

CHURCH OF ST. CRONAN

BRACKENSTOWN PARISH NEWSLETTER

1st Sunday in Advent
27th November 2022 Year A

First Sunday of Advent: HOPE



Archbishop Dermot Farrell has written a pastoral letter to the people of the Archdiocese this weekend to mark the beginning of the season of Advent. Advent marks the beginning of a new liturgical year, so it is an appropriate time for the Archbishop to announce the next phase of the Building Hope Initiative which has been underway since Easter this year. As he mentions in his letter, the first phase of Building Hope was an invitation to parishes to engage in dialogue, reflecting on the four dimensions for pastoral renewal which emerged from the earlier Task Force consultation, namely: faith, servant leadership, social justice and welcome. This pastoral letter is a response to

the proposals made by parishes as to which other parishes they wish to be partnered with. In many cases, parishes have collaborated for some time in a grouping or cluster with one or two other parishes. In the coming weeks, Archbishop Dermot will write to each parish either to confirm the partnership they are already in, or in some cases to suggest being part of a bigger group of parishes or to partner with a different group altogether. Whatever shape the partnership might take, the aim is to involve the relevant clergy, parish pastoral workers, parish pastoral councils and active parishioners in renewing the missionary dimension of parish life.

'In this way we can reach out beyond what any one parish might be able to facilitate or imagine. As we prepare to celebrate Christmas, we open our hearts again to Jesus Christ, God-with-us, a light for all the world to see. The time has come!'

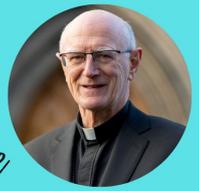
Fr. Richard

The Archbishop's Pastoral Letter, *The Time has Come*, is available on our parish website www.brackenstown-parish.com

The Time Has Come:
Archbishop Dermot Farrell
Advent Pastoral Letter 2022

Building Hope

Archdiocese of Dublin



Our new Parish Pastoral Council will be commissioned at the 11.00am Mass this Sunday 27th

November, First Sunday of Advent. Parishioners are invited to greet the new PPC members over a cup of tea in the Pastoral Centre after Mass.

Our online parish programme of preparation for Confirmation for parents and children in 6th class, Confirmation Connect, continues on Monday and Tuesday.



**Wednesday
30th November
ISAIAH: A PROPHETIC
VOICE FOR OUR TIME?**



On each of the four Wednesday evenings in Advent, parishioners and visitors are invited to an evening of prayer and reflection on an Advent theme in the church beginning at 7.30pm.



**Wednesday
14th December
MARY IN ADVENT**



**Wednesday
7th December
ADVENT
CAROL SERVICE**

**Wednesday
21st December
AN EVENING OF TAIZE
PRAYER**



SUNDAY MASSES: (Sat Vigil) 6pm; 9am; 11am & 5pm WEEKDAY MASSES: MONDAY to SATURDAY 10:00am
CONFESSIONS: SATURDAY 10:45am to 11:30am in the Pastoral Centre
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



The annual Mass for Teams (Equipes Notre Dame) will take place in our church on Thursday 8th December at 7.00pm. The celebrant will be Bishop Denis Nulty, Bishop of Kildare and Leighlin. Teams is a movement of spirituality and friendship for married couples. All are welcome to the Mass, particularly married or engaged couples.

Bethany Bereavement Support Group

offer a free and confidential telephone support to any bereaved parishioners who may wish to avail of it



Sr. Mary - 8404323 - week Sunday 27th November to Saturday 3rd December . Please phone Sr. Mary from 6-9.30pm.

"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted"

MASSES NEXT WEEKEND

Next Saturday and Sunday 3rd/4th December, *Second Sunday of Advent*, we will celebrate our next Mass for children and parents in our parish preparing for the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Communion.

1ST COMMUNION



CONFIRMATION

SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS

Recently Deceased

Maura Byrne
Richard (Dick) Nugent

Anniversaries

Maura (1A) & Paddy O'Rourke (Rem)
Agnes Sammon (2A)
Carmel Cronly (2A)
John O'Hare (4A)
Ellen Slattery
Patrick, Margaret & Kathleen Kearns
Kathleen & James Kiernan

We have installed two new shrine stands at the shrines nearest the sacristy (Sacred Heart and Our Lady). We ask parishioners to be careful in lighting a candle, using only the lighter which is especially supplied by the company and which you will find in the box at the front of the stand. Parishioners are invited to make a donation of 50 cent per candle being lit. The plan in the coming weeks is to replace each of the shrine stands.



CHRISTMAS FAIR
SWORDS SENIOR CITIZEN CENTRE
CHAPEL LANE
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2ND
FROM 10:30AM
EVERYBODY WELCOME!



WORLD YOUTH DAY LISBON 2023

Young people from our parish interested in participating in the **World Youth Day** with Pope Francis in Lisbon in 2023 are invited to register with the Archdiocese of Dublin by filling in the form linked below. Please note, places are limited and are reserved for those 18 years or older. The closing date for registration through the parish is next **Friday 18th November**. Please also inform the parish office if you wish to attend. <https://forms.office.com/r/CeLDQsRFiK>

The Scripture study seminars continue each Monday at 7.30pm in the Pastoral Centre. All are welcome to join!



The Hospitality Committee are organising tea/coffee in the parish centre after 10.00am Mass each Wednesday All are welcome

10 AM MASSES NEXT WEEK

- Mon** Michael Emery (RD)
- Tues** Patricia Lacey (12A)
Pray for: Leopold Batt (10A)
Thomas Hatch (7A)
- Wed** Marcus & Marcella Howard (A)
Pray for: Laila Anthrayose (RD)
- Thur** Liam Dunne (RD)
Pray for: Paddy Lowndes (A)
- Fri** Laurence & Elizabeth Wolohan (A)
- Sat** Niall Monks (MM)

CLOSURE OF ULSTER BANK

Many thanks to those parishioners who have responded promptly to our recent correspondence in relation to the closure of our Ulster Bank current account. This means that the account that handles your **Standing Order** will no longer work from early January. We have opened a new account with Bank of Ireland on Main Street, Swords and now ask parishioners to complete and send in to the parish the fresh Standing Order Form for this new account, which we sent you through the post. Please remember to cancel your old Ulster Bank standing order at the same time. Your support to the Parish through your Standing Order is greatly appreciated. If you have any questions, please contact the Parish Office at Tel. 01 8401188.

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Registered Charity Number
20016166

The All-Night Vigil is a long-standing tradition at Knock Shrine, celebrated on the eve of the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. The bus departs from 'The Star Pub' at 6:15pm. If you are interested in going, please contact Nora on 01 8404247 or 0863292329.



What Do You Read?

The Irish Catholic and Catholic Voice newspapers, Sacred Heart Messenger, St. Martin Magazine, children's books, colouring books and other booklets are available from bookrack on back wall of Church. Also, children's bibles and other items are available after Saturday evening and Sunday morning Masses in the main porch.

THE ROSARY

The rosary helps us to focus on the main events in the life of Jesus. It is a wonderful prayer. The "Rosary Statue" was blessed at the recent Candlelight Procession. If you would like to have the statue in your home for a little time, please contact a member of Legion of Mary in the main porch after Saturday evening or Sunday morning Masses.



Legion of Mary