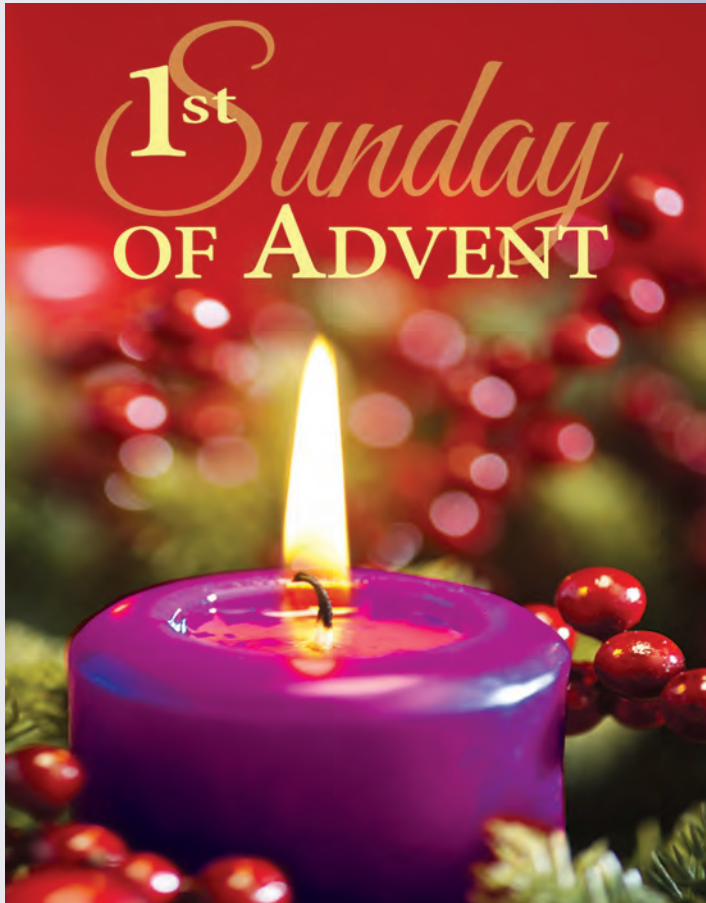



CHURCH OF ST. CRONAN ✕ BRACKENSTOWN PARISH

Parish Newsletter

3rd December 2017 ✕ First Sunday of Advent ✕ Year A



Prayer by text 

Week 1:

Be on your
guard, stay
a w a k e ,
because you
never know when the time
will come.

If you wish to receive the Prayer by Text, please fill in a card in the porch and put it in the suggestion box, contact the Parish Office or email brackenstownparish@gmail.com.

Celebrating 40 years



You are invited to join us as we celebrate
40 years since the Blessing & Dedication
of St. Cronan's Church
with a special Mass on

Monday 11th December at 7:30pm

If you have any old photos of the Church,
please email or drop them into the parish office

MASS INTENTIONS

6:30pm: Margaret Fitzpatrick (25th A)
9:00am: Altar List of the Dead
11:00am: Gustavo Cafolla &
Gemma O'Toole (A)
12:30pm: Hinda Duff (2nd A)
5:30pm: Pat Hoey (A)

PRAY FOR

Joe Carroll (A)
Kathleen & John Kelly (A)
& Dcsd Family Members
Noel Kieran (1st A)

10 AM MASSES NEXT WEEK

Mon: Peter & Chrissy Donnelly (A)
Tues: Special Intention
Wed: Special Intention
Thurs 10am: Bridget & James McGarry
Thurs 7:30pm: Reynaldo Domingo Snr.,
Merlita Domingo & Jesus Manlapaz (A)
Fri 10am: Kitty Treacy (A)
Pray for: Richard Barnwall
Fri 7:30pm: Margaret Kelly (A)
Sat: Sr. Margaret Hilliard (MM)

Please take this Newsletter home

PARISH DIARY

DATE	EVENT
DECEMBER 2017	
4th	Do This In Memory Preparation Group Meeting @ 7:30pm
5th	Parkinson's Assoc Group Christmas Party at 12:30am
5th	Come Follow Me Preparation Group Meeting @ 7:30pm
7th	Patrician's Monthly Meeting @ 8pm
8th	Feast of the Immaculate Conception
9th	Masses at 10am & 7:30pm
9th	DTIM Mass @ 6:30pm
10th	DTIM Mass @ 12:30pm
10th	Polish Mass @ 3:30pm
11th	40th Anniversary Celebrations of Blessing & Dedication of St. Cronan's Church @ 7:30pm
12th	Forget Me Not Café @ 7:00pm
14th	Christmas Carol Service @ 7:30pm
15th	Taizé Prayer Around The Cross @ 7:30pm
16th	Come Follow ME - Believing Mass @ 6:30pm
17th	Come Follow ME - Believing Mass @ 12:30pm

THE PARISH DIARY IS AVAILABLE ON THE WEBSITE

Envelope system for the 1st & Share Collections

Thank you to those who have returned the forms that were inserted in the parish newsletter. 111 households have already requested to be included in the envelope system. As mentioned, there are substantial benefits to be gained by using an envelope system for the 1st Collection and Share Collection at no cost to anyone. Information sheets on how this system works are available on the tables. We invite those who would like to participate in this system to return the forms as soon as possible. Forms may be placed in the white post boxes in the Church or returned to the parish office. Thank you for your support.



The next Parent Meeting is

Thursday 7th December
Next dates for Baptisms:

Sat 9th December 12:30pm
Wed 27th December at 1:30pm
Sat 30th December 1:45pm

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

Brackenstown Parish Pilgrimage to Poland 1st-7th July 2018

Based in Krakow to include Wadowice, Czestochowa, Auschwitz, Wieliczka Salt Mines and the Shrine of Sr. Faustina

Price: €835.00 per person sharing

Checked in bag: Euro 70.00 approx. – 15 kg

Single room supplement: €35.00 per night (limited availability)

Further details from the Parish Office

WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES "CHILDREN'S FAMILY ALBUM"

Children are invited to create what family means to them. Please put your name and age on the reverse side of work. **The closing date is 3rd December.** There will be a prize for each category and all entries will be photographed & displayed at World Meeting of Families 2018.



Bambinelli Sunday

For the past several decades, each year on Gaudete Sunday, the 3rd Sunday of Advent, children & adults bring their Baby Jesus figures from the crib at their homes to St. Peter's Square where the Pope blesses both the people and the figurines during the Angelus.

This year we will celebrate "Bambinelli Sunday" at all Masses in St. Cronan's Church on Sunday 17th December. So please bring your infant Baby Jesus along to be blessed. You will receive a card with the World Meeting of Families Prayer, a prayer for putting the baby in the crib and Grace before your Christmas dinner.



Christmas Raffle

A Raffle is being held in aid of The Alice Leahy Trust, a service for homeless people in Dublin and The Holy Family Maternity Hospital and Orphanage in Bethlehem.

Tickets are a strip of 5 for €1.00 and are available in the Sacristy after Sunday Masses and in the



Parish Centre at the Hospitality on Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays.

The Draw will take place on the Thursday before Christmas, 21st December, after the 10am Mass in the Pastoral Centre.

Christmas Mass Cards



Are available from the Parish Office for €5.00.

The intentions of the Masses over Christmas are for the names on these cards.



Travelling Crib



If your family would like to host our Parish Travelling Crib during Advent, please fill in one of the forms and put it in the box at the back of Church or hand into the Parish Office.



Join us in St. Cronan's Pastoral Centre for
TAIZÉ PRAYER
AROUND THE CROSS
ON FRIDAY 15TH DECEMBER
AT 7:30PM - 8:30PM



Lots of homemade goodies to eat and handmade goods to buy!!!
"Come along and support our budding entrepreneurs"

St Finian's Community College
Christmas Market
Time: 11:00am to 2:00pm
When: Thursday 14th December 2017
Location: St Finian's Community College Sports Hall

In Memory of Sr. Ellen O'Donoghue



Last Friday the Annual Mass for Deceased took place in BASE during which a plaque to honour the memory and the work of Sr. Ellen was blessed. In the coming days it will be placed into its permanent position.

PRAYER MEETING

Spend One Hour... **Tuesday next, 5th December at 8pm - 9pm.** Sisters' Oratory, **29 Brackenstown Village.** This Prayer Meeting honours Servant of God, Frank Duff, founder of Legion of Mary. Everybody most welcome.

THE MONTHLY PATRICIAN MEETING TAKES PLACE THIS WEEK!

"Advent - Your Family's New Beginning?!" is the title of the Discussion on **Thursday next, 7th December at 8:00pm in Parish Pastoral Centre.** What does the Advent Season mean to you? End of year? Start of year? What is the purpose of Advent? *This discussion is open to everyone.* Spiritual Director will speak on the subject.

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS

Advent Calendars, crib figures, Christmas Cards etc. available in main porch after Saturday evening and 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 every **Sunday of Advent from 4pm—5pm.** Can you stay one hour with me? We encourage new people to come and join us.



'LIKE' Legion of Mary Brackenstown Swords

FAMILY OFFERING

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

October Standing Order €3,859
Outdoor Collection €610.61
Annals/Half Yearly €400.00

BINGO



Every Sunday in the Pastoral Centre at 8pm
Doors open at 7:30pm - Everyone welcome!

WORLD MISSIONS IRELAND

Many thanks to the Parishioners of St. Cronan's Parish for the recent Mission Sunday donation of **€3,082.37** which is deeply appreciated. Special thanks for the huge increase on 2016's donation which amounted to **€1,612.24.**

PARKINSON'S GROUP

CHRISTMAS PARTY

5th December at 12:30pm



All Welcome to the next meeting
St. Cronan's Pastoral Centre
Tuesday 9th January 2018
from 11am - 1pm

Tea & coffee available from 10:30am



Many thanks to everyone who supported the recent Coffee Morning in aid of St. Francis Hospice, Raheny. The total raised was €1520.20

THE SNOWMAN

In St. Patrick's Cathedral



23rd December

At 4:00 pm

LauraLynn

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Admission Free: Retiring Collection



ON ANGEL'S WINGS

On fragile wings you were taken away
But in my heart you will always stay
I will hear your whisper in the tallest trees
Feel your love in gentle breeze,
And when I miss you the most,
Inside our beautiful memories
I will hold you close.
You are an angel watching over me
With the comfort and blessing you bring,
You embrace my heart and hold it close,
Forever on angel's wings.
By Cráitín Tierdy

Our Sacred Space for NOVEMBER

Many thanks to Dolores O'Rourke who arranged the Sacred Space for the month of November. Her sculpture signifies an Angel whose wings protect us from the flames of fire.



Praying with God's Word

Below are the readings for this Sunday and next Sunday:

1st Sunday of Advent: First Reading Isaiah (Is) 63:16-17, 64: 1, 3-8; **2nd Reading** 1st Letter Corinthians (1 Cor) 1:3-9; **Gospel** Mark (Mk) 13:33-37

2nd Sunday of Advent: First Reading Isaiah (Is) 63:16-17, 64:1, 3-8; **2nd Reading** 1st Letter Corinthians (1 Cor) 1:3-9; **Gospel** Mark (Mk) 13:33-37



PARISH INFORMATION

Mass Times:

Weekday Mass:

Holyday Mass:

Confession:

Fr. Paul Thornton, Adm,
Peter Siney, Pastoral Worker
Louise Donnelly, Secretary

Sunday: 6:30pm (Sat. Vigil); 9:00am, 11:00am, 12:30pm & 5:30pm
Monday to Saturday 10:00am
Vigil 7:30pm; 10:00am
Saturday 10:30am to 11:00am and 6:00pm to 6:20pm
After 10:00am Mass on the Thursday before the First Friday
01 8401661 – 087 7404729 – pauljthornton@gmail.com
089 4614226 – peter.siney@dublindiocese.ie
01 8401188 – brackenstownparish@gmail.com
Mon to Fri. 9.30am – 1.00pm

View our new Parish Webcam via the Parish Website



CHURCH GATE COLLECTIONS

2/3 DECEMBER
No Collection

REPLACES SHARE COLLECTION

9/10 DECEMBER
St. Vincent de Paul
Annual Collection



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 through music, praying The Divine Office, daily
 mass and the sacrament of reconciliation.

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