

CHURCH OF ST. CRONAN ✠ BRACKENSTOWN PARISH

Parish Newsletter

12th January 2020 ✠ *Baptism of Our Lord* ✠ Year A

At this time of year, many of us are making New Year Resolutions. The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord also gives us the chance to look at our faith lives and to explore new ways of answering the Lord's call to each of us. In our Parish, there are several groups that would welcome new members. Maybe this could be part of your New Year plan???



Family Mass Group: The Family Mass Group looks after the 12.30pm Mass on Sunday. New adult volunteers are needed to continue and develop the Family Mass. If you would like to help, please contact the Parish Office for more information by Friday, January 31st.

Altar Servers: We have three applications for new Altar Servers. If there are any other children 9+ who would like to join our team please contact the Parish Office. Training will begin Wed. 15th Jan at 3:00pm in the Church

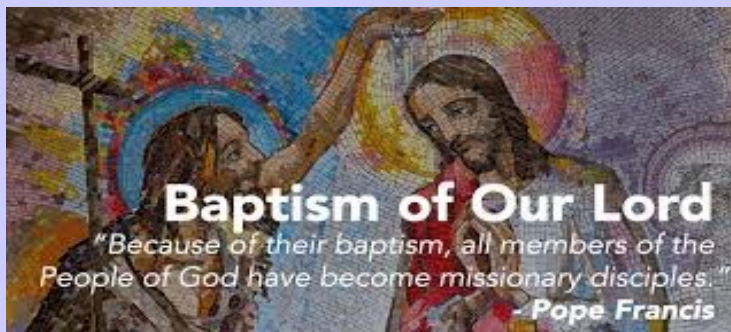


On Monday 20th January, **Brackenstown Bible Study group** will be commencing our study an 11 week study of St Paul's first letter to the Corinthians. Class will be held 7.30 to 8.30pm on Monday nights in St Cronan's Pastoral Centre. Thirty six people have signed up for the class, why not come along for a week or two and give it a try?

Hospitality in the Pastoral Centre



*The Hospitality Group
welcome additional members.
If you can help,
please contact the Parish Office.*



New Children's Choir In St. Cronan's Church

*For children from 8—13years
One Practice a month on a Thursday
Singing at two 12:30 Masses per month
Next practice takes place on
Thursday, January 16th
3pm—4pm*

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

Fr. Paul

Epiphany Gifts for Alice Leahy TRUST



Over Christmas we get many gift of chocolates, biscuits, hand creams, soaps, shower gels etc. and would like to be able to share them with others who may have not been as lucky as us. These are the types of things that Alice Leahy and her team can put to good use in the drop in centre that they operate in the Iveagh Trust Buildings in the City Centre. The premises is leased from Dublin City Council and their funding comes from small grants and mainly from the donations and support of people like us. You can bring your Epiphany Gifts to the Crib up to the last Mass on Sunday 12th January. The following week these will be brought into TRUST. It was great to have Alice with us for a talk in Advent and she expressed her sincere thanks for our support. The last date for leaving gifts for the Epiphany is 12th January.

SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS

6:30pm:	V. Delaney (3A)
9:00am:	Altar List of the Dead and Intentions of Parish
11:00am:	John McNally (A)
12:30pm:	Josephine, Thomas & Donald Macken (A)
5:30pm:	Noel Flynn (6A)

PRAY FOR

Vicky Roberts-Coleman (RD)
Honora McLoughlin (RD)
Bridie Moss (RD)
Nora Corcoran (A) & Dcsd Family Members
Michael Hoare (A)
William Fletcher (20A)
Finola Ennis (20A)
Patrick Byrne (12A)

10 AM MASSES NEXT WEEK

Mon:	Special Intention Pray for: Kathleen McDonnell (A)
Tues:	Anne Murphy (RD) Pray for: Peter Harford (A)
Wed:	Julia Pentony (A) Pray for: Lawrence & Ann Maughan (A) & Special Intention
Thur:	Edward Brum (7A)
Fri:	Daniel (BR) & Nathan Maughan (R)
Sat:	Christopher McGuirk (MM)

Dates for your Diary in 2020

Do This in Memory Masses	18th & 19th January	6:30 & 12:30
Pre-Confirmation Masses	25th & 26th January	6:30 & 12:30
Confirmation	13th & 14th February	St. Cronan's
Confirmation	5th March	GSBB
Lent Retreat	17th—21st March	
Confirmation	25th April	ETNS
First Holy Communion	9th May (10:00 & 12:00)	St. Cronans
First Holy Communion	16th May (10:00)	GSBB
First Holy Communion	16th May (12:00)	ETNS

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM



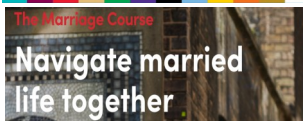
The next available date for the Sacrament of Baptism is Sunday, February 23rd at 1.45pm. As there are no baptisms during the Season of Lent, the next date after this is Sunday, April 12th (Easter Sunday)



Upcoming events
Emmaus Retreat Centre,
Ennis Lane, Swords



Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible
 Mondays 7:30pm to 9:00pm
 Beginning 13th January
 Cost €30.00



The Alpha Marriage Course—
 Strengthen your relationship
 23rd Jan to 5th March 7:30-9:00pm

Anam Cara North Dublin, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding a Parent Evening for bereaved parents on Wednesday 15th January at 7:20pm in the Carnegie Court Hotel, Swords, Co. Dublin. This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether their death was recent or not. Please contact us on info@anamcara.ie or 085 2888 888 for any queries.

On the passing of John Cantwell, his wife Anne, daughter's Rachel and Leona and extended family wish to express our grateful thanks to our relatives, friends, neighbours in the parish and beyond—especially Anne's Nephew Daragh who travelled from Canada—who sympathised with us during these sad days of our loss & those who continue to support us. Thanks for all the Masses, prayers and messages of sympathy and especially to Fr. Paul for his support and kindness in this difficult time. Mass will be celebrated for your intentions in St. Cronan's Church on Monday, February 10th.



*All Welcome to
 the next meeting*

St. Cronan's Pastoral Centre
Tuesday 14th JANUARY from 11am - 1pm
Followed by Exercise Class With SIELBLEU
 Tea & coffee available from 10:30am

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

Can you stay one hour with me? We encourage new people to come and 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.

PRAYING THE ROSARY

Honour the Mother of God this year with the Rosary. Let us help you get started by having the Rosary Statue in your home. Just leave your contact details with a member of the Legion of Mary in the main porch after Saturday evening or Sunday morning Mass and suitable arrangements will be made for you.

HELPERS

Glasmore Park, Swords Manor and other areas of the Parish—New helpers needed to deliver the Alive! Catholic newspaper. If you could give 20-30 minutes a month you could do great work to spread the Good News of the Gospel. Enquire at the Legion of Mary table after Saturday evening or Sunday morning Masses or leave your contact number with Louise in the Parish Office.

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 Centre. Why not come along and see what you can do!



'LIKE' Legion of Mary Brackenstown Swords

Praying with God's Word

THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD
 First Reading: Is 42:1-4, 6-7
 2nd Reading: Acts 10:34-38
 Gospel: Mt 3:13-17

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
 First Reading: Is 49:3, 5-6
 Second Reading: 1 COR 1:1-3
 Gospel: Jn 1:29-34



Finance Committee News

The Finance Committee wish to thank all those who have requested to be included in the new envelope system for the two collections at weekend Masses. As mentioned there are substantial potential benefits for the Parish if the donor is an income tax payer. We will shortly be ordering the 2018 envelope boxes. We therefore invite those who wish to avail of the system to return a form as soon as possible. Thank you for your support.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Humpty Dumpty Playgroup has been running successfully in St. Cronan's Parish Centre with the generous help of volunteers. Forge new bonds with like-minded people who are also generous in community spirit. **Thursdays from 9:45am to 11:45am.** If you would like to help, contact **Katia @ 0896067037** for more details.

FAMILY OFFERING

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

October Standing Order: €3,931
 Family Offering: €767.18
 1st Collection €1400.00 Tax (€343.02)
 Share Collection €1079.20 (Tax €236.98)

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

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