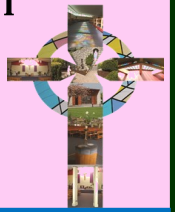


15th December 2019

✕ Third Sunday of Advent ✕

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Parish Newsletter



ADVENT - HOPEFUL WAITING

Monday 9 th December to Monday 23 rd December Advent Prayer Stations A Creative Journey through Seven Prayer Stations around the Church
Sunday 15 th December at all Masses Bambinelli Sunday Bring your Crib to be Blessed at all our Masses
Tuesday 17 th 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

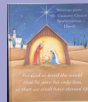
CHRISTMAS OFFERING ENVELOPES

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 contact the Parish Office.



Christmas Mass Cards

available from the Parish Office for €5.00. The intentions of the Masses over Christmas are for the names on these cards.



CHRISTMAS TREE STARS & ANGELS

If you would like to remember a loved one who has died or who is away from home this Christmas you can write their name on a star which will be put on our Christmas Tree.

If you want to remember a baby who has died, a miscarriage or still birth you can write their name or the date you lost them on the angel which will also go on our Christmas tree.



Both the stars and angels will be on a table in the Church and you can put them into the box provided.

Parish calendars for 2020 available from the back of the Church


Community Choir

The Choir will meet on Wednesday 18th December from 7pm to 8pm in the Pastoral Centre. The Community Choir was formed as a result of the Parish Assembly and all ages are welcome to join as we learn and sing together.

Prayer-By-Text

“The Good News is proclaimed to the poor; and happy is the one who does not lose faith in me”

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 on the tables in the Church and put them into the white letterboxes at the doors.




CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

In aid of the Motor Neurone Disease Foundation

Tickets are €1 for a strip of 5 and are available from the Sacristy after Mass on Sundays and at the Hospitality in the Parish Centre.

The Draw will take place on Thursday, December 19th in the Pastoral Centre at our Festive Coffee Morning

Merry Christmas!



CALLING ALL SHEPHERDS & ANGELS!!

for Christmas Nativity Play on Christmas Eve for Children aged 5 plus

Come along to the practice on:
 Sunday 15th December at 7pm
 Saturday 22nd December at 7pm
 Tuesday 24th December at 4:30pm (Mass at 6:00pm)



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

For children from 8—13years

One Practice a month on a Thursday from 3:00pm to 4:00pm
 Singing at two 12:30 Masses per month

For more information:
 email: brackenstownparish@gmail.com



SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS	PRAY FOR	10 AM MASSES NEXT WEEK
6:30pm: Larry Whelehan (A)	Aileen Clare (RD)	Mon: Ellen Slattery (A) & Philip Slattery (RD)
9:00am: Parish Intentions	Michael Hall (2A)	Pray for: Tom & Bridget Mongan and Laurence & Anne Maughan
11:00am: Margaret Doyle & Dcsd family members	Betty & Paddy Warren (A)	Tues: Richard Graham (A)
12:30pm: Bridget Darcy (A)	Stephen O'Gorman (7A)	Wed: Patrick & Elizabeth Monaghan (A)
5:30pm: Gustavo Cafolla & Gemma O'Toole (A)	Jimmy Duffy (R)	Thur: Legion of Mary Dcsd Members
		Fri: James, Ellen & Gerard McGrath (R)
		Sat: Breda Tindley (MM)

Church of St. Cronan, Brackenstown Parish
Christmas Calendar 2019

Sunday 22nd December

Vigil Mass: 6:30pm (Saturday);
 Mass 9:00am; 11:00am, 12:30pm & 5:30pm
 Confessions 1:30 – 2:30 & 6:15pm - 6:45pm

Tuesday 24th December (Christmas Eve)

Mass 10:00am
 Confessions 10:30am-11:30am
 First Mass of Christmas at 6.00pm
 (Family Mass)
 Mass of the Nativity at 9.00pm
 (Preceded by Carols at 8.45pm)

Wednesday 25th December (Christmas Day)

Masses 9.00am, 10.30am & 12.00pm
No Evening Mass

Thursday 26th December (St. Stephen's Day)

Mass at 11.00am

Friday 27th - Saturday 28th December

Mass at 10.00am (Church closes 12:00noon)

Sunday 29th December (Feast of the Holy Family)

Vigil Mass: 6:30pm (Saturday); 9:00am;
 11:00am, 12:30pm & 5:30pm

Monday 30th December

Mass at 10.00am & Evening Prayer 6:00pm

Tuesday 31st December (Mary, Mother of God)

Mass at 10.00am & Evening Prayer 6:00pm

Wednesday 1st January to Saturday 4th January

Mass at 10.00am

Monday 6th January (Feast of the Epiphany)

7:30am 10:00am & 7:30pm

**Epiphany Gifts can be brought to all Masses
 from 28th December to the 6th January**

RECONCILIATION SERVICES

Brackenstown Monday 16th December at 7.30pm
River Valley Saturday 21st December 11:00am Mass
 with Examination of Conscience followed
 by individual confession



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.

St Cronan's JNS

Is currently enrolling for Junior Infants for September 2020. Application forms are available from the school office and for download from our website www.stcronansjns.ie. Closing date for receipt of completed applications is 10th January 2019.

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.

FAMILY OFFERING

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

October Standing Order: €3,931
 Weekend 8/12/19
 Family Offering: €771.39
 First Collection: €1591.50 (For Tax Reclaim: €381.00)
 SVP Collection: €7805.34

Immaculate Conception 9/12/19
 First Collection: €180.54
 Share Collection: €106.19

NATIVITY SETS & CRIBS

Christmas Cards, Nativity Sets, Calendars, children's books, colouring books etc. as well as many other religious items available in main porch after Saturday evening and Sunday morning Masses.

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

HELPERS

Glasmore Park, Swords Manor, and other areas of the parish—New Helpers needed to deliver the "Alive!" Catholic Paper. If you could 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 the main porch after Saturday evening or Sunday morning Masses or leave you 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 18's in Parish Pastoral Area. Why not come along and see what you can do!



"LIKE" Legion of Mary Brackenstown Swords

New Sanctuary Furniture

So far €9,035.00 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.

Praying with God's Word



3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
 First Reading: Is 35:1-6a, 10
 2nd Reading: Jas 5:7-10
 Gospel: Mt 11:2-11

4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
 First Reading: Is 7:10-14
 2nd Reading: Rom 1:1-7
 Gospel: Mt 1:18-24

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

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