ST. CRONAN'S CHURCH

PARTNERSHIP OF BRACKENSTOWN, SWORDS, RIVER VALLEY & DONABATE PARISHES

4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT 22ND DECEMBER 2024 YEAR C



We are now entering the final days of Advent. Much of the shopping has been done, Christmas cards sent, trees put up and decorated and homes lit up inside and outside. Food items have been donated by our local schools and distributed just as quickly by our local St. Vincent de Paul conference to families in need, but of course there are always last minute tasks to be done...

Amidst all the busyness, this fourth Sunday of Advent invites us to make time for what is important, to take Mary as our model. Having just received the startling news that she is to the mother of Christ our Saviour, her first thought is not for herself but for her cousin Elizabeth, who has just received similar good news that she will have a child who will prepare a way for Jesus. Mary knows that it is important for her to be with Elizabeth at this time. Can we try to create the space for Christ to come anew into our life and into our home in these days, by making time for both personal and family prayer. Even a few moments of quiet in our room or in a church can restore our calm and reorder our priorities.

In these final days of preparation for Christmas, there is a special invitation to avail of the sacrament of reconciliation. It allows the love and forgiveness of God to come into our lives in a personal and transformative way, so that we let go all that stop us from being fully alive. The block to forgiveness is never on God's side but on ours. The **Sacrament of Reconciliation** will be available this Saturday 21st December immediately following 10.00am Mass. It will also be available after each Mass on Sunday 22nd December and after 10.00am Mass on Christmas Eve. With God there is always the offer of a new beginning, which in turn can lead to a new beginning in our relationship with others. Perhaps this might be our Christmas gift to ourselves!



As a witness to our hope in Christ, children and adults are invited to write on the back of one of the coloured stars either a prayer for hope or the promise of an action that we are going to undertake as a sign of hope. These will then be placed on the Christmas tree.

Maranatha, Come Lord, Jesus!

Fr Richard

Many thanks to all those who donated gifts of food and toiletries in the weeks leading up to Christmas. These have already been passed on to the SVP, who have distributed them to needy families and individuals in the parish. Any items of non-perishable food left at the altar steps between Christmas and Epiphany will be distributed equally to SVP and to Alice Leahy Trust.

The parish **Christmas card, timetable of Christmas services** and offering envelope are available for collection on the tables at the entrances to the church. Please take one, and perhaps also one for a neighbour who is housebound but who might like to follow the Christmas services via webcam!

Church of St. Cronan, Brackenstown Parish Christmas Calendar 2024

Sunday 22nd December
Confessions after 9.00am; 11.00am and 5.00pm Masses

Tuesday 24th December
Christmas Eve
Mass 10:00am
Confessions 10:30am-11:30am
First Mass of Christmas
***Family Mass* 6.00pm**
Mass of the Nativity 9.00pm
Preceded by Carols at 8.45pm

Wednesday 25th December
Christmas Day
Christmas Mass 9.00am & 11.00am
No Evening Mass

Thursday 26th December
St. Stephen's Day
Mass 10.00am

Friday 27th December
Mass 10.00am

Saturday 28th December
Mass 10.00am
Vigil Mass 6.00pm

Sunday 29th December
Feast of the Holy Family
Mass 9.00am & 11.00am
Mass 5:00pm

Tuesday 31st December
Mass 10.00am
Prayer vigil to welcome New Year
11.30pm

Wednesday 1st January 2025
Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
Mass 10.00am

Saturday 4th January
Mass 10.00am
Vigil Mass 6.00pm

Sunday 5th January
Second Sunday of Christmas
Mass 9.00am, 11:00am, & 5.00pm

Monday 6th January
Feast of the Epiphany
Mass 10.00am

Sunday 12th January
Feast of the Baptism of The Lord
Mass 9.00am, 11:00am, & 5.00pm

Epiphany Gifts for Alice Leahy Trust or St. Vincent de Paul can be brought to all Masses from 29th December to the 6th January















Members of Our PPC; Fr Tony's Visit; Gospel of Mark; Week of Guided Prayer; Lourdes Pilgrimage; Order of Malta Christmas Party; Two Catechumens for Baptism & Confirmation; Pupils from Colaiste Choilm helping SVP to Pack Hampers; Putting up the Crib

We wish all our Parishioners and Visitors every Blessing for Christmas and the New Year





















SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS

Recently Deceased

Liam Lennon
Richard Gallagher

Month's Mind

Patrick O'Reilly
John Ryan

Anniversaries

Wayne Hegarty (1A)
Pat Tierney (6A)
Larry O'Donoghue
Patrick Green
Anne Browne
Sheila O'Reilly
Jim Thomas
Ivan Reilly
Gerry Macken
Kathleen, Marie & Aisling Skelton
Tommy, Saoirse Crosbie & Dcsd
Family Members
Una Greene
Marie & Michael Reynolds & Dcsd
Family Members
Joe & Peggy O'Reilly
Larry & Brigid Kane
Margaret, Jack & Richard Bourke
Dolores & Billy Edwards
Patrick, Florence & Helen Ryan
Douglas Crosbie (BR)

10 AM MASSES THIS WEEK

Mon	Noel Hoey (A)
Tues	Michael Pentony & Dcsd Family Members
Wed	CHRISTMAS DAY
Thur	Jim Reid (9A) Nathan, Daniel & Mary Sinead Maughan (A)
Fri	Philip Buckley (A) Stewart Remicks (A) Andy & Ellen Cawley (A) Michelle Taylor (A) James & Dolly Gregan (A) Chris McCann (A) John Halpin (A) Gary Gregan (A)
Sat	Special Intention

Bethany Bereavement Support Group

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

Please phone Terri on 8403243, or Brid on 086 6006397

"I ask you Lord to be kind to them now, who were always kind to me here"

Anam Cara - supporting parents after bereavement, are hosting their first **Online Bereavement Information Evening** of 2025 on **Tuesday 7th of January 2025**. This online talk is for bereaved parents only. **Time:** 7pm - 8:30pm. **Guest Speaker:** Níamh Finucane . Parents can register using the below link: CLICK HERE TO REGISTER

Traveller Outreach Addiction Service: this is a free and confidential drug and alcohol treatment service providing addiction support to the Traveller Community and their families in North Dublin. Opening hours: 9.00am-5.00pm. To speak to a member of the team, contact: 01/6991077. For more information contact: travellersupport@coolminetc.ie.

Christmas Gifts - Suitable gifts for recreating the Home of Nazareth

Nativity sets, Christmas cards, Liturgical calendars, statues, ornaments, children's colouring books, bibles and lots more available at Repository on Saturday evenings and Sunday mornings.



Legion of Mary

Rosary Statue

We invite you to host the Rosary statue for a week in your home this year. It was recently blessed in our Church on the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. When prayed well, the Rosary allows us to see the face of Christ in others and recreates something of the atmosphere of the household in Nazareth. Rosarium Virginis Mariae on the Most Holy Rosary (October 16, 2002) | John Paul II (vatican.va). **For more information, please speak to any member of the Legion of Mary after Mass at weekends.**

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