



## Parish Newsletter

17th December 2017 ✕ Third Sunday of Advent ✕ Year A

### Prayer by text

#### Week 3:

**I**baptise with water but there stands among you, unknown to you, the one who is coming after me and I am not fit to undo his sandal strap.

#### Week 4:

**R**ejoice, so highly favoured!  
The Lord is with you.

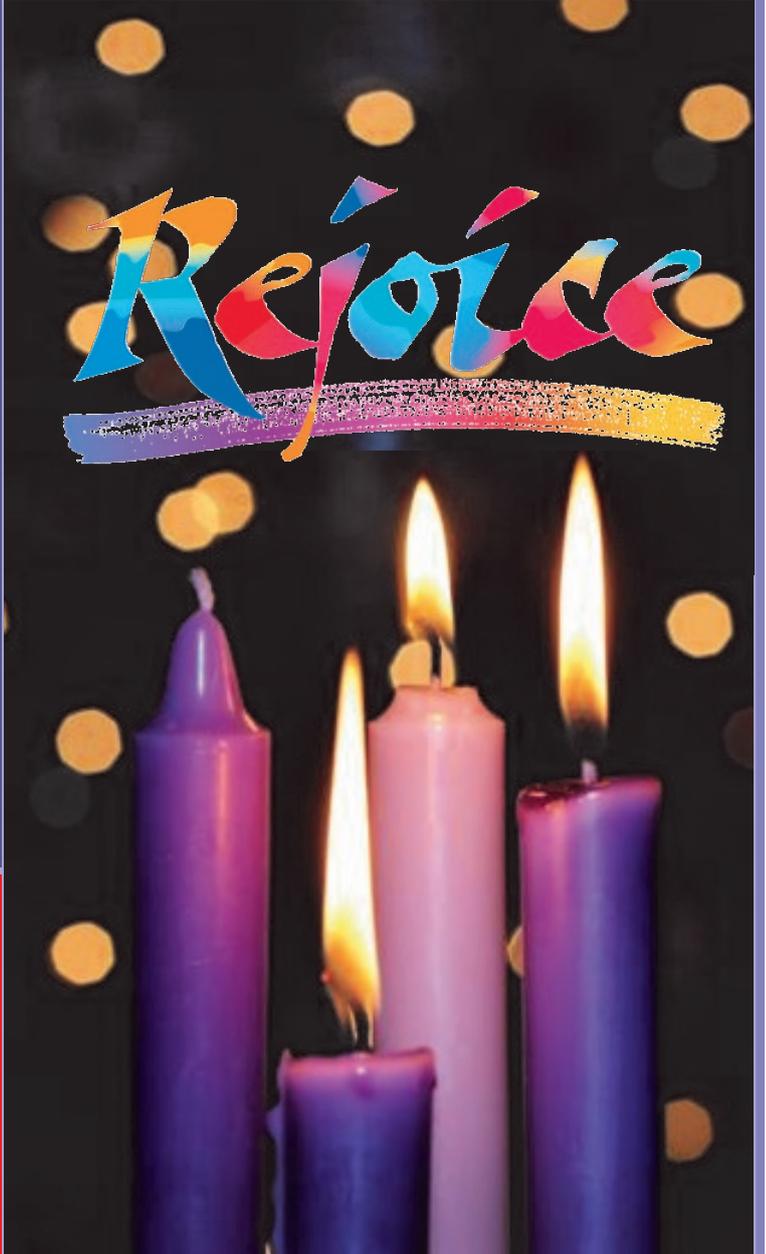
If you wish to receive the Prayer by Text, please fill in a card in the porch and put it in the suggestion box, contact the Parish Office or email [brackenstownparish@gmail.com](mailto:brackenstownparish@gmail.com)

### 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 **THIS Thursday, 21st December**, after the 10am Mass in the Pastoral Centre.



### MASS INTENTIONS

**6:30pm:** Kevin Donnelly (B'day Rem) & Dcsd Member of Hughes Family  
**9:00am:** Altar List of the Dead  
**11:00am:** Bridget Darcy (A)  
**12:30pm:** Ellen Canny(A) & Dcsd Family member of Canny & Broderick Families  
**5:30pm:** James, Ellen & Gerard McGrath (Rem)

### PRAY FOR

Maura Hughes (MM)  
Diana Ukutu (B'day Rem)  
Dolores Edwards (A)  
Tom Mongan (32nd A)  
Brigid Mongan (Rem)  
Lawrence & Ann Maughan (Rem)  
Stephen O'Gorman (5th A)  
Anne Browne (Rem)

### 10 AM MASSES NEXT WEEK

**Mon:** Diana Ukutu (B'day Rem)  
**Tues:** Ellen Slattery (A)  
**Wed:** Anastatia Kelly (A) & Dcsd Family Members  
**Thurs:** Madge Taaffe (A)  
**Fri:** Special Intention  
**Sat:** Dcsd Family Members of McDaid & Hanlon Families

# Please take this Newsletter home

# PARISH DIARY

DATE	EVENT
DECEMBER 2017	
16th	Come Follow ME - Believing Mass @ 6:30pm
17th	Come Follow ME - Believing Mass @ 5:30pm
18th	Scripture Study @ 7:30pm
18th	Reconciliation Service St. Colmcille's 7:30pm
19th	Reconciliation Service St. Finian's 7:30pm
21st	Coffee Morning with Raffle @ 10:30am

THE PARISH DIARY IS AVAILABLE ON THE WEBSITE



The next Parent Meeting is  
Thursday 4th January

Next dates for Baptisms:

Sun 7th January @ 1:45pm

Sun 28th January @ 1:45pm

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

## Hospitality in the Pastoral Centre

The Hospitality Group welcome additional members, most especially for 3rd Sunday of each month after the 9am, 11am & 12:30pm Masses.

Next date will be Sunday 21st January.



Weekday Hospitality  
returns on Tuesday 9th  
January after 10am Mass



## CALLING ALL SHEPHERDS & ANGELS!!

Are you aged between 5 & 12? Would you like to take part in our Nativity Play during the 6:00pm Mass on 24th December?

Come along to the practice on:

Sunday 17th December after the 12:30pm Mass

Tuesday 19th December at 7pm

Saturday 23rd December at 5pm

Saturday 24th December at 5pm

(Just before 6:00pm Mass)

### Envelope Delivery Team

Thank you to all who volunteered to become part of our delivery team.

Your help is greatly appreciated in this important outreach to parishioners and all in our parish.



### Christmas Tree Stars and Angels



If you would like to remember a loved one who has died or who is away from home this Christmas you can write their name on a star which will be put on our Christmas Tree.

If you want to remember a baby who has died, a miscarriage or still birth you can write their name or the date you lost them on the angel which will also go on our Christmas tree.

Both the stars and angels are on the table beside the Jesse Tree and you can put them into the box provided.

Church of St. Cronan, Brackenstown Parish  
Christmas Calendar 2017

#### Saturday 23rd December

Morning Mass 10am

Confessions 10:30am - 12noon & 5:15pm - 6:15pm;

Sunday Vigil Mass at 6.30pm

#### Sunday 24th December (Christmas Eve)

Mass 9:00am; 11:00am & 12:30pm

Confessions 1:30pm-2:30pm

No 5:30pm Mass

First Mass of Christmas at 6.00pm (Family Mass)

Mass of the Nativity at 9.00pm

(Preceded by Carols at 8.45pm)

#### Monday 25th December (Christmas Day)

Masses 9.00am, 10.30am & 12.00pm

No Evening Mass

#### Tuesday 26th December (St. Stephen's Day)

Mass at 11.00am

#### Wednesday 27th - Saturday 30th December

Mass at 10.00am

#### Sunday 31st December (The Holy Family)

Vigil Mass: 6:30pm (Saturday); 9:00am;

11:00am, 12:30pm & 5:30pm

#### Monday 1st January 2018 (Mary, Mother of God)

Mass at 11.00am

#### Tuesday 2nd January - Thursday 4th January

Mass at 10.00am

#### Friday 5th January

10:00am & Vigil Mass 7:30pm

#### Saturday 6th January (Feast of the Epiphany)

Mass at 10.00am

#### Sunday 7th January (The Baptism of Our Lord)

Vigil Mass: 6:30pm (Saturday); 9:00am;

11:00am, 12:30pm & 5:30pm

Epiphany Gifts can be brought to all Masses  
between 1st & 10th January 2018

#### RECONCILIATION SERVICES

Swords

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30pm

River Valley

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30pm

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## THE SNOWMAN

In St. Patrick's  
Cathedral



23rd December

At 4:00 pm

LauraLynn IRELAND'S  
CHILDREN'S  
HOSPICE

Admission Free: Retiring Collection

Would you like to make a positive contribution to a child's life? Foster Care Ireland is an independent foster care service and is currently recruiting foster carers in the Dublin area. Foster families offer their home and support to a child or young person who is in need of care. If you are interested please contact Foster Care Ireland PH: 01 444 3444; Email: info@fostercareireland.ie; www.fostercareireland.ie

Foster Care Ireland

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

Booking will close on **Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December** for our Pilgrimage to Poland 1<sup>st</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> July 2018.

A deposit of €250.00 must be paid by 22<sup>nd</sup> December.

Price: €835.00 - Checked in bag: €70.00

Single Room Supplement: €35.00 per night

Further details from Parish Office.

### Advance Notice

## Brackenstown Pilgrimage to the Holy Land

We are planning a Pilgrimage to the Holy Land in 2019.

The approx. dates are 26th October – 3rd November

Agent will be MAP Travel

**Booking will open in JUNE 2018 through the Parish Office**

## CHRISTMAS DUES

The Christmas Dues together with the First Collection at Mass and the Easter Dues goes to support myself and the sick and retired Priests of the Diocese. We really appreciate your generosity to this collection.

There is a financial benefit to the Parish as your Dues contributions can be included in your Family Offering for the Tax Reclaim Scheme. Under the terms of this scheme only the Dues banked before 31<sup>st</sup> of December can be claimed in the 2017 submission. Any received after that date will be included in the 2018 claim. It would be helpful if we can get as many of the Christmas Dues returned by the 31<sup>st</sup> December.

Thank you again for your generosity and for all your support.

Fr. Paul

# St. Vincent de Paul

Last week's annual collection again showed the great generosity of the people of the Parish. The collection brought in €8,708.00 which will go a long way to help them in their work in the coming year. It was great to have members of the Brackenstown Conference speaking at all the Masses last weekend. In this day and age when we are told things are getting better, there are still so many families who are being left behind. Through the work of St. Vincent de Paul there is someone there to reach out to them in these difficult times.

If you need help from SVP you can also ring 01 8550022.

## CHRISTMAS CRIBS



Crib figures, Nativity sets, Christmas Colouring books, Activity books, Advent Calendars, Children's Bibles, 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 n/a

Annuals/Half Yearly €650.00



## BINGO

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

## Praying with God's Word

Below are the readings for this Sunday and next Sunday:

**3rd Sunday of Advent:** First Reading Isaiah (Is) 61:1-

2, 10-11; 2nd Reading 1st Letter Thessalonians (1 Thess) 5:16-24; Gospel John (Jn) 1:6-8, 19-28

**4th Sunday of Advent:** First Reading 2 Samuel (2 Sam) 7:1-5, 8:12, 14, 16; 2nd Reading Romans (Rom) 16:25-27; Gospel Luke (Lk) 1:26-38



## AN EVENING OF CAROLS AND REFLECTIONS

The Dublin Diocesan Music Group is hosting a wonderful evening of Christmas song and reflection on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December at 8pm in the Monastery of Alphonsus, St. Alphonsus Road, Drumcondra, Dublin 9 – all donations in aid of Child Vision. [www.rednuns.com](http://www.rednuns.com)



**ChildVision**  
National Education Centre for Blind Children

# 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.



## PARISH INFORMATION

Mass Times:

Weekday Mass:

Holyday Mass:

Confession:

Sunday (Sat. Vigil) 6:30pm, 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

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

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Mon to Fri. 9.30am – 1.00pm

View our Parish Webcam via the Parish Website



## CHURCH GATE COLLECTIONS

THERE ARE NO  
CHURCH GATE  
COLLECTIONS UNTIL  
2018



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