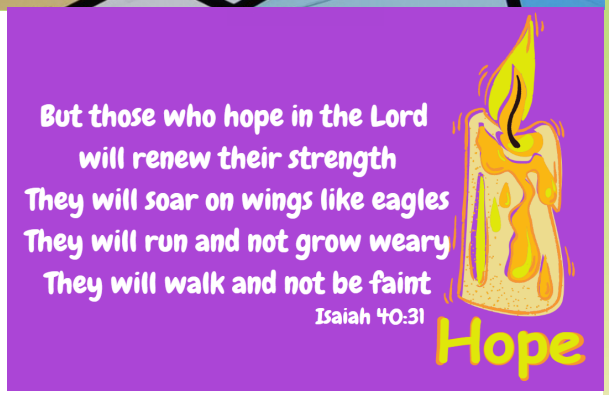
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PARTNERSHIP OF BRACKENSTOWN, SWORDS, RIVER VALLEY & DONABATE PARISHES

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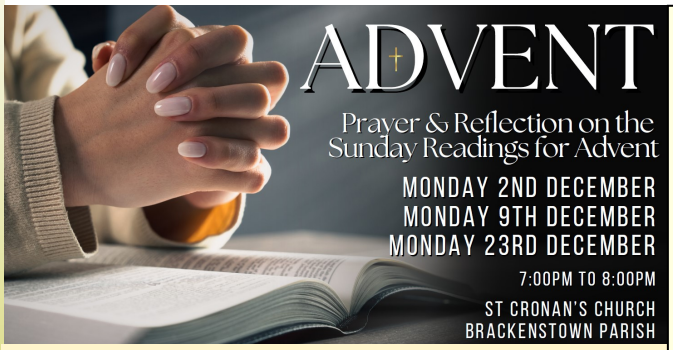
This Sunday we enter the season of Advent, the start of the church year, a time of renewal. Advent invites us into a reflective space to prepare for faith, for Christ, to come to birth anew in ourselves and in our life as a faith community. The parish liturgy group is proposing two enhancements to the 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 allows the gathered community 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.



Since Advent is a time of hope, and the theme of the Jubilee Year which begins on New Year's Eve, is 'Pilgrims of Hope', children and adults are invited to write on the back of one of the coloured stars which will be placed on the Christmas tree either a prayer for hope or the promise of an action that they are going to undertake as a sign of hope. At a time of conflict, hunger and environmental destruction in many parts of the world, and warnings about economic uncertainty ahead, it was never more important for Christians to witness to a hope founded on God's love for the whole of humanity revealed in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus the Christ.

Maranatha, Come Lord, Jesus!

Fr Richard



As a way of preparing ourselves to hear the Advent Good News, parishioners and visitors are invited to gather each Monday evening at 7.00pm in the church to participate in **a reflective reading of one of the scripture readings** for the Sundays of Advent. The session will last no more than 45 minutes. This may be of particular assistance to the ministers of the Word.

The Order of Malta are organising a **Christmas Party for Senior Citizens** on Sunday 8th December from 2-5pm in the parish centre



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

A preparation Mass for **First Communion** will take place **next Saturday 7th December at 6.00pm and Sunday 8th December at 5.00pm,** Second Sunday of Advent.



A **Hallelujah Christmas Concert** will take place in the church on **Thursday 5th December at 7.30pm.** Tickets may be purchased at the parish office any weekday morning or online: www.HallelujahChristmas.com. A limited number of tickets will be available at the door of the church on the night.

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

Follow me: Meeting Jesus in the Gospel of John
Monday 02/12/24 will be the final session of our study of St John's Gospel. Our next study will be focused on Scripture and the early Fathers of the Church. This will be a twelve-week course starting in late February or early March, dates to be advised in the new year.

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.

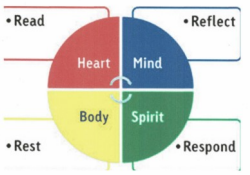
Anam Cara is organising a Bereavement Information Evening for bereaved parents. This event will take place **online** on **Tuesday 3rd December at 7pm**. The Information Evening is open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age the child died or the circumstances of their death. Our guest speaker 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 or call 085 2888 888

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.

The **Franciscan Missionary Sisters for Africa** have asked us to thank parishioners for your most generous response to the collection they held in the church in October. The amount donated was a staggering €3727. They also wanted to thank the parish for the warm welcome they received and the interest in their missionary work.

The teachers from **Scóil Chrónáin SNS** have also thanked parishioners for your support of their recent bake sale, which raised €700.

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

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!

Silent Christian Meditation in Brackenstown Parish Centre every Monday at 11am (St Joseph's Room). For more information contact Marian Burke 0879703640. The fruits/ benefits of Mediation: ***Peace, love, joy, patience, understanding, kindness, goodness, freedom and self-control.*** *Galations:5:22*

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. All walk-ins welcome.

Pray… Reflect… Share
Prayer Meeting
Tuesday, 3rd December
8.00—9.00 p.m.
Parish Pastoral Centre
St. Cronan's Church
You'll be most welcome
The Rosary, Reading from Sunday's Gospel, information on Frank Duff included

Frank Duff Prayer Meeting
Tuesday 3rd December at 8:00pm in Brackenstown Parish Pastoral Centre.
You are invited to pray for your intentions through the intercession of Servant of God, Frank Duff, founder of Legion of Mary. Hymns, The Rosary, reflection on Sunday's Gospel and a little background information about Frank Duff will be included.



Legion of Mary

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.

SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS

Recently Deceased
John Ryan
Paddy Reilly

Month's Mind
Mary Ellen (Maureen) Noctor (MM)

Anniversaries
Niall Monks (2A)
Colette Savage (3A)
Vincent Millington (11A)
Breda Kissane
Fred Trill
Annie Adams
Martin Doyle
Augustine Elisabeth Aissi
Ann, Michael & Ita Sharkey
Dcsd Members of Rooney & Kelly Families
Special Intention

10 AM MASSES THIS WEEK

Mon	Paddy, Elizabeth & Michael Shields (A)
Tues	Healing Intention
Wed	Marian Movement for Priests
Thur	Pat Kearns (RD) Deceased Legionaires
Fri	Winifred Kirwan (A) Florrie O'Keeffe (A)
Sat	Special Intention

Bethany Bereavement Support Group
offer a free and confidential telephone support to any bereaved parishioners who wish to avail of it
Please phone Terri on 8403243, or Brid on 086 6006397
"I ask you Lord to be kind to them now, who were always kind to me here"

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