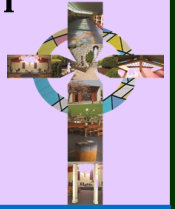


8th December 2019

✠ Second Sunday of Advent ✠

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Parish Newsletter



ADVENT - HOPEFUL WAITING

Monday 9th December at 8:00pm
Br. Martin Bennett OFM Cap.
St. Francis and the Christmas Crib

Monday 9th December to Monday 23rd December

Advent Prayer Stations

A Creative Journey through Seven Prayer Stations around the Church

Thursday 12th December at 7:30pm
St. Cronan's Senior School
will lead a Carol Service

Sunday 15th December at all Masses
Bambinelli Sunday
Bring your Crib to be Blessed at all our Masses

Tuesday 17th December at 8:00pm
Star of Bethlehem
A Reflection on this Holy Place

Sacrament of Reconciliation An Opportunity for Healing

Monday 16th December at 7:30pm
in St. Colmcille's Church

Saturday 21st December at 10:30am
in St. Cronan's Church

CHRISTMAS OFFERING ENVELOPES

As part of our parish outreach to the local community, we want to have our Christmas Envelopes delivered to every home. This needs a lot of help to deliver them. If you can help, please leave your name at the tables at the back of the Church after all Masses or contact the Parish Office.



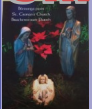
BRACKENSTOWN TRAVELLING CRIB

Our Travelling Crib has begun its journey and will spend a night with families right up to Christmas Eve. If you would like to host the crib for a night, please contact the parish office.

When a family receive the crib from the previous family they set out the figures, read the Christmas Story from the book, light the candle and say a family prayer. They contact the next family and deliver the crib by 6:00pm the next day.

Parish calendars for 2020 available from the back of the Church

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.



Prayer-By-Text

"I baptise you in water for repentance, but the one who follows me is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to carry his sandals"

Under GDPR legislation we cannot keep the phone numbers of those who took part last year. If you wish to partake, please fill in your details on the purple cards on the tables in the Church and put them into the white letterboxes at the doors.



New Children's Choir In St. Cronan's Church

For children from 8—13years

One Practice a month on a Thursday
from 3:00pm to 4:00pm

Singing at two 12:30 Masses per month

For more information come to the Parish Centre
at 3:00pm on Thursday 12th December



(children must be accompanied
by a parent/guardian to the practice on the 12th Dec.)
Or email: brackenstownparish@gmail.com

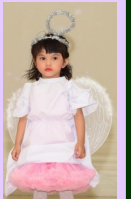
CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

IN AID OF MOTOR NEURONE DISEASE FOUNDATION

Tickets are €1 for a strip of 5 and are available from the Sacristy and at the Hospitality in the Parish Centre. The Draw will take place on Thursday 19th December at our Festive Coffee Morning.

CALLING ALL SHEPHERDS & ANGELS!!

for Christmas Nativity Play
on Christmas Eve
for Children aged 5 plus



Come along to the practice on:
Sunday 15th December at 7pm
Saturday 22nd December at 7pm

Tuesday 24th December at 4:30pm (Mass at 6:00pm)

Order of Malta Christmas Dinner

The Order of Malta are hosting Christmas Dinner on December 15th in St. Cronan's Parish Pastoral Centre for those who are housebound or living alone. If you know of anyone who would enjoy the chance to go, please leave their name with Louise in the Parish Office. The Order of Malta will provide transport to and from the dinner and they can accommodate wheelchairs both manual and electric.



ORDER OF MALTA
IRELAND



SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS

6:30pm: Kitty Treacy (A)
9:00am: Parish Intentions
11:00am: Michael Rothwell Jnr. (A)
12:30pm: Kevin Donnelly & Dcsd members of Hughes Family
5:30pm: Margaret Kelly (A)

PRAY FOR

Flan Clune (RD)
Richard Barnwall (14A)
Mary Monaghan (A)
Paddy Reilly (A)

10 AM MASSES NEXT WEEK

Mon: Anton Boylan (2A)
Tues: Fr. Roy Drummey (A)
Wed: Maisie Blanche (RD)
Thur: Special Intention
Fri: Liam Nolan (A)
Sat: Elieen Boles (MM)

Tribes Press (Ireland) is working in conjunction with St. Vincent de Paul and the Simon Community to support families in need. We are offering a chance for you to donate as little as €5 and as much as you like towards new books for a child or whole family for Christmas. For every donation you make to the value of a new book, Tribes Press will donate another book. Each book will be signed by the author with a special message inside to each child. To donate go to www.tribespress.com email: info@tribespress.com or call: 087 7749873.

Open Meeting
2nd Wednesday of each month
8 to 9.30pm
BASE RESOURCE CENTRE
BRACKENSTOWN
SWORDS
Co DUBLIN



086 7347353

St Cronan's JNS
Is currently enrolling for Junior Infants for September 2020. Application forms are available from the school office and for download from our website www.stcronansjns.ie. Closing date for receipt of completed applications is 10th January 2019.



The Feast of the Immaculate Conception of Blessed Virgin Mary falls on Sunday 8th December, therefore it is transferred to the Monday 9th not as a Holy Day but as a solemnity. Mass will be as usual at 10am on the Monday.

The Community Choir will meet on Wednesday's, 11th and 18th December from 7pm to 8pm in the Pastoral Centre. The Community Choir was formed as a result of the Parish Assembly and all ages are welcome to join as we learn and sing together.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION SACRAMENTAL MASSES

Saturday, 14th December at 6:30pm Mass
Cronan's JNS Classes—Ms Kavanagh & Ms O'Brien and Swords & Thornleigh Educate Together

Sunday, 15th December at 12:30pm Mass
Cronan's JNS Classes—Ms Quinn, Ms Smith & Mr Bailey & Gaelscoil Briain Boroimhe

Please remember the children from our parish in your prayers, as they prepare to receive the Sacraments of First Confession, First Holy Communion and Confirmation next year.

New Sanctuary Furniture

So far €9,035.00 has been donated to our fundraising appeal, this includes a donation to cover the cost of the Ambo from the Bible Study Group and a gift from the Marie Reparatrice Sisters to cover the cost of the Sanctuary Lamp. If you wish to make a donation there are envelopes at the display at the Main Door.

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 on the first, third & fourth Sundays of Advent from 4pm—5pm. Can you stay 1 hour with me? We encourage new people to come & join us.

NATIVITY SETS & CRIBS

Christmas Cards, Nativity Sets, Calendars, children's books, colouring books etc. as well as many other religious items available in main porch after Saturday evening and Sunday morning Masses.

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS SEASON

The Rosary reminds us of the events we celebrate at this time of year. The "Rosary Statue" could help us focus on the story of Christ's birth. If you would like to have the Statue in your home for a week in December, (or other time), please speak to member of Legion of Mary in main porch after Saturday evening or Sunday morning Masses.

HELPERS

Glasmore Park, Swords Manor, and other areas of the parish—New Helpers needed to deliver the "Alive!" Catholic Paper. If you could give **20-30 minutes a month** you could do great work to spread the Good News of the Gospel. Enquire at Legion of Mary table in the main porch after Saturday evening or Sunday morning Masses or leave your contact number with Louise in the Parish Office.

Would You Like to Work for Our Lady?

Legion of Mary needs new members to help Our Lady bring Jesus to more people. Meetings are held in the new location—"Crosscare" room at priest's house, on Tuesdays at 10:30am, Wednesdays at 7:30pm and 4:45pm on Fridays for under 18's in Parish Pastoral Area. Why not come along and see what you can do!



"LIKE" Legion of Mary Brackenstown Swords

The Vincent De Paul Collection took place at all Masses this weekend. If you didn't get a chance to make a contribution you can do so by leaving it in an envelope in the parish office or donate online at www.svp.ie

Anam Cara North Dublin, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding a Parent Evening for bereaved parents on Wednesday 18th December at 7:20pm in the Carnegie Court Hotel, Swords, Co. Dublin. This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether their death was recent or not. Please contact us on info@anamcara.ie or 085 2888 888 for any queries.

FAMILY OFFERING

Thank you for your support and generosity to the ongoing running costs of the Parish.

October Standing Order: €3,931
Family Offering: €765.00
First Collection: €1290.00 (For Tax Reclaim: €331.00)
Share Collection: €1050.00 (For Tax Reclaim: €236.68)

Praying with God's Word

2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
First Reading: Is 11:1-10
2nd Reading: Rom 15:4-9
Gospel: Mt 3:1-2

3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
First Reading: Is 35:1-6a, 10
2nd Reading: Jas 5:7-10
Gospel: Mt 11:2-11



View our Parish Webcam via the Parish Website www.brackenstown-parish.com

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