

CHURCH OF ST. CRONAN

BRACKENSTOWN PARISH NEWSLETTER

3rd Sunday in Advent
11th December 2022 Year A

Third Sunday of Advent: JOY



Poem: "FIRST COMING" BY MADELEINE L'ENGLE

He did not wait till the world was ready,
till men and nations were at peace.
He came when the Heavens were unsteady,
and prisoners cried out for release.

He did not wait for the perfect time.
He came when the need was deep and great.
He dined with sinners in all their grime,
turned water into wine.

He did not wait till hearts were pure.
In joy he came to a tarnished world of sin and
doubt.

To a world like ours, of anguished shame
he came, and his Light would not go out.

He came to a world which did not mesh,
to heal its tangles, shield its scorn.
In the mystery of the Word made Flesh
the Maker of the stars was born.

We cannot wait till the world is sane
to raise our songs with joyful voice,
for to share our grief, to touch our pain,
He came with Love: Rejoice! Rejoice!

First published: L'Engle, Madeleine. *A Cry Like a Bell* (1987).



Society of St. Vincent de Paul

The Annual SVP Appeal takes place this Saturday 10th and Sunday 11th December in St Cronan's Church. The Conference of St Cronan would like to thank the parishioners for their constant and generous support for the St Vincent de Paul throughout the year. When our members visit people in need, it is your donations which allow us to provide relief and comfort. Without your support, we could do nothing and life would be a lot more difficult for many people. Your generosity goes a long way. Again we would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your very generous support and wish you a peaceful Christmas and a Happy New Year.

An Advent Service of
Reconciliation will take place in
River Valley church on
Tuesday 20th December at 7:30pm.

Fr. Richard and Fr. Joseph will be
available for the sacrament of
Reconciliation after each Sunday Mass
during Advent.



Monday 12th December
St Cronan's Pastoral Centre



This term's **Scripture** seminars conclude this Monday 12th December with the showing of the movie, *The Letter*, which has been made with Pope Francis, at 7.30pm in the Pastoral Centre. All are welcome.

MARY IN ADVENT

WEDNESDAY
14TH DECEMBER AT 7:30PM



On Wednesday evening, 14th December parishioners and visitors are invited to an evening of prayer and reflection in St Cronan's Church beginning at 7.30pm.

Advent Evenings of Reflection

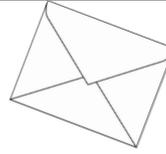
On each of the four Wednesday evenings in Advent, parishioners and visitors are invited to an evening of prayer and reflection on an Advent theme in the church beginning at 7.30pm. The Advent reflection evenings are also streamed live on our webcam for those who wish to join us from at home.

Wednesday 14th December
Mary in Advent

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 parish **Christmas card, timetable of services and Christmas Offerings** envelope are now available for distribution around the parish. Please call in to the coffee dock in the pastoral centre if you are available to take a bundle and deliver them in your neighbourhood. Please also sign on the page on the blue clipboard to indicate which road(s) you are delivering to. Many thanks!



Archbishop Dermot Farrell has written to each parish in the diocese to inform us of the new parish partnerships that we are now part of. The parishes which together form our partnership consist of

Brackenstown, Swords and Drynam, River Valley and Dublin Airport and Donabate. The partnerships invite us to work together in a more structured way, beginning with meetings of parish teams (ie: clergy, parish pastoral workers, parish sisters, catechists etc) and the pastoral councils from each parish so that we can maximise the service being offered to the people in the partnership area.

As our own Pastoral Council has just been launched, it is an exciting time to be setting out in this new direction, which is the culmination of the parish consultation and reflection involved in the Building Hope process across the diocese.

[The Archbishop's Pastoral Letter is available on our parish website.](#)

Advent invites us into a reflective space so that we can truly welcome the God who is coming into the world in Jesus Christ. If you would like to receive a **short scripture quotation** by text each day during Advent, taken from one of the readings at Mass that day, just give your phone number to the parish office, or else just view them on our Facebook page.



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 candidates for Confirmation and their families in our parish will join us for Mass at 6pm (vigil), and at 12.30 and 6.00pm this Saturday and Sunday 10th /11th December, Third Sunday of Advent.



We would like to welcome any interested Bethany volunteers to an information evening on Monday, 12th of December from 7.30-8.30 in St. Anne's Resource Centre which is situated in the grounds of St. Anne's Church in Shankill. We know that this training is a big commitment for volunteers. Therefore, we want to provide any interested volunteer with information regarding the upcoming training and answer any practical questions they may have about the time commitment, date and location of this training in February 2023. In addition to training-specific information, this meeting aims to provide information about grief and the range of support structures Bethany has to offer.

Bethany Bereavement Support Group

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

Please phone Bridget - 085 2812985
Sunday 11th to Saturday 17th December
Please phone from 6-8pm.

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

SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS

Recently Deceased

Paddy McCormack
Joan Lavelle

Anniversaries

Sheila Canning (1A)
Anne McCorkell (1A)
Fr. Roy Drummey
Nollag McCann
Nicola Fay

Marie & Michael Reynolds & Dcsd
Family Members
Eileen & Christy McGuirk
Martin Hamilton (BR)

10 AM MASSES NEXT WEEK

Mon Special Intention

Tues Liam Nolan (A)

Wed Jack Murphy (RD)

John Keaney & Dcsd
Thur Members of Kealy & Keaney Families

Eileen, Pat & Michael
Fri Howard (R)

Sat Special Intention

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS
Monday - Friday
9:30am - 1:00pm

Registered Charity Number
20016166

Kaboodle of Treasured Tales

This is a lovely book of stories for children. Also Christmas tree decorations, baby Jesus figure, Nativity sets, other books, statues etc. all available in main porch after Saturday evening & Sunday morning Masses.

Christ Centred

The rosary helps us to focus on the main events in the life of Jesus. It tells of Mary's role in our salvation... a wonderful prayer. The "Rosary Statue" was blessed for use in the homes of the parish at the October 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

