priests of the parish and of the diocese! Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

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

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