

# ST. CRONAN'S CHURCH

PARTNERSHIP OF BRACKENSTOWN, SWORDS, RIVER VALLEY & DONABATE PARISHES

33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

19TH NOVEMBER 2023

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The new **Dublin Diocesan Child and Vulnerable Adult Safeguarding Policy** was launched in our parish centre earlier this week by Andrew Fagan (Director of the Diocesan Child Safeguarding and Protection Service) and Garry Kehoe (Training and Compliance Manager). The new Policy and Parish Child Safeguarding Statement ensures that we are fully compliant with government legislation, and our Child Safeguarding statement is on display in the church porch. Our parish welcomes the involvement of children and young adults in all parish activities, and our child and vulnerable adult parish representatives, Mary-Liz Donaghue and Merry Zacharias, ensure that all relevant safeguarding measures are in place. If anyone has any concerns in relation to safeguarding, feel free to get in touch with either of the parish representatives or with the parish priest.

Fr. Richard

## St Cronan's Church Brackenstown Parish ADVENT TALKS

by Sr. Therese Fitzgerald  
(Sisters of Zion)

Wednesday's at 7:00pm

6th December  
Isaiah

13th December  
John the Baptist

20th December  
Mary

Join us in Church or Online at  
[www.brackenstownparish.com](http://www.brackenstownparish.com)



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BRACKENSTOWN PARISH

## Carol Service

THURSDAY  
14th December 2023

Join us for an evening of Carols and readings by our Senior Choir, Young Adult Choir and Children's Choir and afterward in the Parish Centre for mulled wine & mince pies

We are planning an **Advent Carol Service** for Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December involving participation of the Senior, Young Adult and Children's Choirs. A short **Nativity play** will form part of the service. Parents whose children would like to participate in the nativity play in the Carol Service and/or Christmas Eve are invited to contact the parish office or talk to Andrea after 6.00pm Mass this Saturday evening or after the 11.00am Mass on Sunday.

St. Cronan's Church, Brackenstown Parish  
Annual Mass to Remember



Many thanks to all those who helped to organise our annual Mass in remembrance of parishioners who died during the past year: funeral ministry team, choir, hospitality committee etc. There was a great attendance, and it was a lovely celebration.

**Announcing Hope in Time of Challenge**, a series of talks on the key biblical figures in Advent: Isaiah, John the Baptist and Mary, will be presented by Sr. Therese Fitzgerald (Sisters of Zion) on Wednesdays 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> December from 7.00-8.00pm in the Pastoral Centre.



**Scripture study class  
resumes this  
Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November  
From 7:30pm - 8:30pm**

**Parishes Caring for Creation**, the Archdiocese's *Laudato Si'* conference, takes place in the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Blanchardstown, on Friday, November 24. How can parish communities care more deeply for God's creation? Join us for a day to equip your parish community to walk more gently on the earth. A limited number of places are still available. Contact [conference@dublindiocese.ie](mailto:conference@dublindiocese.ie) if interested



**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](http://www.brackenstown-parish.com)

**Confirmation Connect, the parish programme of preparation for Confirmation for candidates and their parents, continues each Monday and Tuesday in November from 7.00-8.00pm in the church.**



**Altar List of the Dead** envelopes are available around the church. When completed, they may be deposited in the box at the back of the church or handed in to the sacristy or parish office. All those whose names are on the Altar List will be prayed for at Mass throughout the month of November and on the First Friday of every month.

2024 - A Year of Prayer Partnership Potential Hot off the press is the announcement by Pope Francis of the Year of Prayer 2024 with resources from the Vatican to follow. The Holy Father calls for 'simplicity' in prayer. This could be another opportunity for Parish Partnerships to pool their resources for this new initiative. Many varieties of prayer styles have flourished in recent years with retreat centres and parishes offering courses and prayer experiences. We might be surprised by the number of prayer leaders and groups across the Partnerships.

**A Pastoral Letter from Archbishop Farrell** celebrating Funeral Ministry and the consolation and hope we offer as Church to the bereaved, and an accompanying **Pastoral Aid** to assist with discussion locally as to how we can develop this significant pastoral ministry in a time of change, are available at [www.dublindiocese.ie](http://www.dublindiocese.ie) under the Building Hope tab.

**Ministries Matter day for PPCs**

A day for members of PPCs to gather together in St Paul's, Arran Quay, to explore the important work of growing ministries in our parishes. Join us on Saturday, December 2, from 10am-2pm. To register for your place please complete the online registration form on the Adult Faith section of [www.missionministry.ie](http://www.missionministry.ie).

**Journeying to Christ through Advent** - A new faith sharing group resource for parishes to use during Advent - will be available from November 14. Training on how to use this resource will take place on November 14 from 7.30-9.00pm via Zoom. **Online registration is now open** for the training on the Adult Faith section of [www.missionministry.ie](http://www.missionministry.ie).

The annual **Statement of Receipts and Payments for 2022** is now available for parishioners on the tables at the entrances to the church. Please feel free to take a copy.

Christian Meditation Ireland are hosting a **Morning of Prayer and Meditation with Fr Laurence Freeman, Director of the World Community for Christian Meditation.** The event will take place in **Balally Parish Centre, Dublin D16 E032** on **Saturday, 02 December 2023** from **10:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.** No previous experience necessary. See [www.christianmeditation.ie](http://www.christianmeditation.ie) for booking details.

The Church of St Francis Xavier (Gardiner Street Parish) would like to invite you to join us for **Talks on the Mystics.** This is a series of seven talks by Fr Brendan Comerford SJ on seven different Christian mystics on Saturday mornings from November 4 to December 16, 10am to 12.15pm, in the John Sullivan Room. No registration needed. Simply come and be inspired by the lives of St Catherine of Siena, Julian of Norwich, St Teresa of Avila, St John of the Cross, St Pierre Favre, St Edith Stein and Pope St John XXIII. Listen to Fr Brendan introducing the Talks on the Mystics: <https://youtu.be/vwMxxuZ0Gck/>.



**All Night Vigil to Knock - Thursday 7th December**  
**Bus leaves St Cronan's Church at 6:30pm**  
**and Fingal County Council Offices at 6:40pm**  
**Contact Nora at 8404247 or 086 3292 329**



Legion of Mary

**How can we relieve the suffering of the Holy Souls in Purgatory?**

The second **Patrician Meeting of 2023/2024** season will put a spotlight on the relationship between the souls in purgatory and God. There will be reflection on who these souls are, do they need our help and why. Also profound insights from Pope Benedict XVI on why purgatory is a place of hope. All are most welcome. **Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November at earlier time of 7:30pm in Brackenstown Parish Pastoral Centre.**

**SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS**

**Recently Deceased**

William (Bill) Barry

**Month's Mind**

Mary Murphy

**Anniversaries**

Paddy Barrett (8A)

Christine Barnes (7A)

Paddy McManus (BR)

Maureen & Eamon Lawless

Madge Taaffe

Maoiliosa & Liam McCourt

Vincent & Charlotte

Delamere

Freda Heaslip

John Kissane

Patrick O'Donovan

Elizabeth Punch

Mary Punch

Dcsd Members of Buckley

Family

**10 AM MASSES NEXT WEEK**

**Mon** Liam Martin

**Tues** Cathy MacAlevey (RD)

**Wed** Douglas Crosbie (BR) & Saoirse Crosbie (Rem)

**Thur** Tom & Lily Morris (A)

**Fri** Ellen Slattery (A)

**Sat** Mary Murphy (RD)

**Bethany Bereavement Support Group**

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

**Terri - 8403243**

**Sunday 19th November to Saturday 25th November**

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

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9:30am - 1:00pm

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