

# ST. CRONAN'S CHURCH

PARTNERSHIP OF BRACKENSTOWN, SWORDS, RIVER VALLEY & DONABATE PARISHES

34TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME 24TH NOVEMBER 2024

YEAR B



OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST  
KING OF THE UNIVERSE

In less than a week's time, we will go to the polls to elect representatives to the next Dail Eireann, which will hopefully lead to the formation of a new government. In the light of the recent giveaway budget, it is disconcerting to see the various parties outdoing one another with election promises that the Irish Fiscal Advisory Council has previously warned may not be fiscally prudent. It is to be hoped that the electorate may not simply vote for the party or individual that offers the most for their particular sectoral interest but may be guided by what is best for the country as a whole, for vulnerable minorities, for future generations, and for the future of our planet, what the Church in its social teaching refers to as *'the common good'*.

This Sunday we celebrate the feast of Christ as universal King, which marks the last Sunday of the liturgical year. Next Sunday we will enter the season of Advent, the start of the church year, and like any new year, it's a good time to review and make adjustments. The parish liturgy group has decided to work on two enhancements to the liturgy as follows. There will be a short pause after the first reading and before the psalm, and again after the second reading and before the Gospel acclamation. This is to allow all of us to pause, reflect and digest what we have just heard in the Word of God. The second change is that when the Ministers of the Eucharist come forward before Communion, they bow to the altar, which is the focal point for the celebration of the Eucharist, where the bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Christ. Advent is a short season, which invites us into a reflective space as the days get shorter and the light of the old year fades, so as to prepare for something new to come to birth in ourselves. Maybe this is a good time to decide to do something a little different, like take part in the reflective reading of the Advent Sunday readings, which will begin this Monday. *'Behold, I stand at the door and knock'* (Rev. 3:20) **Fr Richard**

## ADVENT

Prayer & Reflection on the  
Sunday Readings for Advent

MONDAY 25TH NOVEMBER  
MONDAY 2ND DECEMBER  
MONDAY 9TH DECEMBER  
MONDAY 23RD DECEMBER  
7:00PM TO 8:00PM  
ST CRONAN'S CHURCH  
BRACKENSTOWN PARISH

A meeting to plan the next **Family Mass** will take place  
**on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November at 6.30pm**  
in the parish centre

We will be preparing Part 1 of a Nativity play  
All who would like to participate are invited to attend

As a follow on to the  
Week of Guided Prayer  
in October,  
parishioners and  
visitors are invited to

A meeting of the  
**Care for Creation Committee**  
will take place on  
**Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> November**  
at 7.30pm in the  
Parish Centre

participate in a **reflective reading of the Sunday readings** for the four weeks of Advent. The first session will take place this Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November at 6.30pm in the church and last no more than 45 minutes.

BARREN PRODUCTIONS  
presents  
*"Hallelujah Christmas"*  
The Classic Christmas Concert  
For Everybody

St Cronan's Church, Brackentown, Swords, Co. Dublin  
Thursday, 5th December 2024, 7.30pm  
(Doors at 7pm)

A **Hallelujah Christmas Concert** will take place in the church on **Thursday 5th December at 7.30pm**. There will be something for everyone in this concert which will help put us in the Christmas spirit. Already some 80+ tickets have been sold online. Tickets may be purchased at the parish office any weekday morning or online: [www.HallelujahChristmas.com](http://www.HallelujahChristmas.com).

**SUNDAY MASSES:** (Sat Vigil) 6pm; 9am; 11am & 5pm      **WEEKDAY MASSES:** MONDAY to SATURDAY 10:00am  
**CONFESSIONS:** SATURDAY 10:45am to 11:30am in the Sacristy  
**ADORATION:** MON, TUES, THURS & SAT: 10:30AM—11:30AM      WEDNESDAY: 6pm - 9pm      FRIDAY: 3pm—6pm  
All our ceremonies are broadcast online at [www.brackenstown-parish.com](http://www.brackenstown-parish.com)

A preparation Mass for **Confirmation** takes place next Saturday 30th November at 6.00pm and Sunday 1st December at 5.00pm, First Sunday of Advent.

**Follow me: Meeting Jesus in the Gospel of John**

The weekly Bible Study on St. John's Gospel continues this Monday 25th November at 7.30pm in the parish centre.

Our next monthly **Family Mass** will take place at 6.00pm on Saturday 14th December, third Sunday of Advent. During the Mass, we will have the first part of a Nativity Play. The second part will be during our Family Mass on Christmas Eve. Any parents, who would like their child to be involved in the Nativity Play, are invited to talk to Andrea after 6.00pm Mass next Saturday, 30th November.

**Altar List of the Dead** envelopes are available on the tables at the back of the church. Those whose names are on the altar list of the Dead are remembered at daily Mass throughout the month of November and on the first Friday of every month throughout the year.

Copies of the annual **Financial Report for 2023** are now available on the tables at the entrances to the church. The parish clergy and the Finance committee would like to take this opportunity to thank parishioners and visitors for your generous donations over the past year.

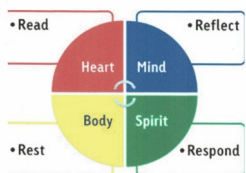
An **Information session** will take place on Tuesday, November 26, via Zoom to give an overview of the new Diocesan Certificate in **Youth Ministry Leadership**. The session will explore the structures of the course, content, who might be interested and registration. All queries to [natalie.doherty@dublindiocese.ie](mailto:natalie.doherty@dublindiocese.ie). Register at: <https://forms.office.com/e/F45cA3Hjm3>

Anam Cara is organising a Bereavement Information Evening for bereaved parents. This event will take place **online on Tuesday 3rd December at 7pm**. The Information Evening is open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age the child died or the circumstances of their death. Our guest speaker for the evening will be David Tricky, a leading Consultant Clinical Psychologist who has specialised in working with traumatised children, young people and their families since 2000. He continues to focus on direct clinical work, and the training and supervision of others working with traumatised children, young people and their families.

[Register here for Anam Cara Online Bereavement Information Evening](#)

If you have any questions, please contact [info@anamcara.ie](mailto:info@anamcara.ie) or call 085 2888 888

**LECTIO DIVINA**  
St Finian's Church  
River Valley  
Tuesdays  
10:30am—11:30am  
Starting Tuesday  
26th November 2024



**DUBLIN AIRPORT CHURCH**  
An Evening of Christmas Music  
Lambay Singers, Jacinta Scully & Guests  
**SUNDAY 15TH DECEMBER At 5:00PM**  
Tickets €15 available in the Sacristy  
or on the door

Interested in deepening your relationship and exploring your faith as an engaged or married couple, Teams of Our Lady invite you to an **Information meeting** on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> November at **4.30pm** in Avila Spirituality Centre, Bloomfield Ave, off Morehampton Road, DO4 YF66. For more information, phone Ilaria at 089 243 1725.

We respectfully remind parents that when accompanying their children to school in the mornings or collecting them after school, they are asked not to drive into the car park. This is for the safety of all, but especially for children attending either the schools or the play schools, and it is the reason why the barrier remains in the lowered position at times of school start and finish. Many thanks to everyone for your cooperation with these arrangements!

**Gentle Yoga with Caroline on Monday's at 9:30am—10:45am** - Fee €75 for 6 weeks

A 6 week beginner's class starting in St Cronan's Parish Centre (beside Church). Arrive 9:15am, wear comfortable clothing and bring a yoga mat

**Chair Yoga with Caroline on Monday's at 11:15am—12:15am** - Pay per class €14

Contact Caroline for more information and to register on 0876913028



**Legion of Mary**

**Patrician Meeting -Rescheduled to 28th Nov - Can we avoid Purgatory? Thursday 28th November at 7:30pm in Brackenstown Parish Pastoral Centre.** Refreshments will be offered during interval.

**Christmas Gifts- Suitable gifts for recreating the Home of Nazareth**

Nativity sets, Christmas cards, Liturgical calendars, statues, ornaments, children's colouring books, bibles and lots more available at Repository on Saturday evenings and Sunday mornings.

**Rosary Statue**

We invite you to host the Rosary statue for a week in your home this year. It was recently blessed in our Church on the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. When prayed well, the Rosary allows us to see the face of Christ in others and recreates something of the atmosphere of the household in Nazareth. [Rosarium Virginis Mariae on the Most Holy Rosary \(October 16, 2002\) | John Paul II \(vatican.va\)](#). For more information, please speak to any member of the Legion of Mary after Mass at weekends.

**SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS**

**Recently Deceased**

Michael Nugent  
Rob Farquharson  
Joan Stone

**Month's Mind**

Joe McDonagh

**Anniversaries**

Dick Nugent (2A)  
John O'Hare (6A)  
Terry Beamish (16A)  
Elizabeth & Mary Punch  
Patrick O'Donovan

**10 AM MASSES THIS WEEK**

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| <b>Mon</b>  | Healing Intention   |
| <b>Tues</b> | Ellen Slattery (A)  |
| <b>Wed</b>  | James & Kathleen Kieran (A)<br>Patrick & Brigid Dempsey (A)<br>Carmel (4A) & Maureen Cronly (A)<br>Brian Owen (RD)<br>Philip Hickey (BR)<br>Maura Madine (RD)<br>Jim Ennis (18A)<br>Pat Morgan (BR) |
| <b>Thur</b> | Healing Intention   |
| <b>Fri</b>  | Special Intention   |
| <b>Sat</b>  | Patricia Lacey (14A)<br>Thomas Hatch (A)  |

**Bethany Bereavement Support Group**

offer a free and confidential telephone support to any bereaved parishioners who wish to avail of it  
**Please phone Bridget 085 2812985**  
**Sun 17th to Sat 30th November**  
**Please phone from 6pm-8pm**  
*"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted"*

**ALL NIGHT VIGIL KNOCK**

Annual All Night Vigil at Knock Shrine  
Saturday 7th December  
Bus departs St. Cronan's Church at 6:30 pm  
Contact Nora at 086 3292329

**CO PARISH PRIEST**  
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**PARISH OFFICE HOURS**  
**Monday - Friday**  
**9:30am - 1:00pm**

**Registered Charity Number**  
**20016166**