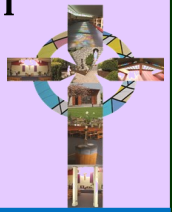


CHURCH OF ST. CRONAN ✠ BRACKENSTOWN PARISH

1st December 2019

✠ First Sunday of Advent ✠
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Parish Newsletter



ADVENT - HOPEFUL WAITING

Monday 2nd December at 8:00pm

Alice Leahy of Trust

Caring for the Homeless

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

Community Choir

We would like to invite all parishioners interested in joining the Community Choir for practice next Tuesday, 3rd December from 7 pm to 8 pm. The first singing session will be in the Meeting Room at Crosscare. Everybody most welcome.



BRACKENSTOWN TRAVELLING CRIB

This Sunday is the First Sunday of Advent. It is the beginning of the Travelling Crib which will spend a night with families right up to Christmas Eve.

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.

If your family would like to have the crib for a night please fill in the yellow sheets at the door of the Church, marking three dates you would like to have the crib.



Prayer-By-Text

"So stay awake, because you do not know the day when your master is coming"

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 that are on the tables around the Church and put them into the white letterboxes at the doors.



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.



Congratulations to Fr. Padraig O'Cochlain, Fr. Derek Farrell, Fr. John Delaney and Fr. Pat Sheil who were recently made Canons for the Dublin Metropolitan Chapter by Archbishop Martin.

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: Margaret Fitzpatrick (27A)
9:00am: Parish Intentions
11:00am: Tom & Ita McArdle (R) & Dcsd Members of McArdle & Carroll Families
12:30pm: Muriel & Sean Kennedy & Patricia Butler (A)
5:30pm: Ron Vigna & Robert Reilly (A)

PRAY FOR

Elizabeth Coogan (RD)
Teresa Fitzgerald (1A)
Thomas Hatch (4A)
Pat Hoey (A)
Hinda Duff (A)
Marcus Howard (A)

10 AM MASSES NEXT WEEK

Mon: Hinda Duff (A)
Tues: Marian Movement for Priests
Wed: Kathleen Kelly (A) & Dcsd Family Members
Thur: Tony Duffy (A)
Fri: James & Catherine McEneaney, Peter & Mary McGrath (A)
Sat: Ferghail Cummins (A) & Dcsd Members of Kehoe & Cummins Families

The St. Vincent de Paul Society are having their Annual Christmas Appeal on next weekend of December 7th/8th. Please give as generously as you can. This collection will replace the



St. Cronan's Schools Parents Association are having their Annual Christmas Bingo in the School Hal on Friday 6th December. Doors open at 7pm. Please come along and support our schools.

CHRISTMAS MASS BOUQUETS Are available from Parish Office for €5. All Masses on Christmas day are offered for the names on these cards.

Notes from the PPC

The council wish to thank all those parishioners who supported the various fundraising events over the last 12 months, in support of our Kerala Floods Relief campaign. The money raised at the recent concert, brought us over our target threshold of €8,000 and the funds have been forwarded to Kerala. Following on from our Parish Assembly, 5 groups have been formed. They are Youth Outreach, Community Choir, Catechetical Programme for Adults, Cross Cultural Connections & Building Community Events. All 5 groups have had their initial meetings, and we will keep you informed as they develop their separate initiatives. Willie Curtis (PPC Chair)



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.

CONFIRMATION SACRAMENTAL MASSES

Saturday, 7th December at 6:30pm Mass

Cronan's SNS Classes—Mr. Melia, Ms Morrissey and Ms Costelloe and Swords & Thornleigh Educate Together

Sunday, 8th December at 5:30pm Mass

St. Cronan's SNS Classes—Ms Kelly, Mr Tyndall and Ms. Quinn & Gaelscoil Briain Boroimhe

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 €9,015.00 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.

PRAYER MEETING

Spend One Hour.... **Tuesday, 3rd December 8-9pm** in Parish Pastoral Centre (St. Cronan's Church). This Prayer Meeting honours Servant of God, Frank Duff, founder of Legion of Mary. Everybody most welcome.

HELPERS

Glasmore Park, Swords Manor, and other areas of the parish—New Helpers needed to deliver the "Alive!" Catholic Paper. If you could you 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 main porch after Saturday evening and Sunday morning Masses or leave your contact number with Louise in Parish Office.

THE ROSARY

Praying for a special intention? The Holy Father recommended that we pray the Rosary. Why not give it a chance and experience the peace that many people receive from the Rosary? The "Rosary Statue" was blessed at the Candlelight Procession for use in the homes of the Parish, and it helps many to set a prayer date. 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.

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 7:30pm and 4:45pm on Fridays for under 18's. Why not come along and see what you can do!



"LIKE" Legion of Mary Brackenstown Swords



**All Night Vigil to Knock
Saturday 7th December**

**The Eve of the Immaculate Conception
Bus leaves Brackenstown at 6:20am**

The Star at 6:30am

**For more information or to book your place,
please phone 8404247 or 0863292329**

FAMILY OFFERING

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

October Standing Order: €3,931

Family Offering: €684.54

First Collection: €1203.31 (For Tax Reclaim: €321.11)

Share Collection: €1155.00 (For Tax Reclaim: €228.50)

Many thanks to all who donated to the St. Vincent De Paul Church Gate Collections. The amounts raised were: August €1121.15; September €1029.86; October €845.31 and November €1418.73.

Praying with God's Word

1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

First Reading: Is 2:1-5

2nd Reading: Rom 13:11-14

Gospel: Mt 24:37-44

2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

First Reading: Is 11:1-10

2nd Reading: Rom 15:4-9

Gospel: Mt 3:1-2



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