

# Parish Newsletter

20th December 2020 4th Sunday of Advent Year A



## Coming to Mass for Christmas

You must have booked for Mass for Christmas.

Your ticket has been emailed to you by now or else you have to collect your ticket from the Parish Office before Tuesday 22nd December.

**You must bring your ticket to Mass or you will not get into the Church.**

You must wear a mask during Mass.

Sanitise your hands before entering the Church.

Arrive 20mins before the Mass and queue, leaving 2mts between you and others.

Follow the directions of the stewards.

Your seats are pre-assigned. Please stay in your seat for the duration of the Mass until the stewards invite you to leave.

**The congregation is not to sing during the Mass.**

Holy Communion or a Blessing will be brought to you.

Please take home anything that you bring into the Church.

Respect 2metre(6 ft) Social Distancing in the Church and Car-park.

**For those who cannot attend for health reasons, Holy Communion will be distributed outside the Church from 11:15am to 11:55am on Christmas Day.**

## Bambinelli Blessing



*Our Bambinelli Blessing, the blessing of the infant for the crib will take place at the three Masses this weekend. Our crib will be blessed during the Angelus on Christmas Eve and the bambinelli will be placed in the crib. As our crib is in the porch this year we encourage you to visit the crib when you are out for your walk. It looks best in the evening time.*

## Schedule for this Week

### Sunday 20th

Mass 9:00am & 11:00am, Adoration 4:00pm to 6:00pm

### Monday 21st

Mass 10:00am; Rosary & Night Prayer 8:30pm (Online)

### Tuesday 22nd

Mass 10:00am; Rosary & Night Prayer 8:30pm (Online)

Parish Office closes at 1:00pm until the New Year

### Wednesday 23rd

Mass 10:00am; Rosary & Night Prayer 8:30pm (Online)

### Thursday 24th

**No morning Mass**, 12:00noon Angelus and Blessing of Crib

Mass 4:00pm; 6:00pm; 8:00pm & 10:00pm (pre-booked only)

### Friday 25th

Mass 8:00am; 10:00am & 12:00noon (pre-booked only)

Distribution of Holy Communion 11:15am to 11:55am

### Saturday 26th (St. Stephen's Day)

Mass 11:00am **No evening Mass**

### Sunday 27th Feast of the Holy Family

Mass 9:00am and 11:00am (No evening Mass)

### ALL WEEKEND MASSES WILL BE OFFERED FOR INTENTIONS THAT HAVE BEEN BOOKED

Christopher McGuirk (1A)  
Margaret Doyle and Decd. Family Members  
Ellen Canny (A) and Decd. Family Members  
Hughes and Donnelly Families and Decd. Family Members

### PRAY FOR

Altar List of the Dead  
Donal Cronin (10A)  
Tom & Ita McArdle (RD)  
Maisie Fitzpatrick (RD)  
Decd members of McCarthy and Carroll Families  
Mai Logan (A)  
Dolores Edwards (A)  
Padraig Flaherty (A)

### 10 AM MASSES NEXT WEEK

**Mon:** Christopher and Anna McGuirk (RD)  
Gerry Macken (A)  
**Tues:** Noel Hoey (A)  
**Wed:** Kathleen & Patrick O'Reilly and Decd. Family Members.  
**Thur:** Christmas Eve  
**Fri:** Christmas Day  
**Sat:** Patrick Green (A) Thomas & Pat Lawless (A)  
**11:00** Nathan & Danial Maughan (2A)



Petra was on a faith journey with a group of parishioners for a year and half and was ready to receive the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist at Easter 2020. Then as we all know we were not able to gather for worship at Easter. Up to this time Petra was joining the faith community for the readings at the 12.30 mass each Sunday. She was then led out by the Book of the Gospel and a member of the team after the homily to further reflect on the Word of God. On the First Sunday of Lent this year she went to the Pro Cathedral where Archbishop Diarmuid presided at the Rite of Election which is the last step of preparation for initiation at Easter. Petra joins us this Sunday for one final week of preparation during the 11 mass and we are delighted to plan her Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist for next Sunday, the Feast of the Holy Family during the 11am mass.



Each year we support Alice Leahy Homeless Trust with our Epiphany Gifts. Things are a bit different this year and Alice has sent us a wishlist of the things they need. If you can help please put the items beside the Christmas Tree in the Church up to 6th January.

- Jeans – Mens: Waist 30/32/34. Ladies: All sizes:
- T-Shirts/Shirts/Jumpers / Fleeces / Hoodies
- Shoes/Runners – Mens 7/8/9/10/11. Ladies: All sizes
- Sleeping Bags/Tracksuits /Anoraks – Ladies/Mens
- Towels/Rucksacks / schoolbags
- Toiletries:
- Disposable Razors/Hair brushes and combs/Soap/Shampoo/Deodorants/Perfume/After-shave
- Please note only aerosols (roll-on deodorants can only be used once)
- Shaving Cream/Gel/Disposable Razors/Toothbrushes
- Tea/Coffee/Cup A Soups
- Biscuits/Cakes
- Sugar
- Hats/Caps/Gloves/Scarves
- Magazines/Paperbacks
- Small bars/sweets

**READINGS FOR Fourth Sunday of Advent**

**1st Reading: 2 Sam 7:1-5, 8-12, 16**  
**PSALM: 88:2-5, 27, 29**  
**2nd Reading: 2 Romans 16:25-27**  
**Gospel: Luke 1:26-38**

*Praying with  
God's Word*



**Annual Christmas Appeal**

The Brackenstown Conference would like to express their thanks for your support to this year's appeal. The collection raised €7970.00 which under such difficult circumstances is a great amount.



**Appeal - A simple way communities can support each other**

We are writing to express a big 'thank you' to Parishes. We asked for donations of toiletries to include with food parcels we distribute. We received a huge amount. We also received food and financial donation via [www.crosscare.ie](http://www.crosscare.ie) Donations are welcome year round, but especially at this difficult time, when so many people are looking for help. *Wishing you a Happy Christmas from the Crosscare Food Services team.*



Supporting older people  
so age at home  
COVID-19/ CORONAVIRUS  
HELPLINE FOR OLDER PEOPLE  
**0818 222 024**  
TO VOLUNTEER YOUR HELP, VISIT  
[www.alone.ie](http://www.alone.ie)

**COVID-19 Support Line for Older People**

ALONE are a national support line for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to the outbreak of COVID-19 (Coronavirus). The support line is open seven days a week, 8am - 8pm, by calling 0818 222 024.

**Act of Spiritual Communion Prayer**

**My Jesus,** I believe that you are present in the most Holy Sacrament on the altar. I love You above all things and I passionately desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. So that I may unite myself wholly to you now and forever. **Amen.**  
**A prayer card containing this text is available at the back of the Church**

**Christmas Cards,** Nativity Sets/Crib Figures, Church Art Calendars and other


**Catholic Papers & Magazines**

Are available as usual in the new bookrack at the back of the Church.

'LIKE' Legion of Mary Brackenstown Swords




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

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