



Parish Newsletter

9th December 2018 ✕ Second Sunday of Advent ✕ Year c

Advent Carol Service

St. Cronan's Church
 Tuesday 11th December at 7:30pm
 Refreshments in Pastoral Centre Afterwards



Led by our Family Mass Group,
 11:00am and 12:30pm Choirs
 With friends from Poland, Nigeria, Italy,
 India and more.

Bambinelli Blessing
 Please bring the
 Baby Jesus from
 your crib for this
 special blessing.

Love conquers all

A COLLECTION FOR "THE BRACKENSTOWN FOR KERALA RELIEF FUND" WILL BE TAKEN UP AT THE END OF THE CAROL SERVICE



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

Sunday 16th December after the 12:30pm Mass

Christmas Eve 24th December at 5pm

(Just before 6:00pm Mass)



SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS		PRAY FOR	10 AM MASSES NEXT WEEK	
6:30pm:	Muriel Kennedy (11th A) & Patricia Butler (9th A)	Margaret Kelly (A) Betty & Paddy Warren (A) Richard Barnwall (A)	Mon:	Fr. Roy Drummey (A)
9:00am:	Parish Intentions	Dcsd Member of Stones & McGonigle Families	Tues:	Kathleen & Patrick O'Reilly & Dcsd Family Members
11:00am:	Michael Rothwell Jnr. (A)	Isabella Perrelli (A)	Wed:	Special Intention
12:30pm:	George Murray (A)	Michele Abbrecia (A) Patrick Reilly (A)	Thur:	Liam Nolan (A)
5:30pm:	Kitty Treacy (A)	Mary Monaghan (A) Joan King (A)	Fri:	Tom & Bridget Mongan (A)
			Sat:	Yvonne & Kathleen Memery (MM)

BRACKENSTOWN FOR KERALA

The Congregation of St Therese (Fr. Bibin's order) are working hard on the ground to help those most in need in the area around Idukki in Kerala, India.

How can you help?

There are two ways you can help:

1. Buy one of our Christmas Cards in place of a present for someone you know. The card will explain the projects the donation will contribute to. You can decide on the amount you would like to give. These cards are the perfect gift for teachers and other people you might like to give a token of appreciation.

2. Take one of the specially marked envelopes at the back of the Church, enclose your donation and return it to one of the white post boxes at the back of the Church.

Where will my money go?

All monies collected will go to the Congregation of St. Therese Flood Relief Projects

- €75: provides basic supplies for one family for one month
- €625—€2,000: repair of a home (depends on level of damage)
- €8,000: the cost to build a house for a family



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



Hearing, Happening, Hoping...

A chance to read and reflect on the Sunday Gospel during the Season of Advent. Mondays from 7.30pm—8.30pm & Tuesdays 11am-12 noon in the Pastoral Centre. All are welcome

CHRISTMAS MASS BOUQUETS

Are available from Parish Office for €5. All Masses on Christmas days are offered for the names on these cards



Prayer by Text Week Two

If you wish to receive the Prayer by Text, please fill in a card in the Church Porch and drop it in the Suggestion Box

*A voice cries in the wilderness,
Prepare a way for the Lord,
Make his paths straight.*

COFFEE MORNING IN AID OF "BRACKENSTOWN FOR KERALA"

The Coffee Morning will take place on Thursday 20th December in the Parish Centre after the 10am Mass.

Tickets for the Christmas Raffle will be on sale at the Coffee Mornings and at the back of the Church on Sunday 16th December.

Tickets cost €1 per strip. Prizes include handmade Christmas

Decorations,
Christmas Table
Centre Display, a
Hamper, wines &
chocolates.



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. The envelopes are ready delivery - please call into the Parish Office as soon as possible.



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 will be on a table in the Church and you can put them into the box provided.

Please note on 22nd December there is **NO** 10am Mass in Brackenstown.

RECONCILIATION SERVICES

BRACKENSTOWN: Thursday 20th December at 7:30pm
RIVERVALLEY: Saturday 22nd December beginning with Mass at 11am during which there will be the Examination of Conscience followed by individual confession after Mass. (This will be the only Saturday morning Mass in the Swords area).

Each day during Advent you will be sent a line from the Sunday Gospel for reflection. The idea is that you take a moment out of what you are doing to think about what this word of God means to you in the middle of your busy life.

To be part of this prayer please fill in your details on the purple cards that are on the tables around the Church and put them into the white letterboxes at the doors. Under the GDPR legislation we have not kept the phone numbers of those who took part in this prayer last year so you have to fill in the card to be part of it.

SAOIRSE AA GROUP

Wednesdays 8:00pm in BASE,
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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 for Advent from 4pm—5pm. Can you stay 1 hour with me? We encourage new people to come & join us.

FAITH DEVELOPMENT

The monthly Patrician meeting takes place this week! "Joseph and the Holy Family" is the title of the discussion on Thursday next 13th December at 8:00 pm in the Pastoral Centre. This discussion is open to everyone. Spiritual director will speak on the subject.

SACRED SPACE ITEMS

For all children participating in the 'Do this in Memory' programme, holy water bottles, crosses, statues and other religious items perfect for a child's sacred space are available from members of the Legion of Mary in the main porch after Saturday evening and Sunday morning Masses.

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS

Advent Calendars crib figures, Christmas Cards etc, available in the main porch after Saturday evening and Sunday morning Masses.

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 recent 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.



'LIKE' Legion of Mary Brackenstown Swords

PARISH DIARY

DATE	EVENT
DECEMBER 2018	
Dec 8th	Confirmation Mass 6:30pm: Ms Morrissey, Ms Kelly, Ms Doyle & GSBB
Dec 9th	Confirmation Mass 5:30pm: Mr Gallagher, Ms Farrell, Ms Quinn, Holywell, Swords & Thornleigh ETNS
Dec 9th	Polish Christmas Carols @ 2:30pm
Dec 11th	St. Cronan's Junior School Carol Service @ 11am
Dec 11th	Parish Christmas Carol Service @ 7:30pm
Dec 13th	Patricians Meeting @ 8pm in Parish Centre
Dec 19th	St. Cronan's Senior School Carol Service @ 1pm

THE PARISH DIARY IS AVAILABLE ON THE WEBSITE

The Parish Calendar for 2019 is available from the back of the Church, from the Legion shop or from the Parish Office.

Brackenstown Pilgrimage to the Holy Land 2019

We are planning a Holy Land Pilgrimage. The approximate dates are **THE END OF SEPTEMBER 19**
Agent will be MAP Travel.

Names are being taken through the Parish Office



Next Parent Meeting is
Thursday 6TH JANUARY
Next dates for Baptisms:

Sunday 13th January 1:45 pm
Saturday 26th January at 12:30pm

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

Praying with God's Word

Below are the readings for this Sunday & the following Sunday:

Second Sunday of Advent

First Reading: Bar 5:1-9; Psalm: 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6;
Second Reading: Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6

Third Sunday of Advent

First Reading: Zep 3:14-18a; Psalm Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6
Second Reading: Phil 4:4-7; Gospel: Luke 3:10-18



Are you aged 16-29? Do you dare to say 'Yes'... then why not join us for Panama in Dublin from Sat 26th to Sun 27th January 2019 at Emmaus Retreat Centre near Swords, to mark and link with World Youth Day 2019 in Panama. We'll have music, talks, the Pope's homilies from Panama, food, fellowship, fun and more. Register your interest by emailing us at: wvdathome@dublindioocese.ie If you're aged 18-29 and would like to volunteer for this exciting event, pop us an email to the same address with 'volunteer' in the subject line! Follow us on Facebook at: WYD@Home – Panama in Dublin

CRAFT SALE

On Sunday 16th December, Terri Burke and her daughter will again be selling crafts from Kampala in Uganda. These would make a unique and special Christmas Gift and also support the children in the Orphanage in Kampala.



FAMILY OFFERING

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

**October Standing Order €n/a
Outdoor Collection - €594.74
Annuals/Half Yearly - €550.00**

All of the above contributions are recorded for the tax rebate.

COLLECTIONS AT THE WEEKEND MASSES

First Collection €1389.60 (€372.14 recorded for Tax)
Share Collection €1180.00 (€244.47 recorded for Tax)

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



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