



# CHURCH OF ST. CRONAN BRACKENSTOWN PARISH PARISH NEWSLETTER

27th November 2016  
1st Sunday in Advent — Year A

1<sup>st</sup> Week:

Prayer by text 

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*ou must stand ready  
because the Son of Man  
is coming at an hour you  
do not expect.*

Advent is a busy time and making time to pray can be difficult.

That is where the idea of Prayer by Text came from. Each day you will receive a line from the Sunday Gospel, the same line at a different time each day.

For those who took part last year they said that Advent was a more reflective time for them and Christmas had a deeper meaning.

If you want to take part, please fill in one of the yellow sheets at the Main Door and Cronan's Door. Place the sheet in the box and you'll receive your first text on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> November.

The same line will be on the Newsletter cover each week and Sr. Eileen will be running a "How to Pray with God's Word" workshop on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am repeated at 7:00pm, and "The Experience Of Prayer by Text" on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December at 10:30am repeated at 7:00pm.



## MASS INTENTIONS

**6:30pm:** Thomas & Bridget Hickey (A)  
**9:00am:** Altar List of the Dead  
**11:00pm:** Joe Carroll (A)  
**12:30pm:** Katherine Mallin (B'day Rem)  
**5:30pm:** Patrick & Kathleen Boylan (A)

## PRAY FOR

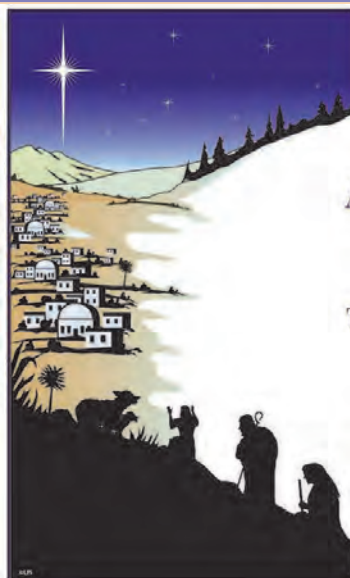
Christopher Devine (RD)  
Richard Dillon (RD)  
Paddy O'Donovan (RD)  
Michael Harvey (RD)

## MASSES NEXT WEEK

**Mon:** Patrick Kearns Snr. (A)  
**Tues:** Michael Burgan (RD)  
**Wed:** Patricia Lacey (6th A)  
**Pray for:** Thomas Hatch (1st A)  
**Thurs:** Mark Gilmore (RD)  
**Fri:** Paul Sweeney (RD)  
**Pray for:** Eammon & Ellen O'Reilly (A)  
Patsy & Ann Cullen (A)  
**Sat:** Shay Keane (A)

**Please take this Newsletter home**





## Church of St. Cronan Brackenstown Parish

### ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December at 7:30pm

*A family celebration with the story  
of Christmas told through the readings, drama,  
popular carols & carols from around the world*

*Refreshments & Mulled Wine afterwards in the  
Parish Pastoral Centre*

**KNOCK**

ALL NIGHT VIGIL

Coach to Our Lady's Shrine for "All Night Vigil"  
Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December leaving Star Pub at 6:00pm  
on and returning at 8:00am on Thursday morning.



### Óglaigh Náisiúnta Na hÉireann,

the Organisation of National Ex-Servicemen and Women is a support organisation for ex-service personnel of the Irish Defence Services. On behalf of the Fr. James Gilmore Branch, they wish to convey their sincere thanks to all who made a contribution to the Church Gate Collection on 8/9 October. The amount collected was €505.60.

## Christmas Concert JENNIFER SNOW & FRIENDS

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Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December  
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St Francis Hospice  
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Mary Staunton Smith



Tickets €20 (includes mulled wine and canapés) Tickets available at St. Sylvester's Parish Centre

## CRAFTERNOONS



Come & Join a new creative  
group for adults in our Parish  
Pastoral Centre.

WEDNESDAYS  
2PM - 4PM



Enjoy creativity,  
Discover new crafts  
Share existing ones!



Places limited to 6 people,  
so booking essential  
through the  
Parish Office 01 8401188



### TRAVELLING CRIB

We are looking for families to sign  
up for the Travelling Crib!

The crib arrives at a home around 6:00pm and remains there till that family give it to the next family at 6:00pm on the following day. It is a great way to prepare for Christmas as a family, to read the story of Jesus birth, to light the candle and pray together and record your experience in the Crib Diary.

If you want to take the travelling crib for a night please take a purple form, fill in the details and put it in the box marked "TRAVELLING CRIB" at the back of the Church. For more information please contact Peter our Pastoral Worker on 089 4614226.

### CHRISTMAS DUES

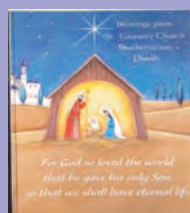
We will be looking for people to deliver the Christmas Cards & Christmas Dues Envelopes to the houses in the parish. This is an important way for us as a parish to reach out to all those in the area. Please consider signing up when we put the sheet at the back of the Church. Even if you could help deliver in your own street/estate, this would be a great help. Also, if you could help with delivering to Applewood and Castlevue Estates, the more the merrier!



## Christmas Mass Cards



Available from the Parish Office for €5.00. The intentions of the Masses over Christmas are for the names on these cards.



## CHRISTMAS FLORAL ARRANGING 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2016 at 8:00pm

In the Parish Centre

Hosted by Maura Worthington  
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Entry €5.00

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at the end of the night

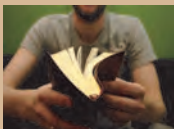


# PARISH DIARY

DATE	EVENT
<b>NOVEMBER 2016</b>	
26th Nov	Come Follow Me 6:30pm
27th Nov	Come Follow Me 5:30pm
28th Nov	Prayer by Text Begins
28th Nov	<i>How to Pray With God's Word</i> 10:30am or 7pm
<b>DECEMBER 2016</b>	
10th Dec	DTIM Mass 6:30pm
11th Dec	DTIM Mass 12:30pm
11th Dec	Annual St. Vincent de Paul Collection
12th Dec	<i>Experience of Prayer by Text</i> 10:30am or 7pm
15th Dec	Christmas Carol Service 7:30pm
19th Dec	Reconciliation Service St. Colmcille's 7:30pm
20th Dec	Reconciliation Service St. Cronan's 7:30pm
<b>THE PARISH DIARY IS AVAILABLE ON THE WEBSITE</b>	

## Brackenstown Bible Study

You are welcome to join us in St Cronan's Pastoral Centre on Monday nights 7.30-9pm. This week will be reviewing **Ezra, Nehemiah and 1 Maccabees**. This completes our reading of the Old Testament. The reading plan for the coming week is **St Luke's Gospel**. Why not come along, ask questions or just listen. There are usually about 20 people present so you won't feel under any pressure to contribute if you don't want to.



## For Carers of People With Dementia

Why not come to the Brackenstown Forget Me Not Café in the Parish Centre for support and information on dementia on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> Nov. from 7pm until 9pm. Run by Health Professionals, **Admission Free**. Enjoy refreshments and a chat in an informal setting. Patients and Carers Welcome

Phone 0894986007 or [www.brackenstownforgetmenotcafe.com](http://www.brackenstownforgetmenotcafe.com)



### Introduction of an envelope system for the 1st collection

Thank you to those who have returned the forms that were inserted recently in the parish newsletter. As mentioned there are substantial benefits to the Parish to be gained by using an envelope system for the 1st collection at no extra cost to anyone. Normally cash placed in the 1st collection does not qualify for Tax Relief as it cannot be traced back to the donor. Information sheets on how this scheme works are available on the tables at the back of the church. We invite those who would like to participate in this scheme to return the forms as soon as possible. Thank you for your generous support of our Parish.

### NOVEMBER ALTAR LIST OF THE DEAD



When you complete your family list please return them to the white letter boxes in the Church. The new list begins at the end of November and we pray for your loved ones at the 9:00am Mass every Sunday, together with the intentions of all the Parishioners and people of the area. If you have not received an Altar List at home, there are some available on the tables at the back of the Church.



### Dates for Baptisms:

10th December 4:00 pm  
11th December 1:45 pm  
17th December 4:00 pm  
18th December 1:45 pm

Please note one Month's Notice to be given & a copy of baby's Birth Cert is required when booking a Baptism.

The next Parent Preparation Meeting is Thursday 1st December at 8pm in St. Cronan's Parish Centre.

## PARISH INFORMATION

### Mass Times:

Sunday: 6:30pm (Sat. Vigil); 9:00am, 11:00am, 12:30pm & 5:30pm

### Weekday Mass:

Monday to Saturday 10:00am

### Holyday Mass:

Vigil 7:30pm; 10:00am

### Confession:

Saturday 10:30am to 11:00am and 6:00pm to 6:20pm

After 10:00am Mass on the Thursday before the First Friday

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01 8408926 – brackenstownparish@gmail.com

089 4614226 – peter.siney@dublindiocese.ie

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Mon to Fri. 9.30am – 1.00pm

Fr. Paul Thornton, Adm,  
Fr. Joseph Njanackal, C.S.T., C.C.  
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## ADVENT & CHRISTMAS

Advent Calendars, Christmas Cards, Crib Figures, little gifts etc. available in main porch after Saturday evening & Sunday morning Masses.



## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Mon: 10.30 am – 11.30 am  
Wed: 6.00 pm – 11.00 pm  
Fri: 10.30 am – 5.45pm  
Sat: 10.30am – 11.30am

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament takes place the last Sunday of every month from 4pm–5pm. Can you stay one hour with me? We encourage new people to come and join us.

## THE ROSARY

Praying for a special intention? Praying for peace? The 'Rosary Statue' was blessed for use in the homes of the parish at the October Candlelight Procession. If you would like to pray the rosary and have the rosary statue in your home for a week, or get more information, please contact a member of Legion of Mary in main porch after Saturday evening or Sunday morning Masses.

## FAMILY OFFERING

We thank all those parishioners who support the running of the parish through the Parish Family Offering fund.

October Standing Order €3,691  
Outdoor Collection €854.55  
Annuals/Half Yearly €0.00

## CHURCH GATE COLLECTIONS

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**10/11 December**  
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