

## 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent



29<sup>th</sup> November 2015

### MASS INTENTIONS

**6:30pm** Patricia Butler (6<sup>th</sup> A)  
**9:00am** Altar List of the Dead  
**11:00am** Andy & Bridget McHugh (A)  
**12:30pm** Dcsd members of Reilly & Monaghan Families  
**5:30pm** Leopold Batt (3<sup>rd</sup> A)

### PRAY FOR

Declan Bruen (RD)  
Cornelius Duffy (RD)  
Paddy O'Sullivan (RD)  
Tonya Flynn (nee Brown) (A) & dcsd members of Flynn Family  
Rita Clinton (nee Brown) (A)  
Bill O'Connor (A)  
Patrick & Eileen Byrne (A)

### MASSES NEXT WEEK 10.00 AM

**Mon:** Denise Moore (RD)  
**Tues:** Ellen & Eamonn O'Reilly(A) & Patsy & Ann Cullen (A)  
**Wed:** Special Intention  
**Thurs:** Ellen Slattery (A)  
**Fri:** Joseph Tierney (RD)  
**Sat:** Joan Kelly (MM)

### 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 each Sunday of Advent from 4 - 5 pm.

Adorers are urgently needed for the hours of 1:00pm – 3:00pm on Fridays here in St. Cronan's Church. Jesus would welcome you and greatly reward you.

### CHURCH GATE & SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

There are no collections on 28/29 November & 5/6 December.

### PARISH PASTORAL CENTRE FUND

The following are weekly totals:

**Buy-A-Brick Appeal € 20,158.28**  
**Pastoral Centre Donations; €25,776**  
**Parish Centre Appeal Total €45,934.28**

Many thanks to all who have kindly contributed.

### PILGRIMAGE TO ROME

Booking is now open for this Pilgrimage. Booking forms are available from the Parish Office either by calling in or by email. Deposits of €150.00 need to be paid by 30<sup>th</sup> January 2016. Cheques made payable to St. Cronan's Church. Please note total cost is €795. The dates are the 26<sup>th</sup> September to the 1<sup>st</sup> October 2016. Full details on the Notice Board and on the Parish Website.

### CHRISTMAS PAGEANT DRAMA

Rehearsals have started for a delightful Christmas Pageant Drama Project "Pastorale" to be held on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> December at 3pm in Brackenstown Church. We welcome children of all ages.

### SCRIPTURE STUDY GROUP

You are welcome to join us on Monday evenings at 7.30-8.30 pm in the Parish Pastoral Centre for Scripture Study of St Paul's letters to the Philippians and Thessalonians (Northern Greece), & Colossians (Western Turkey). The weekly reading guide is available on Monday night and on the rack in the church porch.

### HANDEL'S MESSIAH

Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> November, St. Anne's Church, Portmarnock at 8:00pm. Tickets €10.00. For bookings phone 085 747 6818 or email [ench3chair@gmail.com](mailto:ench3chair@gmail.com)

### TEA & TOYS

Tea & Toys is the new playgroup for babies and toddlers (newborn – 4 yrs). Kids can socialise while parents/minders can have a cup of tea. Nursery Rhymes, arts & crafts and on dry days, play in the garden. We start on Thurs 26<sup>th</sup> November 10:45am to 12noon. Fee €3. In St. Cronan's Parish Centre (door on the left side).

### ADVENT CALENDARS

Advent Calendars for children available from Legion of Mary in Main Porch after Saturday evening and Sunday morning Masses.

### FRANCISCAN SPIRITUALITY

The course / programme will run over the four weeks of Advent on 2 Tuesday evenings & 2 Monday evenings from 7 - 8.30pm with hospitality after.

### Programme Content:

**Week 1 (Tues 01 December): Francis and the Franciscan Image of God**

**Week 2 (Tues 08 December): Francis and the Blessed Virgin Mary**

**Week 3 (Mon 14 December) : St Clare: Gazing at God**

**Week 4 (Mon 21 December): Francis at Greccio: The story of the first crib.**

### BOOK OF PRAYERS & REFLECTIONS

*"Now we are going up to Jerusalem"* – book of Prayers & Reflections available from Legion of Mary, €2 – proceeds to Parish Pastoral Centre.

### BAPTISMS

The next dates for Baptisms are in **DECEMBER**. Please check our website for details. The next Preparation Meeting is: **3<sup>rd</sup> DECEMBER 2015**

*If you would like to be a part of the Baptism Ministry here in St. Cronan's, please contact the Parish Office.*

### ANNUAL KNOCK ALL-NIGHT VIGIL

All-Night Vigil to Knock, Bus departing from Star Pub, Swords. Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December at 6pm. Contact Nora at 8404247 - 086 329 2329  
**ALL ARE WELCOME**

### ROSARY STATUE

The Rosary Statue was blessed for use in the homes of the parish at the October Candlelight Procession. If you would like to pray the rosary and **have the statue in your home for a week**, or to get more information, please contact a member of Legion of Mary in main porch after Sunday morning Masses.

### PRAYER MEETING

Prayer Meeting on **Tuesday next, 1<sup>st</sup> December at 8pm - 9pm** in Sisters' House, 29 Brackenstown Village (opposite school). This Prayer Group promotes devotion to Servant of God, Frank Duff, Founder of Legion of Mary. Everybody most welcome.

### NEW NEWSLETTER FORMAT

On Christmas Day our new newsletter will be launched. It will be a full colour production. We believe that this new format will be more attractive for people to take up and read, especially if they see it in your homes. A sample is on the Noticeboard in the Main Porch.

The newsletter is paid for by local advertisers whose information will be on the back of each edition. If you run a business and would like to advertise please email your details to Louise.

### NEW ALTAR SERVERS

We are taking on new Altar Servers between the ages of 8 and 12. If your child is interested please bring them to the Church this Thursday at 2:50 to 3:30pm.

### ANNUAL SVP COLLECTION

This will replace the SHARE collection on 12<sup>th</sup>/13<sup>th</sup> December. A member of the local conference will speak at the masses.

During Advent you can bring food donations to the Church for SVP. The food boxes will be at the top of the Church.

### FAMILY MASS TEAM

The Family Mass Team would like to invite children to take part in the Nativity Play on Christmas Eve at 6pm with rehearsal at 5pm. Our first rehearsal will be on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2:40pm – 3:10pm in the Church. Please contact a member of the team or phone Elaine 0872766631.

### ADVENT IN ST. SYLVESTER'S

Advent Evening Prayer in Taizé Style: Hosted by Myyam - Monday 30<sup>th</sup> November from 7:30pm-8:30pm in the Prayer Chapel of St. Sylvester's Church. The evening will include Taizé chants, scripture, prayers of intercession and time of silence. All welcome.

Advent 'taster' retreat for teenagers - including music, testimony, talks, pizza and more - Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> December, St. Francis Room, Malahide Parish Centre from 2:15pm-5:45pm followed by Mass at 6pm in St. Sylvester's Church. Open to all young people aged 13-19. For more info contact [myam.admin@gmail.com](mailto:myam.admin@gmail.com)

### CHRISTMAS MASS BOUQUETS

Christmas Mass Bouquets are now available from the parish office. The offering is €5 and the intentions are offered at all Masses this Christmas. We have 3 designs available.

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## ADVENT FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

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### TRAVELLING CRIB

We have seven families signed up so far! The crib will arrive in the first home on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> December. Follow the journey of the crib on the Advent Wall.

The crib arrives at a home around 6:00pm and remains there till that family give it to the next family at 6:00pm on their day. It is a great way to prepare for Christmas as a family, to read the story of Jesus birth, to light the candle and pray together and record your experience in the Crib Diary.

If you want to take the travelling crib for a night please take an purple form, fill in the details and put it in one of the white post boxes at the doors of the Church.

For more information please contact Peter our Pastoral Worker on 089 4614226

### ADVENT-URERS

For the four Sundays of Advent we will be inviting the children aged between 4 and 12 to go into the Parish Centre during the 12:30 Family Mass to their Advent Club where they will listen to the Gospel, reflect on it through music, arts & crafts and prayer before returning to their family at Mass when the gifts of bread and wine are being presented to the Altar.

### THE JESSE TREE

The Jesse tree – a leafless tree - is inspired by Isaiah's prophecy: "On that day, a shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse and a branch shall grow out of its roots" (11.1-10).

Jesse was the father of King David. God promised David that his Kingdom would last forever - and that through him and his offspring God would save his people and bless the world.

The Jesse tree is similar to our own family tree. It helps us learn about Jesus, his ancestors and the history of the Hebrew people. Each week of Advent the tree is decorated with various symbols that remind us of the purpose and promises of God from Creation to the Birth of Jesus Christ and his spiritual heritage.

For early Christians, a tree was a special symbol as it directed one's gaze upwards to God and not to self and earthly treasures. It showed the connection between heaven and earth with roots in the earth and branches pointed heavenward.

This week we place the **APPLE** on the tree. Genesis 3 tells how Adam and Eve's intimacy with God and with each other is disrupted.

**The Ark** Noah preserved the natural life of all within the Ark; Christ brings supernatural life to all of us and preserves that life within His Mystical Body the Church.

**Joseph's Coat.** Like Christ, Joseph was sold for silver. The many-colored coat has become the symbol of Joseph, since it was so instrumental in his life.

**Ten Commandments** God told Moses what he and the people needed to do in order to live in relationship with God and one another. We call these instructions the Ten Commandments.

*First Sunday of Advent - 29<sup>th</sup> November 2015*

*Advent*

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### ADVENT PRAYER INITIATIVE – BY TEXT

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**This weeks phrase for reflection:**

**“STAY AWAKE PRAYING AT ALL TIMES FOR THE STRENGTH TO SURVIVE”**

This will be texted out each day this week to those who we have invited to participate in our Advent Prayer. When you receive it:

**Be Aware** of where you are, what you are doing, who you are with when the text comes. As you read it what is your first reaction, does the message come at an awkward moment or are you ready to hear it?

**Be Reflective** in this moment when you read these words. Stop what you are doing, take a deep breath and repeat the phrase three times.

**Be Open** to what God is trying to say to you. God is constantly trying to get through to us but there is so much going on that we don't hear what's being said.

**Finally** share your thought by writing them on a post-it on the Advent Wall at the back of the Church.

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### COFFEE MORNING – IN AID OF ST. FRANCIS HOSPICE

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This Sunday we will have our Coffee Morning in aid of St. Francis Hospice in the Parish Centre after the 9:00am, 11:00am and 12:30pm Masses.

It is only when you have had their support that you realize what a great organization St. Francis Hospice is. Please come along and support our Coffee Morning.



**St. Francis Hospice**  
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### PARISH OFFICE HAS MOVED

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The Parish Office is now located in the Pastoral Centre. There is a buzzer in the porch for access. Office hours are Monday to Friday 9:30 – 1:00pm. Mass cards, booking for Masses, Baptisms and Weddings are all looked after here and not in the Sacristy.

Access to the Pastoral Centre from the Church is by the left hand door by pressing the white EXIT switch on the wall at the left of the door.