

ST. CRONAN'S CHURCH

PARTNERSHIP OF BRACKENSTOWN, SWORDS, RIVER VALLEY & DONABATE PARISHES

FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING

26TH NOVEMBER 2023

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Two images dominate this Sunday's readings, which mark the climax of the liturgical year: that of a shepherd and that of a king. A first glance they look to be at opposite ends of the social spectrum: in first century Palestine shepherds were perceived to occupy the lowest rank in society, not unlike their successors, the Bedouin, in the Holy Land today. Ezekiel, however, presents the shepherd as a model leader, who cares for his flock and looks out for the lost or wounded. The kingdom which Jesus

announces and lives out in his actions towards others, is characterised by a particular care for those in need, and those who are easily marginalised or blamed for society's ills. The aftermath of the awful attack on innocent children and their carer in Dublin on Thursday afternoon provided us with a disturbing example of how quickly false narratives on social media can be used to stir up hatred and mindless violence. As we seek to build Christ's kingdom through our welcome of 'the stranger', let us be conscious of those in our community who may be feeling particularly vulnerable at this time.

Fr. Richard

St Cronan's Church Brackenstown Parish

ADVENT TALKS

by Sr. Therese Fitzgerald

Wednesday's at 7:00pm

6th December
Isaiah

13th December
John the Baptist

20th December
Mary

Announcing Hope in Time of Challenge, a series of talks on the key biblical figures in Advent: Isaiah, John the Baptist and Mary, will be presented by Sr. Therese Fitzgerald (Sisters of Zion) on Wednesdays 6th, 13th and 20th December from 7.00-8.00pm in the Pastoral Centre.



Taize Prayer Around the Cross

On the First Friday of each month, we will celebrate Taizé Prayer Around the Cross in St. Cronan's Church at 7:30pm

Upcoming Taizé Prayer: Friday 1st December

www.brackenstown-parish.com

We congratulate **Nikita McAleer and Owen McDonagh**, who celebrate their marriage in our church this Monday 27th November at 1.00pm!



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Carol Service

THURSDAY
14th December 2023
at 7:30 pm

Join us for an evening of Carols and readings by our Senior Choir, Young Adult Choir and Children's Choir and afterward in the Parish Centre for mulled wine & mince pies

BAPTISMS We congratulate the families of the children who will be welcomed into the community of faith through the sacrament of Baptism this Saturday 25th November at 12 noon and 1pm

There will be **NO** Scripture study class this Monday 27th November




We are planning an **Advent Carol Service** for Thursday 14th December involving participation of the Senior, Young Adult and Children's Choirs. A short **Nativity play** will form part of the service. Parents whose children would like to participate in the nativity play in the Carol Service and/or Christmas Eve are invited to contact the parish office.

SUNDAY MASSES: (Sat Vigil) 6pm; 9am; 11am & 5pm WEEKDAY MASSES: MONDAY to SATURDAY 10:00am
CONFESSIONS: SATURDAY 10:45am to 11:30am in the Sacristy
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

Fr. Michael O Shea, A Rosminian missionary priest has spent a number of years working in Tanzania. He still retains contact with his former parish and continues to try to assist them in whatever way he can. He is trying to raise funds to help pay for an x-ray machine for the local hospital, which is vital to the successful diagnosis and treatment of patients. He will speak after Communion at each of the Masses next Saturday/Sunday 2nd/3rd December and will be very grateful for any assistance offered.

Candidates and their families preparing for **Confirmation** will join us for the celebration of Mass next Saturday 2nd Dec at 6.00pm and Sunday 3rd Dec at 5.00pm, First Sunday of Advent.



 A new group of Altar Servers, who have been training over the past month, will serve Mass for the first time next Sunday, first Sunday of Advent.

Confirmation Connect, the parish programme of preparation for Confirmation for candidates and their parents, continues each Monday and Tuesday in November from 7.00-8.00pm in the church.

Altar List of the Dead envelopes are available around the church. When completed, they may be deposited in the box at the back of the church or handed in to the sacristy or parish office. All those whose names are on the Altar List will be prayed for at Mass throughout the month of November and on the First Friday of every month.

A **Pastoral Letter from Archbishop Farrell** celebrating Funeral Ministry and the consolation and hope we offer as Church to the bereaved, and an accompanying **Pastoral Aid** to assist with discussion locally as to how we can develop this significant pastoral ministry in a time of change, are available at www.dublindioocese.ie under the Building Hope tab.

Ministries Matter day for PPCs

A day for members of PPCs to gather together in St Paul's, Arran Quay, to explore the important work of growing ministries in our parishes. Join us on Saturday, December 2, from 10am-2pm. To register for your place please complete the online registration form on the Adult Faith section of www.missionministry.ie.

The annual **Statement of Receipts and Payments for 2022** is now available for parishioners on the tables at the entrances to the church. Please feel free to take a copy.

Christian Meditation Ireland are hosting a **Morning of Prayer and Meditation with Fr Laurence Freeman, Director of the World Community for Christian Meditation.** The event will take place in **Balally Parish Centre, Dublin D16 E032** on **Saturday, 02 December 2023** from **10:00 a.m.** to **1:30 p.m.** No previous experience necessary. See www.christianmeditation.ie for details.

The Church of St Francis Xavier (Gardiner Street Parish) would like to invite you to join us for **Talks on the Mystics.** This is a series of seven talks by Fr Brendan Comerford SJ on seven different Christian mystics on Saturday mornings from November 4 to December 16, 10am to 12.15pm, in the John Sullivan Room. No registration needed. Simply come and be inspired by the lives of St Catherine of Siena, Julian of Norwich, St Teresa of Avila, St John of the Cross, St Pierre Favre, St Edith Stein and Pope St John XXIII. Listen to Fr Brendan introducing the Talks on the Mystics: <https://youtu.be/vwMxxuZ0Gck/>.

All Night Vigil to Knock - Thursday 7th December. Bus leaves St Cronan's Church at 6:30pm and Fingal County Council Offices at 6:40pm. Contact Nora at 8404247 or 086 3292 329



Legion of Mary

Legion of Mary Rosary Statue

The statue of Mary, Our Blessed Mother was blessed by Fr Richard at a Mass in October in honour of the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. All are invited to host this statue in your home for a week over the next 12 months. Meditating on the mysteries of Christ's life in the Rosary enables Mary to train and mold us so that Christ's divine power reaches us. It is intended to enable us to be fruitful in the mission of the Church. Legionaries have a vocation to stretch themselves to reach out to new people in our parish to pray for the children preparing for the sacraments and for their families that they may grow in love for Christ in the Eucharist. We also pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life in the archdiocese. If you would like to foster a 'genuine school of prayer' in your home, please book the statue from a member of the Legion of Mary.

SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS

Recently Deceased

Tommy Kehoe
Noel Keaney
Patricia Mullen
Siobhan Casey
Heber McMahon

Month's Mind

Derek O'Connor

Anniversaries

Dick Nugent (1A)
John Kerins (2A)
Carmel Cronly (3A)
Agnes Sammon (4A)
John O'Hare (5A)
Thomas Green Snr
Terry Beamish
Philip Hickey (60BR)
Douglas Crosbie (BR)

10 AM MASSES NEXT WEEK

Mon Heber McMahon (RD)
Special Intention
Patricia Mullen (RD)
Siobhan Casey (RD)
Tues Marie & Michael Reynolds &
Dcsd Family Members
Wed John Leonard (RD)
Thur Patricia Lacey (13A)
Thomas Hatch (8A)
Fri Irene Costello Kirwan (A)
Paddy & Kathleen Lowndes (A)
Stephen Lucey (A)
Sat Joseph & Annie Byrne (Rem)

Bethany Bereavement Support Group

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

Please phone Brid 086 6006397 week Sunday 26th November to Saturday 2nd December

Please phone after 6pm.
"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted"

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