



Parish Newsletter

23rd December 2018 ✕ Fourth Sunday of Advent ✕ Year c

Church of St. Cronan, Brackenstown Parish Christmas Calendar 2018

Sunday 23rd December

Mass 9:00am; 11:00am, 12:30pm & 5:30pm

Confessions 1:30 – 2:30 & 6:15pm - 6:45pm;

Sunday Vigil Mass at 6.30pm

Monday 24th December (Christmas Eve)

Mass 10:00am

Confessions 10:30am-11:30am

First Mass of Christmas at 6.00pm (Family Mass)

Mass of the Nativity at 9.00pm

(Preceded by Carols at 8.45pm)

Tuesday 25th December (Christmas Day)

Masses 9.00am, 10.30am & 12.00pm

No Evening Mass

Wednesday 26th December (St. Stephen's Day)

Mass at 11.00am

Thursday 27th - Saturday 29th December

Mass at 10.00am (Church closes 12:00noon)

Sunday 30th December (Feast of the Holy Family)

Vigil Mass: 6:30pm (Saturday); 9:00am;

11:00am, 12:30pm & 5:30pm

Monday 31st December

Mass at 10.00am & Evening Prayer 6:00pm

Tuesday 1st January 2019 (Mary, Mother of God)

Mass at 11:00am

Wednesday 2nd January to Saturday 5th January

Mass at 10.00am

Sunday 6th January (Feast of the Epiphany)

Vigil Mass: 6:30pm (Saturday); 9:00am;

11:00am, 12:30pm & 5:30pm

**Epiphany Gifts can be brought to all Masses
from 29th December to the 6th January**

RECONCILIATION SERVICES

Brackenstown Thursday 20th December at 7.30pm

River Valley Saturday 22nd December 11:00am Mass
with Examination of Conscience followed by individual confession

*May the peace and love
of the Infant Jesus find a home
in your heart this Christmas
and throughout 2018
You are invited to join with us
in celebrating the
Birth of Jesus in our Parish*

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CHRISTMAS DUES

The Christmas Dues together with the First Collection at Mass and the Easter Dues goes to support myself, Fr. Bibin and the sick & 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 at Christmas and throughout the year.

Fr. Paul & Fr. Bibin.

EPIPHANY GIFTS

You are invited to bring along any unwanted Christmas gifts until 6th 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.



SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS

6:30pm: Anastasia Kelly (A) & Dcsd Family Members
9:00am: Parish Intentions
11:00am: James, Ellen & Gerard McGrath (Rem)
12:30pm: Ellen Canny (A) & Dcsd Members of Canny & Broderick Families
5:30pm: Laurence Wolohan (A) & Lily Wolohan (RD)

PRAY FOR

Kathleen Brophy (A)
Ann Brown (Rem)
Kathleen & Sandra
Brophy (A)

10 AM MASSES NEXT WEEK

Mon: Noel Hoey (A)
Tues: Parish Christmas Mass Card Intentions
Wed: Jim Reid (3rd A)
Thur: Special Intention
Fri: Sandra Brophy (A) & Kathleen Brophy (Rem)
Sat: Lillie Wolohan (MM)



'Brackenstown for Kerala' was launched at the Carol Service during the week. Fr. Bibin's order are working hard on the ground to help those most in need

How can you help?

There are two ways you can help:

1. Buy one of our Christmas Cards in place of a present for someone you know. The card will explain the projects the donation will contribute to. You can decide on the amount you would like to give. These cards are the perfect gift for teachers and other people you might like to give a token of appreciation.
2. Take one of the specially marked envelopes at the back of the Church, enclose your donation and return it to one of the white post boxes at the back of the Church.

Where will my money go?

All monies collected will go to the Congregation of St. Therese Flood Relief Projects

€75: provides basic supplies for one family for one month

€625—€2,000: repair of a home (depends on level of damage)

€8,000: the cost to build a house for a family

OUR INITIAL AIM IS TO RAISE ENOUGH MONEY TO BUILD A HOME FOR A FAMILY. YOU CAN CHECK OUR PROGRESS ON OUR 'HOUSE' AT THE BACK OF THE CHURCH

Carol Service



*Prayer by Text
Week Four*

*Blessed are you
who believed
that what was
spoken to you
by the Lord
would be fulfilled.*

HELPFUL CONTACTS

While Christmas can be joyful time for most, it can be difficult for some people. Here are some support numbers you can contact at any time:

Samaritans Helpline.....	1850 609090
Teenline.....	1800 833 634
Child Line.....	1850 666 666
Dublin Rape Crisis Centre	1800 778 888
Pieta House	1800 247 247
Tusla.....	01 870 8000

Brackenstown Pilgrimage Holy Land 2019

The dates are 13th - 21st September 2019

Cost €1, 850.00 per person

Deposit of €250 required by the end of February

Agent will be MAP Travel.

Names are being taken through the Parish Office



CHRISTMAS TREE STARS AND ANGELS



If you would like to remember a loved one who has died or who is away from home this Christmas you can write their name on a star which will be put on our Christmas Tree.

If you want to remember a baby who has died, a miscarriage or still birth you can write their name or the date you lost them on the angel which will also go on our Christmas tree.

Both the stars and angels will be on a table in the Church and you can put them into the box provided.

St. Vincent de Paul

It was great to have members of the Brackenstown Conference speaking at all the Masses last weekend. In this day and age when we are told things are getting better, there are still so many families who are being left behind. Through the work of St. Vincent de Paul there is someone there to reach out to them in these difficult times. If you need help from SVP you can ring 01 8550022.

The annual collection again showed the great generosity of the people of the Parish. The collection brought in €8,113.00 which will go a long way to help them in their work in the coming year.



Society of St. Vincent de Paul

All Welcome to the next meeting in St. Cronan's Pastoral Centre

Tuesday 8th January from 11am - 12pm
Tea & coffee available from 10:30am

The Parish Calendar for 2019 is available from the back of the Church, from the Legion shop or Parish Office.



Next Parent Meeting is
Thursday 6TH JANUARY
Next dates for Baptisms:

Sunday 13th January 11am & 12:30pm Masses
Saturday 26th January at 12:30pm

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

Praying with God's Word

Below are the readings for this Sunday & the following Sunday:

Fourth Sunday of Advent

First Reading: Zep 3:14-18a; Psalm: Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6;

Second Reading: Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18

Christmas Day

First Reading: Isaiah 52:7-10; Psalm 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6;

Second Reading: Hebrews 1:1-6; Gospel: John 1:1-14



Order of Malta Christmas Party



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 every Sunday for Advent from 4pm—5pm. Can you stay 1 hour with me? We encourage new people to come & join us.

CHRISTMAS ITEMS

Church Art Calendars, Crib Figures, Nativity Sets, Christmas Colouring Books, Children's Bibles, etc. available after Saturday evening or Sunday morning Masses from members of the Legion of Mary in the main porch.

SPECIAL EDITION NEWSPAPER

To celebrate 130 years in publication *The Irish Catholic* newspaper will publish a special edition for Christmas. Filled with 'good news' features the December 20th edition is available from Legion of Mary members in the porch after Saturday evening or Sunday morning Masses.



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FAMILY OFFERING &

COLLECTIONS AT WEEKEND MASSES

We thank all those parishioners who support the running of the parish through the Parish Family Offering fund. As the newsletters have been printed before the Christmas break, we will publish the amounts of the Christmas Collections in mid-January.

SAOIRSE AA GROUP

Wednesdays 8:00pm in BASE,
Brackenstown Road
ALCOHOL PROBLEM?
YOU'RE NOT ALONE!!
Phone: 087620 6788

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