



# Parish Newsletter

16th December 2018 ✕ Third Sunday of Advent ✕ Year C



## CALLING ALL SHEPHERDS & ANGELS!!

Are you aged between 5 & 12? Would you like to take part in our Nativity Play during the 6:00pm Mass on 24th December?

Come along to the practice on:

Sunday 16th December after the 12:30pm Mass  
 Sunday 23rd December after the 12:30pm Mass  
 Christmas Eve 24th December at 5pm  
 (Just before 6:00pm Mass)



## Travelling Crib



If your family would like to host our Parish Travelling Crib during Advent, please fill in one of the forms and put it in the box at the back of Church or hand into the



## Christmas Tree Stars and 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.

## Hearing, Happening, Hoping...



A chance to read and reflect on the Sunday Gospel during the Season of Advent.

Mondays from 7.30pm—8.30pm &  
 Tuesdays 11am-12 noon in the Pastoral Centre. All are welcome

## Prayer by Text Week Three

If you wish to receive the Prayer by Text, please fill in a card in the Church Porch and drop it in the Suggestion Box

*A feeling of expectancy had grown among the people*

Please note on 22nd December there is **NO 10am Mass in Brackenstown.**

## RECONCILIATION SERVICES

**BRACKENSTOWN:** Thursday 20th December at 7:30pm  
**RIVERVALLEY:** Saturday 22nd December beginning with Mass at 11am during which there will be the Examination of Conscience followed by individual confession after Mass. (This will be the only Saturday morning Mass in the Swords area).



## CHRISTMAS MASS BOUQUETS

Are available from Parish Office for €5. All Masses on Christmas days are offered for the names on these cards.

## COFFEE MORNING IN AID OF "BRACKENSTOWN FOR KERALA"

The Coffee Morning will take place on Thursday 20th December in the Parish Centre after the 10am Mass. Tickets for the Christmas Raffle will be on sale at the Coffee Mornings and at the back of the Church on Sunday 16th December. Tickets cost €1 per strip. Prizes include handmade Christmas Decorations, Christmas Table Centre Display, wines & chocolates.



### SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS

**6:30pm:** Kevin Donnelly (Bday Rem) & Dcsd Family Members  
**9:00am:** Parish Intentions  
**11:00am:** Margaret Doyle & Dcsd Family Members  
**12:30pm:** Gerry Macken (A)  
**5:30pm:** Tom & Ita McArdle (Rem)

### PRAY FOR

Stephen O'Gorman (A)

### 10 AM MASSES NEXT WEEK

**Mon:** Anne Cawley (RD)  
**Tues:** Mary Harte (RD)  
**Wed:** John Moore (RD)  
**Thur:** Gabriel Pio (20 A) & Lourdes Maria Mongan (11 A)  
**Fri:** Geraldine Conaughan (RD)  
**Sat:** John O'Hare (MM)

*Church of St. Cronan, Brackenstown Parish  
Christmas Calendar 2018*

**Sunday 23rd December**

Mass 9:00am; 11:00am, 12:30pm & 5:30pm

**Confessions 1:30 – 2:30 & 6:15pm - 6:45pm;**

Sunday Vigil Mass at 6.30pm

**Monday 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)

**Tuesday 25th December (Christmas Day)**

Masses 9.00am, 10.30am & 12.00pm

**No Evening Mass**

**Wednesday 26th December (St. Stephen's Day)**

Mass at 11.00am

**Thursday 27th - Saturday 29th December**

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

**Sunday 30th December (Feast of the Holy Family)**

Vigil Mass: 6:30pm (Saturday); 9:00am;

11:00am, 12:30pm & 5:30pm

**Monday 31st December**

Mass at 10.00am & Evening Prayer 6:00pm

**Tuesday 1st January 2019 (Mary, Mother of God)**

Mass at 11:00am

**Wednesday 2nd January to Saturday 5th January**

Mass at 10.00am

**Sunday 6th January (Feast of the Epiphany)**

Vigil Mass: 6:30pm (Saturday); 9:00am;

11:00am, 12:30pm & 5:30pm

**Epiphany Gifts can be brought to all Masses  
from 29th December to the 6th January**

**RECONCILIATION SERVICES**

**Brackenstown** Thursday 20th December at 7.30pm

**River Valley** Saturday 22nd December 11:00am Mass  
with Examination of Conscience followed by individual confession

*May the peace and love  
of the Infant Jesus find a home  
in your heart this Christmas  
and throughout 2018  
You are invited to join with us  
in celebrating the  
Birth of Jesus in our Parish*

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## BRACKENSTOWN FOR KERALA

*The Congregation of St Therese (Fr. Bibin's order) are working hard on the ground to help those most in need in the area around Idukki in Kerala, India.*

### How can you help?

*There are two ways you can help:*

1. *Buy one of our Christmas Cards in place of a present for someone you know. The card will explain the projects the donation will contribute to. You can decide on the amount you would like to give. These cards are the perfect gift for teachers and other people you might like to give a token of appreciation.*

2. *Take one of the specially marked envelopes at the back of the Church, enclose your donation and return it to one of the white post boxes at the back of the Church.*

### Where will my money go?

All monies collected will go to the Congregation of St. Therese Flood Relief Projects

€8,000: the cost to build a house for a family

€625—€2,000: repair of a home (depends on level of damage)

€75: provides basic supplies for one family for one month

For every €100 raised, we will colour in one brick on our house at the back of the Church.



## Brackenstown Pilgrimage to the Holy Land 2019

We are planning a Holy Land Pilgrimage. The approximate dates are **THE END OF SEPTEMBER 19**

Agent will be MAP Travel.

Names are being taken through the Parish Office



Next Parent Meeting is  
Thursday 3rd JANUARY  
Next dates for Baptisms:

Sunday 13th January 11am & 12:30pm Masses  
Saturday 26th January at 12:30pm

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

### Praying with God's Word

Below are the readings for this Sunday & the following Sunday:

#### Third Sunday of Advent

First Reading: Zep 3:14-18a; Psalm Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6

Second Reading: Phil 4:4-7; Gospel: Luke 3:10-18

#### Fourth Sunday of Advent

First Reading: Zep 3:14-18a; Psalm: Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6;

Second Reading: Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18



### World Youth Day 2019

Are you aged 16-29? Do you dare to say 'Yes'... then why not join us for Panama in Dublin from Sat 26th to Sun 27th January 2019 at Emmaus Retreat Centre near Swords, to mark and link with World Youth Day 2019 in Panama. We'll have music, talks, the Pope's homilies from Panama, food, fellowship, fun and more. Register your interest by emailing us at: [wynthathome@dublindiocese.ie](mailto:wynthathome@dublindiocese.ie) If you're aged 18-29 and would like to volunteer for this exciting event, pop us an email to the same address with 'volunteer' in the subject line! Follow us on Facebook at: WYD@Home – Panama in Dublin.

St. Francis Hospice, Raheny acknowledge receipt of €435, proceeds of the Coffee Morning held in 20 Pine Grove Park. Many thanks to all who contributed so generously. Teresa McQuillan

### SAOIRSE AA GROUP

Wednesdays 8:00pm in BASE, Brackenstown Road  
ALCOHOL PROBLEM? YOU'RE NOT ALONE!!  
Phone: 087620 6788



Anam Cara North Dublin, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding a Parent Evening for bereaved parents on Wednesday

19th of December 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.

### Envelope Delivery Team

Thank you to all who volunteered to become part of our delivery team. Your help is greatly appreciated in this important outreach to parishioners and all in our parish. The envelopes are ready delivery - please call into the Parish Office as soon as possible.



### 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 for Advent from 4pm–5pm. Can you stay 1 hour with me? We encourage new people to come & join us.

### SACRED SPACE ITEMS

For all children participating in the 'Do this in Memory' programme, holy water bottles, crosses, statues and other religious items perfect for a child's sacred space are available from members of the Legion of Mary in the main porch after Saturday evening and Sunday morning Masses.

### ADVENT & CHRISTMAS

Advent Calendars crib figures, Christmas Cards etc, available in the main porch after Saturday evening and Sunday morning Masses.

### A CHANCE TO WORK FOR OUR LADY

Legion of Mary needs new members to help Our Lady bring Jesus to more people. You could help! Meetings, adults – Tuesdays 10.30 am in Sisters' House, and Wednesdays 7.30p.m. in Sacristy and we need more Junior members on Fridays 4.45 pm also Sacristy. Why not come to a meeting and see what you can do?

### HELPERS

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 Sat. Evening or Sun. Morning Masses or leave your contact number with Louise in the Parish Office.



'LIKE' Legion of Mary Brackenstown Swords

## PARISH DIARY

DATE	EVENT
DECEMBER 2018	
Dec 19th	St. Cronan's Senior School Carol Service @ 1pm
Dec 20th	Parish Christmas Coffee Morning with Raffle
Jan 6th	Epiphany Sunday
Jan 11th	Parkinson's Group Meeting in Parish Centre

### THE PARISH DIARY IS AVAILABLE ON THE WEBSITE

### FAMILY OFFERING

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

October Standing Order €n/a  
Outdoor Collection - €659.65  
Annuals/Half Yearly - €420.00

All of the above contributions are recorded for the tax rebate.

### FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

First Collection €299.60  
Share Collection €230.00

### COLLECTIONS AT THE WEEKEND MASSES

First Collection €1717.20.60 (€370.70 recorded for Tax)  
SVP Annual Collection €7863.00 (€731.10 recorded for Tax)

View our Parish Webcam via the Parish Website [www.brackenstown-parish.com](http://www.brackenstown-parish.com)

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