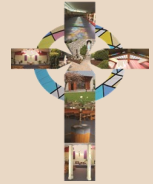


CHURCH OF ST. CRONAN ✠ BRACKENSTOWN PARISH

29th December 2019
✠ Holy Family Sunday ✠
Year A

Parish Newsletter



**WISHING ALL OUR
PARISHIONERS
A HAPPY & HOLY NEW YEAR**

2020
Happy New Year



AMORIS LAETITIA

The Feast of the Holy Family is dedicated to the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, commemorating their life together in Nazareth and calling us to focus on Catholic family life.

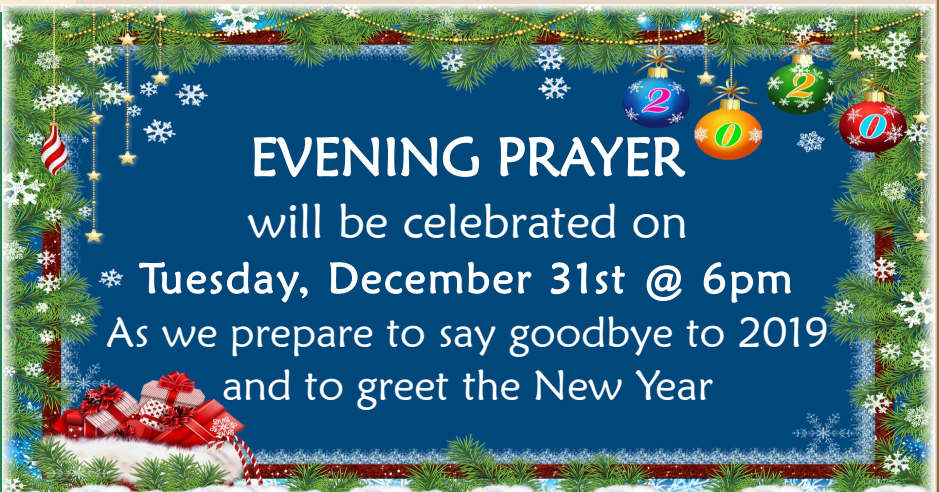
The Church presents the Holy Family to us as a model for our own family life. The parents of Jesus would have taught him the Scriptures and prayers of their people when he was very young. It was through their example that Jesus would formulate many of the stories he would later use in his teaching. Jesus saw work sanctified through the example of his earthly parents, who did all things well in the ordinary circumstances of daily life.

As far back as St. John Chrysostom, Christians were urged to make of their home a *family church* in which the family members would find ways of being holy. That was to be accomplished by putting Christ at the centre of all individual and family life, by working and praying together, reading the Scriptures and worshipping as a unit.

Catholics are encouraged to learn what the Church teaches about family life. It is within the family that human life in all its stages is nurtured and protected, where concern for others is learned and where the virtues are developed for the good of the individual, the family, and of society.



All Welcome to the next meeting in
St. Cronan's Pastoral Centre
Tuesday 7th January
from 11am - 12pm
Followed by exercise class with
Sielbleu
Tea & coffee available
from 10:30am



EVENING PRAYER

will be celebrated on

✧ Tuesday, December 31st @ 6pm
As we prepare to say goodbye to 2019
and to greet the New Year

SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS

6:30pm: Eileen McGuirk (A)
9:00am: Parish Intentions
11:00am: Eddie (A) & Alice Farrell (R)
12:30pm: Thomas Lawless (A)
5:30pm: Dolores & Billy Edwards (A)

PRAY FOR

Katrina Harford (A)

10 AM MASSES NEXT WEEK

Mon: John Cantwell (RD)
Pray for: Paula O'Keeffe (4A)
Tues: John Cantwell (RD)
Wed: Special Intention
Thur: Dcsd Members Stones & McGonigle Families
Fri: Vincent & Charlotte Delamere (A) & Dcsd Family Members
Sat: Special Intention

New Year Message 2020

At the end of last year someone said to me that next year we will all see things more clearly, we will all have 2020 vision! Yes it took a little while for the penny to drop with me also! As we begin this year together I hope that it will be one that opens up new opportunities for us as a Parish to strengthen that which is good and use it to face the challenges that lie ahead. In October of last year we held a Parish Assembly and out of it came new ideas to bring people together and use what we have to share the Good News with others.

The foundation on which rest is our faith in God who calls us to be disciples in the world. How we do this to meet the changing society that live in, is the constant challenge for us, but with the generosity and imagination of so many we can do great things.

I want to thank all those who are involved in the various ministries in our Parish who give so generously of their time. Some are involved in the liturgical ministries of reading, distributing Holy Communion, serving, collecting, cleaning, as Sacristans. Some are involved in welcome, hospitality, finance, delivery team, counters, Legion of Mary, Parish Pastoral Council, organizing and oversight groups. Some help others is preparation for the Sacraments and organize the praying of the Rosary and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

In thanking each person I also acknowledge the great work of our Parish Secretary, Louise and our caretakers Christie and Aaron. On behalf of Parish team of Niamh, Fr. Bibin and myself we would like to thank you for building up the Body of Christ in this place and we look forward to the ways that we can grow in faith together throughout this year.

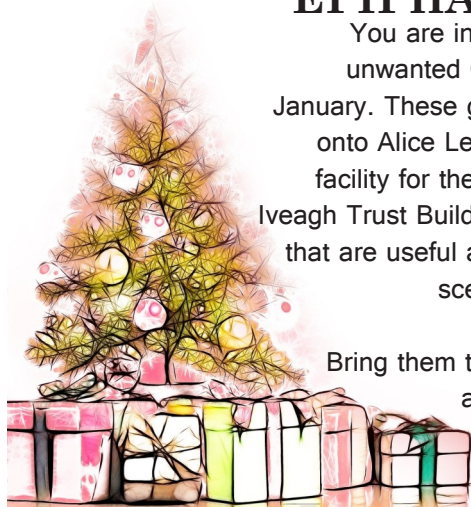
CHRISTMAS DUES

The Christmas Dues together with the First Collection at Mass and the Easter Dues goes to support myself, Fr. Bibin and the sick & 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. Thank you again for your generosity and for all your support at Christmas and throughout the year.

Fr. Paul & Fr. Bibin

EPIPHANY GIFTS

You are invited to bring along any unwanted Christmas gifts until 6th January. These gifts will then be passed onto Alice Leahy's Trust, a day-care facility for the homeless based in the Iveagh Trust Buildings. The kind of things that are useful are: chocolates, sweets, scented candles, toiletries, scarves, gloves etc. Bring them to the crib in the Church and the Pastoral Council will pass them on. Thank you.



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 last Sunday of every month from 4pm–5pm. Can you stay 1 hour with me? We encourage new people to come & join us.

CALENDARS

Church Art, Calendars, children's books, colouring books, rosary beads etc. as well as many other religious items available in main porch after Saturday evening or Sunday morning Masses.

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 this season (or other time), please speak to member of Legion of Mary in main porch after Saturday evening or Sunday morning Masses.

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 Junior members in Parish Pastoral Area. Why not come along and see what you can do!



'LIKE' Legion of Mary Brackenstown Swords

FAMILY OFFERING & COLLECTIONS AT WEEKEND MASSES

We thank all those parishioners who support the running of the parish through the Parish Family Offering fund. As the newsletters have been printed before the Christmas break, we will publish the amounts of the Christmas Collections in mid-January.

If you pay tax and you contribute more than €250 to the Parish in a calendar year, this then enables the Parish to reclaim the tax paid on your contributions. Your Christmas Dues offering can be included as part of the €250 base figure. Unfortunately, the Revenue now only allow this if the name of the primary tax payer in the family is included on the Dues envelope. For instance a married couple, Michael and Mary Murphy, with Mary being the primary tax payer. We wouldn't be allowed to include the Murphy offering if their Dues envelope was only in the name of Michael Murphy. **The ideal is to include both names**, Michael and Mary Murphy, to be sure of inclusion in the tax reclaim. Also allowable would be the Murphy Family or Mary Murphy. Single or widowed contributors are not affected as their Dues offering will be in their own name anyhow. Thank you to all who contribute so generously to the Dues offerings, it is very much appreciated. Parish Finance Committee.



The next date for Wednesday's Adoration in St. Cronan's Church will be **Wednesday 8th January 2020**

Praying with God's Word

HOLY FAMILY

First Reading: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14

2nd Reading: Col 3:12-21 Gospel:

Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

2ND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

First Reading: Sir 24: 1-2, 8-12

2nd Reading: Eph 1:3-6, 15-18

Gospel: Jn 1:1-18



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

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