

Parish Newsletter

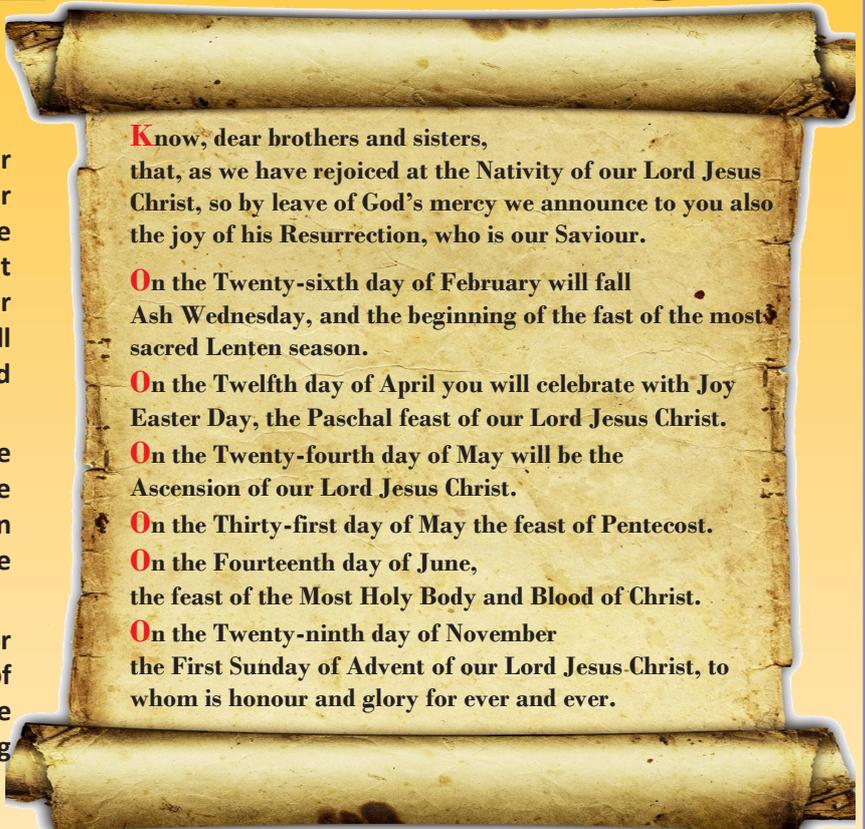
5th January 2020 ✠ 2nd Sunday Ordinary of Christmas ✠ Year A

# EPIPHANY PROCLAMATION 2020

While a day like Christmas is fixed in our minds and on the calendars as December 25th, many of the important feasts of the Church year move, based upon the date that Easter is set. Easter changes each year moving to the Sunday after the "Paschal Full Moon," and can fall between March 22 and April 25.

In ancient times before calendars were common, most people did not know the dates for the upcoming Liturgical year. On Epiphany Sunday, the upcoming dates were "proclaimed".

After the singing of the Gospel, a Deacon or cantor, in keeping with an ancient practice of Holy Church, announces from the ambo the moveable feasts of the current year according to this formula:



**K**now, dear brothers and sisters, that, as we have rejoiced at the Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ, so by leave of God's mercy we announce to you also the joy of his Resurrection, who is our Saviour.

**O**n the Twenty-sixth day of February will fall Ash Wednesday, and the beginning of the fast of the most sacred Lenten season.

**O**n the Twelfth day of April you will celebrate with Joy Easter Day, the Paschal feast of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**O**n the Twenty-fourth day of May will be the Ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**O**n the Thirty-first day of May the feast of Pentecost.

**O**n the Fourteenth day of June, the feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ.

**O**n the Twenty-ninth day of November the First Sunday of Advent of our Lord Jesus Christ, to whom is honour and glory for ever and ever.

## Epiphany Gifts for Alice Leahy TRUST

Over Christmas we get many gift of chocolates, biscuits, hand creams, soaps, shower gels etc. and would like to be able to share them with others who may have not been as lucky as us. These are the types of things that Alice Leahy



and her team can put to good use in the drop in centre that they operate in the Iveagh Trust Buildings in the City

Centre. The premises is leased from Dublin City Council and their funding comes from small grants and mainly from the donations and support of people like us. You can bring your Epiphany Gifts to the Crib up to the last Mass on Sunday 12th January. The following week these will be brought into TRUST. It was great to have Alice with us for a talk in Advent and she expressed her sincere thanks for our support.

SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS		PRAY FOR	10 AM MASSES NEXT WEEK
6:30pm:	Christina Walsh (1A)	Laurence and Anne Maughan (A)	<b>Mon:</b> 10:00am Thanksgiving Mass
9:00am:	Altar List of the Dead and Intentions of Parish	Robert (1A) & Freda Nolan	<b>Tues:</b> Bridget and John McNulty (A)
11:00am:	Catherine Mallin (6A)	Myles Kenny	<b>Wed:</b> Carmel Taylor (6A)
12:30pm:	Nora, Michael Snr. & Michael Jnr. Ward (A)	Helen Kenny	<b>Thur:</b> Mary and Henry Murphy (A) Pray for Michael Hoare (8A)
5:30pm:	Pat Tierney & Johnny O'Sullivan (A)	Carmel Hayden (RD)	<b>Fri:</b> Josephine & Henry Murphy (A)
		Agnes Sammon (M/M)	<b>Sat:</b> Special Intention

# Dates for your Diary in 2020

Do This in Memory Masses	18th & 19th January	6:30 & 12:30
Pre-Confirmation Masses	25th & 26th January	6:30 & 12:30
Confirmation	13th & 14th February	St. Cronan's
Confirmation	5th March	GSBB
Lent Retreat	17th—21st March	
Confirmation	25th April	ETNS
First Holy Communion	9th May (10:00 & 12:00)	St. Cronans
First Holy Communion	16th May (10:00)	GSBB
First Holy Communion	16th May (12:00)	ETNS

## CHRISTMAS DUES

The Christmas Dues together with the First Collection at Mass and the Easter Dues goes to support myself and the sick and retired Priests of the Diocese. We really appreciate your generosity to this collection. There is a financial benefit to the Parish as your Dues contributions can be included in your Family Offering for the Tax Reclaim Scheme. Thank you again for your generosity and for all your support.  
Fr. Paul

### Mass for the Feast of the Epiphany

Monday 6th January

7:30am, 10:00am and 7:30pm



*Upcoming events at the Emmaus Retreat Centre, Ennis Lane, Swords*



**Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible**

Mondays 7:30pm to 9:00pm  
Beginning 13th January  
Cost €30.00



**BURNING HEARTS**

Friday 10th January 7:30pm to 9:30pm Mass, Holy Hour, Social led by Fr. Conor McDonough



**Navigate married life together**

The Alpha Marriage Course—  
Strengthen your relationship  
23rd Jan to 5th March 7:30-9:00pm

**Altar Servers:** We have three applications for new Altar Servers. If there are any other children 9+ who would like to join our team please contact the Parish Office. Training will begin Wed. 15th Jan

*The Hospitality Group welcome additional members, if you can help, please contact the Parish Office.*

## Hospitality in the Pastoral Centre

Weekday Hospitality returns on  
Tuesday 7th January  
after 10am Mass



## 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

Can you stay one hour with me? We encourage new people to come and join us.

### Prayer Meeting

Spend One Hour...**Tuesday 7th January, 8-9pm** in Parish Pastoral Centre, (St. Cronan's Church). This Prayer Meeting honours Servant of God, Frank Duff, founder of Legion of Mary. Everybody most welcome.

### CALENDARS

**Church Art,** Calendars, children's books, colouring books, rosary beads etc. as well as many other religious items available in main porch after Saturday evening or Sunday morning Masses.

### CHRISTMAS SEASON

The Rosary reminds us of the events we celebrate at this time of year. The "Rosary Statue" could help us focus on the story of Christ's birth. If you would like to have the Statue in your home for a week in this season (or other time), please speak to member of Legion of Mary in main porch after Saturday evening or Sunday morning Masses.



### Would You Like to Work for Our Lady?

Legion of Mary needs new members to help Our Lady bring Jesus to more people. Meetings are held in the new location—"Crosscare" room at priest's house, on Tuesdays at 10:30am, Wednesdays at 7:30pm and 4:45pm on Fridays for under Junior members in Parish Pastoral Centre. Why not come along and see what you can do!

### 'LIKE' Legion of Mary Brackenstown Swords

### Praying with God's Word

**2ND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS**  
First Reading: Sir 24: 1-2, 8-12  
2nd Reading: Eph 1:3-6, 15-18  
Gospel: Jn 1:1-18

**THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD**  
First Reading: Is 42:1-4, 6-7  
2nd Reading: Acts 10:34-38  
Gospel: Mt 3:13-17



### Finance Committee News

The Finance Committee wish 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 shortly be ordering the 2018 envelope boxes. We therefore invite those who wish to avail of the system to return a form as soon as possible. Thank you for your support.



Parkinson's Association of Ireland

All Welcome to the next meeting

**St. Cronan's Pastoral Centre**

**Tuesday 14th JANUARY**

**from 11am - 1pm**

**Followed by Exercise Class**

**With Sielbleu**

Tea & coffee available from 10:30am



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

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