

# CHURCH OF ST. CRONAN ✕ BRACKENSTOWN PARISH

Celebrating  
**40**  
YEARS

## Parish Newsletter

10th December 2017 ✕ Second Sunday of Advent ✕ Year A



**Church of St. Cronan  
Brackenstown Parish**

**ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE**

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December at 7:30pm**

*A family celebration with the story of Christmas told through the readings, drama, popular carols & carols from around the world*

Prayer by text 

**Week 2:**

**A**

voice cries in the wilderness:  
Prepare a way for the Lord,  
Make his paths straight.

If you wish to receive the Prayer by Text, please fill in a card in the porch and put it in the suggestion box, contact the Parish Office or email [brackenstownparish@gmail.com](mailto:brackenstownparish@gmail.com)

### Christmas Raffle

A Raffle is being held in aid of The Alice Leahy Trust, a service for homeless people in Dublin and The Holy Family Maternity Hospital and Orphanage in Bethlehem. Tickets are a strip of 5 for €1.00 and are available in the Sacristy after Sunday Masses and in the Parish Centre at the Hospitality on Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays. The Draw will take place on the Thursday before Christmas, 21st December, after the 10am Mass in the Pastoral Centre.



### 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.



### Celebrating 40 years



You are invited to join us as we celebrate 40 years since the Blessing & Dedication of St. Cronan's Church with a special Mass on Monday 11th December at 7:30pm. If you have any old photos of the Church, please email or drop them into the parish office

#### MASS INTENTIONS

**6:30pm:** Eileen, Patrick & Evelyn O'Reilly & Mary Monaghan (A) & Dcsd Family Members  
**9:00am:** Altar List of the Dead  
**11:00am:** Michael Rothwell Jnr. (A)  
**12:30pm:** Gerry Macken (A)  
**5:30pm:** Fr. Roy Drummy (A)

#### PRAY FOR

Eithne Quinn (MM)  
Betty & Paddy Warren (A)  
Richard Barnwall (A)  
Maureen Kane (A)  
Roy Savage (A)  
Agnes Farrell (RD)

#### 10 AM MASSES NEXT WEEK

**Mon:** Dcsd Members of McTernan Family  
**Tues:** Tom & Ita McArdle (Rem) & Carroll & McCarthy Dcsd Family Members  
**Wed:** Liam Nolan (A)  
**Thurs:** Mary Quinn (60th A)  
**Fri:** Kelly & Rooney Dcsd Family Members  
**Sat:** Margaret Doyle & Dcsd Family Members

**Please take this Newsletter home**



# Christmas Floral Demonstration

Last Tuesday Maura Worthington presented her now Annual Floral Demonstration for Christmas. This is the third Christmas that Maura has presented it and the arrangements were all raffled on the night. The proceeds went to the Parish Pastoral Centre and the amount raised was €540. Thanks again Maura for a great evening and the great ideas!



## Envelope system for the 1<sup>st</sup> & Share Collections

Thank you to those who have returned the forms that were inserted in the parish newsletter. 115 households have already requested to be included in the envelope system. As mentioned, there are substantial benefits to be gained by using an envelope system for the 1<sup>st</sup> Collection and Share Collection at no cost to anyone. Information sheets on how this system works are available on the tables. We invite those who would like to participate in this system to return the forms as soon as possible. Forms may be placed in the white post boxes in the Church or returned to the parish office. Thank you for your support.

# PARISH DIARY

DATE	EVENT
<b>DECEMBER 2017</b>	
9th	DTIM Mass @ 6:30pm
10th	DTIM Mass @ 12:30pm
10th	Polish Mass @ 3:30pm
11th	40th Anniversary Celebrations of Blessing & Dedication of St. Cronan's Church @ 7:30pm
12th	St. Joseph's Young Priest's Society @ 10:30am
12th	Forget Me Not Café @ 7:00pm
14th	Christmas Carol Service @ 7:30pm
15th	Taizé Prayer Around The Cross @ 7:30pm
16th	Come Follow ME - Believing Mass @ 6:30pm
17th	Come Follow ME - Believing Mass @ 12:30pm

THE PARISH DIARY IS AVAILABLE ON THE WEBSITE



The next Parent Meeting is

Thursday 4th January

Next dates for Baptisms:

Sun 7th January @ 1:45pm

Sun 28th January @ 1:45pm

Please note one Month's Notice to be given & a copy of baby's Birth Cert is required when booking a Baptism.



# Order of Malta Christmas Lunch



Last Sunday the Swords Unit of Order of Malta hosted a Christmas lunch in the Pastoral Centre. As you can see by the photos everyone had a great time and are really now in the Christmas spirit! Thanks to the unit members, the dancers, the musicians and all who made it such a special afternoon.





## Brackenstown Parish Pilgrimage to Poland 1st-7th July 2018

Booking will close on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December for our Pilgrimage to Poland 1<sup>st</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> July 2018.

A deposit of €250.00 must be paid by 22<sup>nd</sup> December.

Price: €835.00 - Checked in bag: €70.00

Single Room Supplement: €35.00 per night

Further details from Parish Office.

### Advance Notice

## Brackenstown Pilgrimage to the Holy Land

We are planning a Pilgrimage to the Holy Land in 2019.

The approx. dates are 26th October – 3rd November

Agent will be MAP Travel

Booking will open in June 2018 through the Parish Office



Join us in St. Cronan's Pastoral Centre for  
**TAIZÉ PRAYER AROUND THE CROSS**  
ON FRIDAY  
15TH DECEMBER  
AT 7:30PM - 8:30PM



## CHRISTMAS CRIBS



Crib figures, Nativity sets, Christmas Colouring books, Activity books, Advent Calendars, Children's Bibles, Christmas Cards, etc. available in main porch after Saturday evening and Sunday morning Masses.



## 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 every Sunday of Advent from 4pm–5pm. Can you stay one hour with me? We encourage new people to come and join us.



'LIKE' Legion of Mary Brackenstown Swords

## FAMILY OFFERING

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

October Standing Order €3,859

Outdoor Collection €610.61

Annuals/Half Yearly €400.00



## BINGO

Every Sunday in the Pastoral Centre at 8pm  
Doors open at 7:30pm - Everyone welcome!

## Praying with God's Word

Below are the readings for this Sunday and next Sunday:

**2nd Sunday of Advent:** First Reading Isaiah (Is) 40:1-5, 9:11; 2nd Reading 2nd Letter Peter (2 Pet) 3:8-14;

Gospel Mark (Mk) 1:1-8

**3rd Sunday of Advent:** First Reading Isaiah (Is) 61:1-2, 10-11;

2nd Reading 1st Letter Thessalonians (1 Thess) 5:16-24;

Gospel John (Jn) 1:6-8, 19-28



### Who we are:

We are community volunteers trained to support and listen, in confidence, to those bereaved by suicide.

### What we do:

We facilitate a confidential service at the request of the bereaved. We help the bereaved access the relevant support services in the local and wider community.

**WE CAN HELP!** To arrange a meeting, please phone 086 7347353

We have a number of locations where a confidential meeting with trained volunteers can take place. Our service will give an opportunity to talk in confidence with someone trained to listen and support. We can help you understand that what you are feeling is normal.

Volunteers will have information in relation to local services which may be of help at this vulnerable time. Our volunteers are both male and female.



All Welcome to the next meeting  
**St. Cronan's Pastoral Centre**  
**Tuesday 9th January 2018**  
from 11am - 1pm  
Tea & coffee available from 10:30am



The next meeting of  
**St. Joseph's Young Priests Society**  
in St. Cronan's Parish  
Pastoral Centre  
on Tuesday 12th December at  
10:30am. All welcome.

## Bambinelli Sunday

For the past several decades, each year on Gaudete Sunday, the 3rd Sunday of Advent, children & adults bring their Baby Jesus figures from the crib at their homes to St. Peter's Square where the Pope blesses both the people and the figurines during the Angelus. This year we will celebrate "Bambinelli Sunday" at all Masses in St. Cronan's Church on Sunday 17th December. So please bring your infant Baby Jesus along to be blessed. You will receive a card with the World Meeting of Families Prayer, a prayer for putting the baby in the crib and Grace before your Christmas dinner.



## PARISH INFORMATION

### Mass Times:

Sunday: 6:30pm (Sat. Vigil); 9:00am, 11:00am, 12:30pm & 5:30pm

### Weekday Mass:

Monday to Saturday 10:00am

### Holiday Mass:

Vigil 7:30pm; 10:00am

### Confession:

Saturday 10:30am to 11:00am and 6:00pm to 6:20pm

Fr. Paul Thornton, Adm,  
Peter Siney, Pastoral Worker  
Louise Donnelly, Secretary

After 10:00am Mass on the Thursday before the First Friday  
01 8401661 – 087 7404729 – pauljthornton@gmail.com  
089 4614226 – peter.siney@dublindiocese.ie  
01 8401188 – brackenstownparish@gmail.com  
Mon to Fri. 9.30am – 1.00pm

View our new Parish Webcam via the Parish Website



## REPLACES SHARE COLLECTION

9/10 DECEMBER  
St. Vincent de Paul  
Annual Collection



brackenstownparish



@cronanparish

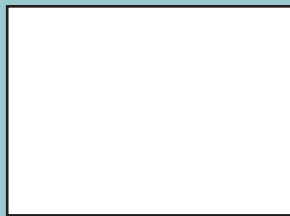


brackenstown-parish.com



018401188

**Curran Electrical**  
**087 676 2304**  
 Domestic  
 Commercial  
 Lighting Upgrades  
 Installation  
 Re-wires *RECQ*  
 Part of the Curran Property Management Group  
 D6 Airside Enterprise Centre, Swords. ☎ 8902313



**Rocks Funeral Home**  
 NORTH STREET,  
 SWORDS  
 Funeral Directors  
 Serving  
 Swords & Co. Dublin  
 For Over  
 90 Years  
 Ph: 01 - 840 1229  
 e:info@rocksfuneralhome.ie  
 www.@rocksfuneralhome.ie

**Sherry FitzGerald**  
 LETTINGS  
 Specialists in  
 Lettings and  
 Property  
 Management  
 in  
 North Dublin  
**01-4953001**

**Curran Plumbing & Heating**  
**087 057 3818**  
 • Boiler Service  
 • Boiler Replacement  
 • Pump Installation  
 • Bathroom Fit Outs  
 • Apartment Specialists  
 Part of the Curran Property Management Group  
 D6 Airside Enterprise Centre, Swords ☎ 8902313

**Buy a Trócaire Gift and transform lives this Christmas**  
 Buy online at [trocaire.org](http://trocaire.org) or  
 Call 1850 408 408

WWW.EMMAUSCENTRE.IE  
 Tel : 01 870 00 50  
**DEPRESSION FROM A CHRISTIAN PERSPECTIVE RETREAT**  
 Join Fr. Jim Noonan ODC & Fodhla McGrane on the 13th October at the Emmaus Centre, Swords. The weekend will bring your peace and comfort through music, praying The Divine Office, daily mass and the sacrament of reconciliation.



TAX & ACCOUNTANCY  
**MAKING LIFE SIMPLE**  
 • Tax Returns • Company Formation  
 • VAT Returns • Management Accounts  
 • Year End Accounts • Payroll  
**Phone 01 9011191**  
 68 Main Street, Swords  
**taxability ACCOUNTANTS**

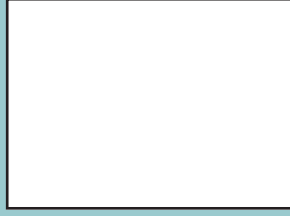
**trócaire GIFTS**  
 Charity No. 20009601

**THIS SPACE IS AVAILABLE**

**THIS SPACE IS AVAILABLE**

**PARISHESonline**  
 Largest online directory of Catholic Churches  
**NEVER MISS A BULLETIN!**  
 Sign up to have our weekly parish bulletin emailed to you at [www.parishesonline.com](http://www.parishesonline.com)

**McNallys Pharmacy,**  
 Swords Manor  
**01-8400362**  
 Your Local  
 Community Pharmacy



**J.Danne Monuments**  
 Headstones, Inscriptions,  
 Renovations, Chippings, etc.  
 Phone: 01 8404193  
 Mobile: 086 2464093  
 Web: [www.jdmonuments.com](http://www.jdmonuments.com)  
 Email: [jdmonuments@gmail.com](mailto:jdmonuments@gmail.com)  
 Balheary, Swords, Co. Duóin.

"Tara Winthrop Private Clinic is a family owned and managed, complex care nursing facility. We have 140 beds consisting of five separate specialist nursing units, catering for the needs of patients with Alzheimer's Disease, under 75 patients with Neurological Injuries and End of Life Care. We employ a highly skilled workforce, consisting of circa 210 employees, under the direction of Ms. Catherine Dunleavy, Director of Nursing, Medical Officer, Dr. Tomasz Tomasiuk, Asst. Directors of Nursing, Physiotherapists, Nursing and Ancillary Staff. During the past fifteen years in existence, we have built up an enviable reputation in the community in the care of older people".  
 Please do not hesitate to call us should you need our advice or expertise.  
 All enquiries to: Mary McCormack (Managing Director)  
 Tel. No: 00353-1-8079631  
 Email Address: [mccormackm@tara-winthrop.com](mailto:mccormackm@tara-winthrop.com)  
 Tara Winthrop

**FREE AD DESIGN WITH PURCHASE OF THIS SPACE.**  
 1850 79 0000

**Spice BAZAAR**  
 Feel at home  
 Unit 2 (Old Pauls Newsagents), Castle Shopping Centre, Swords, Co Dublin.  
 Asian Grocery Stores Masalas / Curry Paste / Sauces (soy sauce, fish sauce etc..)  
 Rice - Basmati, Thai Jasmine etc..  
**Ph: 01 - 8409523**

**THIS SPACE IS AVAILABLE**



**Advertisers:**  
 Advertising Locally is more important than ever!  
 Encourage customers to help keep Brackenstown a vibrant, thriving community by doing YOUR business locally  
 If you would like to advertise please contact Christine on  
**086 813 79 24**



**SHANE LYNCH**  
 Plumbing & Heating  
**Ph: 086 255 0257**  
*free quotations*  
 E: [shane.lynch27@gmail.com](mailto:shane.lynch27@gmail.com)  
[www.shanelynchplumbingandheating.ie](http://www.shanelynchplumbingandheating.ie)

**ADVERTISE YOUR BUSINESS HERE**  
*Your Community is Looking!*  
**Call Chris: 086 813 79 24**

**Add Some COLOR to Your Ad**  
 For more information contact  
**Chris Daly on 086 813 79 24**  
 or [cdaly@4lpi.ie](mailto:cdaly@4lpi.ie)

**THIS SPACE IS AVAILABLE**