

# Parish Newsletter

5th December 2020 2nd Sunday of Advent Year A

## CALLING ALL YOUNG PEOPLE!

For Christmas Eve, the Nativity Play will be pre-recorded and we need your help!

We are asking you to draw/paint/sketch your favourite scene from the Christmas Story which will be used to create our Virtual Nativity.

Some of the pictures needed are:

- JOSEPH AND MARY ON THEIR WAY TO BETHLEHEM
- THE SHEPHERDS IN THE FIELDS
- ANGELS IN THE SKY WITH THE STAR
- THE THREE KINGS
- MARY, JOSEPH AND JESUS IN THE STABLE
- ANY OTHER IDEAS YOU GET FROM THE CHRISTMAS STORY

Use as much colour and imagination as you like!

You can send your pictures to [niamh.morris@dublindiocese.ie](mailto:niamh.morris@dublindiocese.ie) by December 7th. Don't forget to include your name.



### Feast of the Immaculate Conception of Our Lady

Mass Times

Monday @ 7:30pm (Vigil)

Tuesday @ 10:00am

Tuesday @ 7:30pm



**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, Brackenston Rd, Swords**

**Wed 9th and 16th December Time: 1-2pm**

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

# Christmas Masses

Our Church can only hold 100 people at this time. There will be a booking system for the Christmas Masses. We will give you the details of how to book next week. The Masses are: Christmas Eve: 4:00pm & 6:00pm (Children's Masses)

8:00pm.10:00pm.

Christmas Day: 8:00am; 10:00am (Children's Mass) & 12:00noon. Booking is essential and you must present your ticket at the door.

Booking is either by online at [www.brackenstown-parish.com](http://www.brackenstown-parish.com) or by picking up a form at the back of the Church, filling it in and leaving it back in the box at the back of the Church. These application forms will be held for two weeks after Christmas for contact tracing purposes.

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

Margaret Fitzpatrick (28A)  
Eddie & Alice Farrell (A)  
Hinda Duff (4A)  
Pat Hoey (A)

#### PRAY FOR

Altar List of the Dead  
Carmel Cronly (RD)  
Irene Costello Kirwan (RD)  
Margaret Fitzpatrick (1A)  
Noel Kieran (4A)  
Joan King (9A)  
Margaret Kenny (A)

#### 10 AM MASSES NEXT WEEK

**Mon:** Sean Duignan (RD)  
**7:30pm** Deceased Legionnaires  
**Tues:** Dcsd Members of Stones & McGonigle Families  
**7:30pm** Margaret Kenny (A)  
**Wed:** Pray for Frankie & Mary Monaghan & Dcsd Members of Kelly & Monaghan Families  
**Thur:** Fr. Roy Drummey (A)  
**Fri:** Stephen O'Gorman (8A) & Dcsd Members of Walsh & O'Gorman Families  
**Sat:** Frankie & May Monaghan & Dcsd Members of Kelly & Monaghan Families

# Christmas Card Delivery

From Monday 7th December our Christmas Cards will be ready for delivery around the Parish. If you can help us get them out 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.

Please support the SVP Collection, Saturday & Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> December 2020

SVP will be conducting our Giving Sunday collection on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> December. Our Conferences visit many families and people in need across communities in Ireland.

There are envelopes at the back of the Church for anyone wishing to donate.

The funds raised will be spent in the local community helping those who need it most with food, heating and education costs throughout the winter and beyond.

SVP rely almost entirely on the support of generous parishioners. You can also donate directly to our Conferences at [svp.ie/donate](http://svp.ie/donate) or calling 0818 176 176.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your very generous support throughout the years. Have a peaceful Christmas and a happy New Year.

## Baptisms and First Holy Communion

We are offering First Holy Communion on the following days:

Saturday 12th December at 1:00pm  
Sunday 13th December at 1:30pm

A draw will take place at 8:15pm on Monday (30th) to assign the Masses to the four classes still waiting.

We are offering Baptism on the following days:

Sunday 6th December 1:30pm  
Wednesday 9th and Thursday 10th at 7:30pm  
Saturday 12th at 3:00pm  
Tuesday 15th and Thursday 17th at 7:30pm  
Saturday 19th at 1:30pm

Child with two adults only in Church

Baptism:

Baby and 10 people only in Church



This Christmas, Trócaire will deliver life-saving support to thousands of families across the developing world. As well as supporting people living through conflict and natural disasters, Trócaire has launched a special appeal to support families who have not been able to grow food or earn money due to Covid-19. Trócaire's Christmas Gifts range allows you to buy goats, chickens, water and many more vital items. This year, there is a special Quarantine Care Kit Gift. By buying this gift you are providing vital daily care to families who have to isolate due to Covid-19. Please visit [trocaire.org](http://trocaire.org) to make a donation or buy a gift.

### READINGS FOR First Sunday of Advent

1st Reading: Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7  
PSALM: Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19  
2nd Reading: 1 Cor 1:3-9  
Gospel: Mk 13:33-37

*Praying with God's Word*

### 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.**

### Message of Hope

A small number of "Candle of Hope" are available. Also 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**



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