

CHRISTMAS 2017 & NEW YEAR 2018



CHURCH OF ST. CRONAN
BRACKENSTOWN PARISH



CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

I would like to wish you and your family a very happy Christmas and every blessing as the New Year begins. It is always a lovely time of the year when family and friends get together and celebrate the birth of Jesus. Our families come in all shapes and sizes and in August next year we will celebrate the gift of family as Pope Francis joins us for the World Meeting of Families.

At this time of the year we think about God becoming one of us. The only way that he could do this was through a family. For the Holy Family it was not an easy beginning. Earlier this year I visited Greccio where the first crib was created by St. Francis. He wanted to help us see the simple beginning of Jesus' life, but the crib there goes on to show the other events that immediately followed the birth, the visit of shepherds and kings, the slaughter of innocents and the escape into Egypt.

In our world where we continue to face homelessness and the tragedy of people dying on our streets, where the future all around us seems so uncertain, the fact that God has come into our lives gives us hope.

Because in the words of Bl. Oscar Romero "Christmas should awaken us to the reality that the face of Christ is in each person we greet, each friend with whom we shake hands, each beggar that asks for bread, each worker who ask for the right to organize and each campesino who goes looking for work at coffee-harvest time. If the person before us is Christ, how could we rob them of their rights? Everything that we do to this person before us, Christ will take as done to him. This is the meaning of Christmas – that Christ lives among us."

In the new year we begin soon, let us recognize the face of Christ in our family, friends, strangers and those who reach out to us.

With every blessing, Fr. Paul

SUNDAY 24TH DECEMBER MASS INTENTIONS

6:30pm	Noel Hoey (A)	PRAY FOR
9:00am	Altar List of the Dead	John Hughes (A) & Decd Family Members
11:00pm	Kathleen, Marie & Aishling Skelton (A)	Kathleen & Patrick O'Reilly (A) & Decd Family Members
12:30pm	Decd Members Donnelly Family	Patrick O'Donoghue (A)
		Laurence Wolohan (A)
		Sandra & Kathleen Brophy (A)

CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES

(VIGIL) 6 PM, 9 PM, 9AM, 10:30AM & 12 NOON

ALL MASS INTENTIONS ARE FOR CHRISTMAS BOUQUET CARDS

CHRISTMAS WEEK MASS INTENTIONS

Tues 11am:	Eileen McGuirk (Rem) Pray for Special Intention
Wed 10am:	Mary Maughan (1st A)
Thurs 10am:	Sandra & Kathleen Brophy (A)
Fri 10am:	Intentions of all who supported the family of the late Cyril O'Neill
Sat 10am:	Birthday Intention Pray for: Paula O'Keeffe (2nd A)

SUNDAY 31ST DECEMBER MASS INTENTIONS

6:30pm:	Thomas Lawless (A)	PRAY FOR
9:00am:	Altar List of the Dead	Paula O'Keeffe (1st A) James Murtagh (1st A) Myles Kenny (A) Margaret Harford (10th A) James & Gerard McGrath (Rem) Vera McCann (RD)
11:00am:	Jim Reid (2nd A)	
12:30pm:	Nora & Michael Ward (A)	
5:30pm:		

NEW YEAR'S WEEK MASS INTENTIONS

Mon 11am:	Hugh McGuirk (RD)
Tues 10am:	Special Intention
Wed 10am:	Frank Nagle (A)
Thurs 10am:	Josephine, Thomas & Donald Macken (A)
Fri 10am:	Dcsd Members of Stone & McGonigle Families
Fri (Epiphany Vigil) 7:30pm:	John Hughes (A), Kevin Donnelly & Decd Family
Sat Epiphany 10am:	Legion of Mary Dcsd Legionnaires Worldwide



WITH GRATEFUL APPRECIATION

At the 40th celebration we thanked the outgoing Parish Pastoral Council. I would like to thank Liam, Frank, Therese, Maryanne, Maureen, Declan, Mary and Bridie for the extraordinary work they did. Their leadership enabled the Parish to grow and they have left a good foundation for the new Pastoral Council to build on.

In particular I would like to wish Declan Colgan every blessing as he has been accepted and begun his programme of preparation to be a Permanent Deacon in the Diocese. This will take him four years of prayer, study and discernment before his ordination to the Permanent Diaconate. Please keep Declan, his wife Mary and their children in your prayers.

There are three members of staff here in St. Cronan's and I would like to thank them for the great work that they do.

Peter our Parish Pastoral Worker brings great enthusiasm to everything he does. He has a great skill at encouraging people and helping them to develop their skills and awareness of living their Christian vocation.

Louise our Secretary is the first person many people meet when they are making contact with the Parish. She has a great way of dealing with people and is extremely efficient in the administration of the Parish Office.

Christie our caretaker works in all weathers to keep the grounds and the Church so well maintained.

Parish Office and Finance: I would like to thank Tony and Paddy for their financial record keeping. To Bridge and her team who count the collections and to the various collectors and delivery teams. The Finance Committee who keep an eye on income and expenditure.

Church Maintenance and Setting: To our team of sacristans who make sure that every Liturgy is provided with what is needed. The team who look after the laundry and linens. To Colm, Margaret and Joan who keep the Church so clean and to Kristina who looks after the Pastoral Centre. To Maura whose creativity and skill at arranging the flowers is admired by all. To the Safeguarding Team.

Liturgy: To Nicola and our team of amazing Altar Servers. To Sarah, Andrea and the dedicated members of the Youth Choir. To Aileen and the ever committed Choir Members. To our Ministers of the Word and Eucharist. To the Family Mass Team especially in the work they put in at Christmas. The Baptism team and the new Funeral Ministry team. To the Adoration and Prayer Groups.

Parish Pastoral Centre: To the Management Committee, the hospitality team, the provider of the cakes for the weekday coffee mornings and to all the leaders of the groups. To John for looking after the Parish Pastoral Centre garden and flower beds.

NET Ministries Team: who worked in our Parish over the last six weeks and whose dedication and commitment to their faith made a deep impression on the young people they worked with.

Legion of Mary: who have several groups in the Parish and whose dedication to the shop in the porch provides a great service and a warm welcome to people coming into the Church.

Newsletter: To LPI who manage and print our newsletter and to the advertisers who make it possible. Please support their businesses and when you use them tell them you saw their advertisement in the Parish Newsletter.

Finally: To all of you for your support and encouragement throughout the year.

Thank you, Fr. Paul



A word of thanks and Good News

This year Fr. Joseph returned home to Kerala, India to take up a new appointment in his community's Retreat Centre. In his five years here he built up many good friendships and helped people through his kindness, celebration of the Sacraments and his willingness to listen and follow up on people's life situations. We thank him for his ministry and witness and know that in his new role he will bring a wealth of experience.

Since he has left, we have had to make reductions to the timetable for a period during the summer. I would like to thank you for your co-operation with these changes and also for your kind words of support and friendship, especially during challenging times this year.



In early January we will welcome Fr. Bibin Jacob Mukkadackal, C.S.T. It has taken some time to process his visa due to new regulations in the Dept. of Justice here. Now that these have been satisfied he will soon be with us. For the last number of years he has worked on the Youth Animation Team and has worked with young people on Retreats. He has good pastoral experience and he is looking forward to his time with us. Archbishop Martin has given him a two year appointment with us. As he prepares to make the journey to Ireland I pray that he will have a safe journey.

Fr. Paul

Brackenstown Bible Study 2018

In January 2017 we studied the very informative 23 week Scripture Study course "The Bible Timeline; The Story of Salvation" This is the foundational study in The Great Adventure Bible Study Series that has helped hundreds of thousands of Catholics learn to read the Bible.



During 2018 we will study Matthew: The King and His Kingdom, a Catholic Bible study that brings the history of Christ to life through St. Matthew's Gospel. You will see Jesus as the awaited Messiah who fulfills the promises and prophecies of the Old Testament, establishes the New Law, and inaugurates the Kingdom of Heaven. The study runs for a total of 24 weeks, there will be 14 classes in Spring 2018 and 10 classes in Autumn 2018. The class size will be limited to 40 people, 38 people have already booked so there are only two remaining places. To register for the study call Louise at 01-8401188 or via email brackenstown@gmail.com.

Spring classes Monday evenings from 7.30 to 9.00 p.m commencing 22 /01/18 in St Cronan's Parish Pastoral Centre

Course Cost: €20.00 to cover the cost of the DVDs & the study book



Reverend Fathers, Canon Deane, Fellow Parishioners

1977 was an eventful year. To give a few examples, Apple sold their first computer, Concord flew its first passengers, Elvis died, but most importantly, this parish church was blessed and dedicated to St Cronan.

No parish event just happens. Every occasion needs to be discussed, planned and then put in place. All this takes time and effort. With this in mind, on behalf of the incoming Parish Pastoral Council, I'd like to thank Liam and the members of the outgoing Council for their commitment and work on your behalf over the last 7 years. During that time a number of initiatives have come to fruition, which the parish community now enjoy.

You, the parishioners, are this parish. You are its lifeblood. Without your constant support, whether it be spiritual, physical or financial, this parish would not have evolved. We on the Pastoral Council are here to listen to your needs and concerns and, in turn, involve the whole parish in response to these requests. As we look to begin our term of office we ask you to remember us in your prayers, and to discuss with us how we will face the start of the next forty years together.

I'd like to thank those who prepared tonight's liturgy, which we hope you found both spiritually nourishing and a cause for reflection, and not forgetting those who prepared the refreshments which await us in the Parish Centre.

Thanks to the former priests of the parish, many of whom are here with us tonight, for the part they played in the development of the parish over the last 40 years, and also to thank Canon Robert for the close links which both our parishes enjoy.

The new council has only been in existence a couple of weeks, but already we realise just how much we depend on Fr Paul and the parish team for their support, counsel and guidance, and we thank them for that. I've no doubt we will need their ongoing assistance over the coming years.

After Mass we would be delighted if you would join us in the Parish Centre. And finally, to mark our 40th anniversary, a commemorative bookmark containing our parish prayer, will be distributed as you leave the church.

Thank you.

Willie Curtis, Parish Pastoral Council



A note from NET Ministries Team



Happy Christmas! It feels like only yesterday we were meeting Fr Paul and visiting St. Cronan's parish for the very first time. The thoughts and emotions we had are still fresh in our minds: feeling so welcomed by the community, excited for the opportunities, and hopeful for the ministry. Now, 6 weeks, later we look back on our time in the Swords area, feeling very grateful that our expectations were not only met, but exceeded.

While living in Brackenstown, we did retreats at several schools, including St. Cronan's, Loreto, Holy Family, St. Finian's, and Colaiste Choilm. The schools and the students were all great and we loved getting to know the youth and sharing about Jesus through activities, dramas, and talks.

At the end of the retreats, we invited the youth to attend our junior and senior youth groups in the Parish Centre where we played games, shared about our lives and the faith, as well as just spending time chatting and eating pizza. On average, our senior youth group has had about 10 participants and our junior youth group has had about 25 participants. And we are very excited to say that we had 46 attendants, including volunteers at Our Christmas party this past Tuesday!!!!!! We really appreciate the help with youth groups that we've received from Anita, Chiara, Sarah, Sr Julie and Fr Paul!!

We were also able to participate in the parish life by speaking about NET at Masses, playing music, writing for the parish newsletter and most recently by attending the beautiful 40th Anniversary Mass. During our stay here, so many parishioners were saying hello to us, asking about our ministry, and wishing us well. We all felt very welcomed and supported.

Thank you so much for an incredible 6 weeks here; for your welcome, support, and prayers. We pray that God will bless you as you prepare for the celebration of the birth of Jesus!! Please keep the team in your prayers, especially for safety as we travel home to visit our families this Christmas. God bless!!

Alex, Connor, Pierce, Rachel, René & Vanessa

World Meeting of Families Icon



Introduction to the Icon of the Holy Family

Pope Francis encourages families to look at or 'gaze' at the icon of the Holy Family. Why? The word 'icon' means an image. But it is more than a picture or photograph. When we read the bible with reverence we are not just reading words, we are already praying. It is the same with an icon. When we look on it with reverence - when we 'gaze' on it - we are praying. God is speaking to us through the images and we are responding.

If you would like your family to spend a little time with the icon here are three simple steps.

1. When you get home from Christmas Mass or at another moment that suits gather the family for a few minutes.
2. Pass around the icon and offer the explanation (below).
3. After you have finished this ask one family member to read the family prayer with the icon.

Explanation of the Holy Family Icon

The angels on the outside - This icon of the Holy Family is shaped a bit like a house with a double door. On the outside of each door there is an angel. Michael on the left, Gabriel on the right. We remember the prayer from our childhood. 'O angel of God, my guardian dear.' Angels represent God's desire to protect us, our home and our family. When we pray to the angels we pray for God's protection. The words at the bottom of the door mean 'The Joy of Love' - the message to us from Pope Francis about family.



The Holy Family at the centre - When we open up the doors we see in the centre the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph gathered around the table. They are sharing a meal and celebrating the Passover, a Jewish religious festival remembering God's goodness. Like all families they had experiences of joys and sorrows. They were once refugees in another country, fleeing the violence of King Herod. This image of the Holy Family is very similar in form to another icon - one of the Blessed Trinity. This reminds us that God is like a family, and that family is the place where the love of God is experienced through the love we have for one another.



Family stories from the gospels at either side - On either side of the Holy Family there are images from the Gospels, showing Jesus' care for marriage and his deep compassion for those living with the burdens of family life. The image on the left depicts a story from the gospel of St. Mark. Jesus brings back to life the daughter of a man called Jarius. The image on the right is from the wedding feast at Cana, a story from St. John's gospel. Here Jesus reaches out to the newly married couple in a moment of need.



Our Family New Year's Resolutions for 2018

On New Year's Eve or New Year's Day why not take an opportunity to look back together on the year gone by and look forward to the year ahead.

Here are five easy steps for having a family chat that can result in up to three New Year's resolution that the whole family can commit to for the year ahead. Use this moment to foster communications and make decisions that build family life. Gather the family around the table or any place where you can talk to each other. One person leads the conversation by asking the questions below - give about 5-6 minutes to each question. Ensure every person in the family has a chance to speak.

STEP 1 - Looking back on 2017 - is there a family moment that I remember?

- A fun moment...
- A lovely moment...
- A sad moment...
- A moment I'll never forget!..

STEP 2 - Looking forward to 2018 - what would I love for us as a family?

- Something we might do...
- Something we might stop doing...

STEP 3 - Is there anything in what Pope Francis says here about families that strikes me?

"Always remember to say please, thanks and sorry - doing this in the good times helps in the bad times"

"If anyone has a success let's all celebrate - if anyone is in trouble let's all help"

"We all need our own space - let's respect that for each other"

"Practice forgiving - let's be slow to judge one another"

"Listen to one another's stories - especially across the generations"

"The family that prays together stays together"

STEP 4 - In light of what we have all chatted about is there one resolution I'd love us to make for the coming year?

- Can we make our suggestions?
- Can we list these?

STEP 5 - From all we have heard which resolutions can we all sign up to?

- Can we write these up in simple, concrete language on our family New Year's Resolutions sheet?

Download the sheet from the link on the Parish Website: www.brackenstown-parish.com

Try to keep the resolutions **concrete**, so that you will know whether they are done or not. Keep them **realistic** so that you have a good chance of success. An example of a concrete, realistic resolution might be - *We will celebrate each birthday in 2018 by having a meal together during the week of that birthday.*

- Where will we place the sheet so that we can all see it in our house?

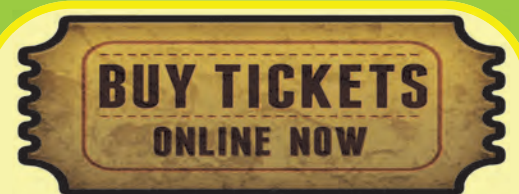


for
**WMOF
2018**

Some of the criteria for applicants to become a volunteer:

- Be a resident of the island of Ireland at the time of application.
- Be over 18 years of age as of 1st January 2018; or between the ages of 16 & 18 if volunteering in a group with ratio of at least one adult to ten young people. (There is no upper age limit.)
- Be sensitive and respectful of our Catholic ethos.
- Be fluent in English – all training and management instructions will be in English.
- Be aware we will supply you with a volunteer uniform that you may keep as a souvenir.
- Be aware you will be given a lunch pack during your volunteering shifts.
- Must apply for Garda vetting as part of the application process in line with the procedure laid down.
- Be available to volunteer for a minimum of four (4) consecutive days between 18th and 29th August 2018. (Shifts will last up to 8 hours and you will be given adequate rest time).
- Be available for three mandatory training sessions which will be on Saturdays and will last 3 to 5 hours. They will cover Induction, Job and Venue Specific Training. Advance notice will be given of dates.
- Be able to provide the names and contact details for two referees in a position to give a character reference.

There are more details at: www.worldmeeting2018.ie



www.worldmeeting2018.ie

5 day Ticket: 22nd – 26th August 2018

Online Registration: €68

On the day Registration: €78

Attendance to the 3 day Congress + Guarantee ticket for Festival of Families + Ticket for the Final Mass

1 day Adult Ticket

Online Registration: €38

On the day Registration: €43

Single day attendance to Congress + Option Festival of Families Ticket subject to availability at time of booking + guaranteed ticket for Final Mass (€5 off for Pensioners, students & unwaged)

Children's tickets are Free but they must be named and registered as part of a Family Group.

St. Cronan's Parish Pastoral Centre

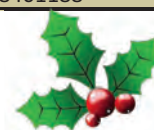
The Pastoral Centre has been in operation for two years and it has really brought a whole new life to the Parish. There is a Management Committee who oversee the maintenance, contracts and general running, while the bookings for use are made through the Parish Office. Below is a list of what takes place and who you can contact for more information.

On Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays as well as the 3rd Sunday of the month we have tea/coffee after Mass. It's a great time to meet people and if you haven't come in, make it a New Years resolution!

Group	Description	Meeting Time	Contact
Scoil Rince Bríde	Irish Dancing classes for children	Mondays 1:30pm	Andrea 086 8059030
Scripture Study	Learning about the history and meaning of God's word	Mondays 7:30pm	Paddy 01 8401188
St. Vincent de Paul	Supporting individuals and families	Every second Monday 7:30pm	01 8550022
Swords Manor F.C.	Committee Meeting	Mondays 8:00pm	Phillis 086 8068746
Parish Finance Committee	Managing and planning the Parish finances	Mondays monthly 9:00pm	01 8401188
Parkinson's Support Group	Information and support for people with Parkinson's and their families.	Second Tuesday of the month 10:30am	Noel 01 8405351
Swords Forget-Me-Not Café	Information and support for people with dementia and their families.	Second Tuesday of the month 7:00pm to 9:00pm	Debbie 086 3369137
Youth Group	Youth and faith activities 7:00 – 8:30pm 10 – 14 year olds	First, third and fourth Tuesdays of the month	01 8401188
HSE Breastfeeding	Support for new mums starting breastfeeding	Wednesdays 11:30am	Suzanne 01 8092200
Youth Choir	Prepare liturgical music for 12:30pm Mass 8 years up	Wednesdays 6:00 – 7:00pm	Sarah 086 0687650
Order of Malta Swords Unit	Teaching First Aid and providing cover at events	Wednesdays 8:00 – 10:00pm	Terry 086 3116559
Cuidiú	Support for mums and toddlers breastfeeding	Thursday 10:00am	Ruth 01 8401188
Patrician Meeting (Legion of Mary)	Presentation and discussion on a faith topic	Third Thursday 8:00 – 10:00pm	Joseph 087 2600352
Youth Group	Youth and faith activities 7:00 – 8:30pm 15 – 22 year olds	Thursdays 7:30pm to 9:00pm	01 8401188
Baptism Preparation	Preparing families for the Sacrament of Baptism	First Thursday 8:00pm	01 8401188
Tina Mation Art Academy	Art classes for children 8 years up.	Fridays 3:00 – 5:00pm	Harry 085 7371873
Taizé Prayer	Reflective Prayer in the style of the monks of Taizé	Third Friday of the month 7:30 – 8:30pm	01 8401188
African Chaplaincy	Youth and faith activities for young people	Last Friday of the month 7:30pm	Maryanne 087 2228569
North Swords Youth Club	Activities for young people 9 – 14 years	1 st and 2 nd Fridays	Nuala 085 7487973
Cuidiú	Support for mums and toddlers breastfeeding	2 nd Saturday of the month 10:30am	Yvonne 01 8401188
Support for Children with Autism	Individual support for children	Sundays 9:00am to 2:00pm	Olive 086 8869446
Bingo	Social event	Sundays 7:30pm	Frankie 01 8401188
Other groups that meet by arrangement			
Family Mass Group	Prepares liturgies for the 12:30pm Mass		Peter 089 4614226
Parish Pastoral Council	Leadership and planning in the Parish	Monthly	Willie 01 8401188
Communion and Confirmation Groups	Preparing the Do This In Memory and Come Follow Me Programmes	Monthly	01 8401188
Rathbeale Residents Assoc.	Meetings and social activities		Bridie 01 8401188



**We wish all our parishioners
a very Happy & Holy Christmas & Every Blessing for 2018**



PARISH DIARY

DATE	EVENT
JANUARY 2017	
9th JAN	Forget Me Not Café 7:00pm
9th JAN	Come Follow Me Group Leaders Meeting
18-25 JAN	WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY
20th JAN	Come Follow Me - BECOMING Mass @ 6:30pm
21st JAN	Come Follow Me - BECOMING Mass @ 5:30pm
22nd JAN	Scripture Study
THE PARISH DIARY IS AVAILABLE ON THE WEBSITE	



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

The next Parent Preparation Meeting is Thursday 1st February 2018 at 8pm in St. Cronan's Parish Centre.

Next Dates for Baptisms:

Sat 10th February @ 12:30pm

Sun 25th February @ 1:45pm

EPIPHANY GIFTS

You are invited to bring along any unwanted Christmas gifts until 10th January.

These gifts will then be passed onto Alice Leahy's Trust, a day-care facility for the homeless based in the Iveagh Trust Buildings. The kind of things that are useful are: chocolates, sweets, scented candles, toiletries, scarves, gloves etc.

Bring them to the crib in the Church and the Pastoral Council will pass them on. Thank you.



The Finance Committee wish to express our gratitude to all who supported the Parish Finances so generously in 2017. We would also like to thank all those who have requested to be included in the new envelope system for the two collections at weekend Masses. As mentioned there are substantial potential benefits for the Parish if the donor is an income tax payer. We will be ordering the 2018 envelope boxes in early January. We therefore invite those who wish to avail of the system to return a form as soon as possible. Thank you for your support.

The next edition of the Parish Newsletter will be issued on the weekend of 7th/8th January

Any items for publication must be in the Parish Office by the Wednesday lunch-time 3rd January 2018

PARISH INFORMATION

Mass Times:
Weekday Mass:
Holyday Mass:
Confession:

Fr. Paul Thornton, Adm,
Fr. Bibin Jacob C.S.T.
Peter Siney, Pastoral Worker
Louise Donnelly, Secretary

Sunday: 6:30pm (Sat. Vigil); 9:00am, 11:00am, 12:30pm & 5:30pm
Monday to Saturday 10:00am
Vigil 7:30pm; 10:00am
Saturday 10:30am to 11:00am and 6:00pm to 6:20pm
After 10:00am Mass on the Thursday before the First Friday
01 8401661 – 087 7404729 – pauljthornton@gmail.com
01 8408926 – brackenstownparish@gmail.com
089 4614226 – peter.siney@dublindiocese.ie
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CHRISTMAS CRIBS



Church Art Calendars, Crib Figures, Nativity Sets, Christmas Colouring Books, Activity Books, Children's Bibles, 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 the last Sunday of every month from 4pm–5pm. Can you stay one hour with me? We encourage new people to come and join us.

THE ROSARY

Honour the Mother of God & begin the New Year with the Rosary. Let us help you get started by having the Rosary Statue in your home. Just leave your contact details with a member of the Legion of Mary in main porch after Saturday evening or Sunday morning Masses and suitable arrangements will be made for you.



'LIKE' Legion of Mary Brackenstown Swords

St. Vincent de Paul

An update of the recent annual collection again showed the great generosity of the people of the Parish. The total of the collection is **€10,158.00** which will go a long way to help them in their work in the coming year. Many thanks again to all who contributed to the collection.

Praying with God's Word

Below are readings for upcoming Sundays & Feast Days:

4th 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

Christmas: 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

Holy Family: 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

Epiphany: 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

Baptism of Our Lord: 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



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 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.

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