

Parish Newsletter

13th December 2020 3rd Sunday of Advent Year A

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL COLLECTION



Please support the SVP Collection
 Saturday & Sunday 12th & 13th December 2020
 Envelopes available at the back of the Church

Christmas Masses

Our Church can only hold 100 people with the restrictions that are in place at this time. The booking system for the Christmas Masses is now closed as we have reached the maximum capacity allowed into the Church at each of the Masses on Christmas Day and Christmas Eve. For anyone who has booked by form and left it into the Church or the Parish Office, your tickets will be available from the Parish Office. Please note that you must show your ticket to the Stewards on duty at the Masses in either a paper form or on your phone. Names and contact details will be kept on file for two weeks after Christmas for Contact Tracing purposes.

TICKETS AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTION ON THURSDAY 17TH DECEMBER BETWEEN THE TIMES OF 10:30AM & 1PM

If you have left your name into the Parish Office to be put on the waiting list, you will receive a phone call if we are able to facilitate your attendance. Two people have volunteered to coordinate this task and we thank them for their time.

Crosscare Appeal - A simple way communities can support each other

Times are difficult for everyone at the moment particularly the most vulnerable people in our community. As the need for people to access our services increases, we are finding it more difficult to keep our stock at a level that can cope with the demand.

Donations of new toiletry products and in their original packaging please: **Community Food Bank, Priest's Houses, St. Cronan's Church, Brackenstown Rd, Swords**

Wednesday 16th December Time: 1-2pm

Donations of food and toiletries welcome— Soaps, Shampoo,
 Toothpaste, hand soap, baby hygiene products.



ALL WEEKEND MASSES WILL BE OFFERED FOR INTENTIONS THAT HAVE BEEN BOOKED

Kitty Treacy (A)
 Gustavo Cafolla & Gemma O'Toole (A)
 Bridget Darcy (A)
 Liam Nolan (10A)

PRAY FOR

Altar List of the Dead
 Patrick Kenny (RD)
 Paddy Twomey (RD)
 Stephen O'Gorman (8A)
 Michael Hall (3A)
 Carmel & Jacqueline Kelly (A)
 Jimmy Duffy (Rem)
 Dcsd Members English & Mulkearns families

10 AM MASSES NEXT WEEK

Mon: Thomas Hamilton (B Rem)
 Pray for: Patrick & Ann Mongan & Family
Tues: Mai Logan (A)
 Larry Wolohan (A)
Wed: Pray for: Kathleen Morris (1A)
 & Kathleen Kelly (B Rem)
Thur: Diana Ukuta (B Rem)
Fri: James, Ellen & Gerard McGrath (R)
 Pray for: Elizabeth Grace (B Rem)
Sat: Tom Stacey (20A)



ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CAROLS

will be celebrated on
Wednesday, 16th December
@ 7:30pm

Online only
Please tune in via Webcam
w.brackenstown-parish.com

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 this Sunday. So please bring your infant Baby Jesus along to be blessed.

READINGS FOR Third Sunday of Advent

1st Reading: Is 61:1-2a, 10-11
PSALM: Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54
2nd Reading: 1 Thes 5:16-24
Gospel: Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

*Praying with
God's Word*

Christmas Card Delivery

Some Christmas Cards have still to be delivered to a number of areas in the parish: Valley View, Knocksedan, The Gallops, St. Cronan's Estate & Brackenstown Road. If you can help please contact the Parish Office.

Church Reopening

On Tuesday 1st December the Church opened again for public worship. There are conditions that we have to follow which are the same as when we were open in the summer.

- ◆ The Church is split into two pods of 50 for all Masses.
- ◆ If you enter by the right main door, nearest the Grotto, you stay on that side and leave by the side door.
- ◆ If you enter by the left main door, nearest the Pastoral Centre, you stay on that side and leave by the Pastoral Centre door.
- ◆ Please follow the directions of the stewards.
- ◆ Face masks must be worn.
- ◆ Hands must be sanitised as you enter the Church.
- ◆ Holy Communion will be brought to your seat and you receive on the hand.
- ◆ Kneeling is limited to certain parts of the Church.
- ◆ The Church closes immediately after Mass and reopens once it has been cleaned.
- ◆ Masses will continue to be broadcast on the webcam and you can receive Holy Communion after Mass.
- ◆ If you are diagnosed with Covid19, if you have underlying health conditions, if you have a cold, then please stay at home.
- ◆ Maintain 2mts Social Distancing and please don't congregate outside the Church.
- ◆ We need more volunteers to clean between Masses.

Act of Spiritual Communion Prayer

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. **Amen.**

Christmas Cards, Nativity Sets/Crib Figures, Church Art Calendars and other religious items available through the Parish Centre.

Catholic Papers & Magazines

Are available as usual in the new bookrack at the back of the Church.
'LIKE' Legion of Mary Brackenstown Swords



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

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