

CHURCH OF ST. CRONAN

BRACKENSTOWN PARISH NEWSLETTER

2nd Sunday in Advent
4th December 2022 Year A

As a follow up to his Advent Pastoral Letter last weekend, *The Time has Come*, Archbishop Dermot Farrell has written to each parish in the diocese to inform us of the new parish partnerships that we are part of. The partnerships replace the former 'groupings' or 'clusters' of parishes but they also invite us to work together in a more structured way. This will begin with meetings of parish teams (ie: clergy, parish pastoral workers, parish sisters, catechists etc), then progress to meetings together of the pastoral councils from each parish so that we can maximise the service being offered to the people in the partnership area.

As well as the parishes in the Swords area, our partnership will now embrace the parish of Donabate, so that the parishes which together form our partnership consist of Brackenstown, Swords and Drynam, River Valley and Dublin Airport and Donabate. 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.

Fr. Richard

Second Sunday of Advent: PEACE



Société de St. Vincent de Paul

The Annual SVP Appeal takes place on Saturday 10th and Sunday 11th December in the 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.

In 2021 we spent in excess of €25000 and with the increased cost of living and rising energy and food bills a lot of people are under pressure to choose either food or heat so we expect this year that we will spend in excess of €34000. 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.



EQUIPES NOTRE-DAME

The annual Mass for Teams (Equipes Notre Dame) will take place in St. Cronan's Church, Brackenstown on Thursday 8th December at 7.00pm.

The celebrant will be Bishop Denis Nulty, Bishop of Kildare and Leighlin. Teams is a movement of spirituality and friendship for married couples.

All are welcome to the Mass, particularly married or engaged couples.

Advent is a wonderful season that in the midst of Christmas preparations 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 into the parish office.



Monday 12th December St Cronan's Pastoral Centre



"The Letter", which was released last month is based on the 2015 encyclical of Pope Francis, *Laudato Si'* meaning "Praised Be." *Laudato Si'* focuses on care for the natural environment and all people, as well as broader questions about the relationship between God, humans, and the Earth. The encyclical's subtitle, "Care for Our Common Home," reinforces these key themes. The Parish Scripture Study group will be showing the movie on Monday 12th December in St Cronan's Pastoral Centre and we hope that you will be able to join us. The Letter may not be very long, lasting 1 hour and 22 minutes but it will certainly give you something to think about. The screening will start at 7.30 pm sharp and will be followed by a Q & A and discussion scheduled to end at 9 pm. Please feel free to invite a friend that you think would be interested. A copy of the encyclical is available on the parish website www.brackenstown-parish.com to give you a chance to read some or all of it prior to watching the movie.

1ST COMMUNION



This Saturday and Sunday, *Second Sunday of Advent*, children and families in our parish who are preparing for the Sacraments of **First Reconciliation & First Communion** will join us for Mass at 6pm (Sat), and at 12.30 and 6.00pm.

Wednesday 30th November ISAIAH: A PROPHETIC VOICE FOR OUR TIME?



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.



WEDNESDAY
7TH DECEMBER
ADVENT
CAROL SERVICE

WEDNESDAY
21ST DECEMBER
AN EVENING OF TAIZE
PRAYER



WEDNESDAY
14TH DECEMBER
MARY IN ADVENT

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



SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS

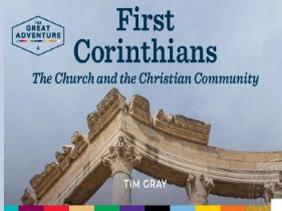
Recently Deceased

Caitríona Dixon
Daniel Toal
Noel Ryan (MM & 80th BR)
Niall Monks (MM)

Anniversaries

Teresa Fitzgerald (4A)
Noel Kieran (6A)
Margaret Fitzpatrick (20 A)
Dcsd Members Rooney & Kelly Families
Irene Kirwan Costello
Kathleen & John Kelly
Dcsd Members of Kelly & Halton Families
Michael Rothwell
Gustavo Cafolla & Gemma O'Toole
Pat Hoey
Paddy & Kathleen Lowndes
Anne Slattery (nee Halligan)
Laurence & Christina Hoey
John Behan

The Scripture study seminars continue each Monday at 7.30pm in the Pastoral Centre. All are welcome to join!



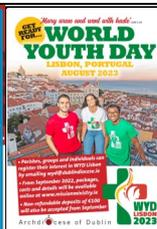
Bethany Bereavement Support Group offer a free and confidential telephone support to any bereaved parishioners who may wish to avail of it.
Brid - 086 6006397 - week Sunday 4th to Saturday 10th December
Please phone after 6pm.
"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted"



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.

ST CRONAN'S CHURCH
PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL
A meeting of our Parish Pastoral Council will take place on Tuesday 6th December at 7.30pm

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>



10 AM MASSES NEXT WEEK

Mon Eitna Maguire (RD)
Pray for: Healing Intention
Tues Mr & Mrs Sean Farrelly (RD)
Wed Marian Movement for Priests
Thur Thomas, Mary & Eddie O'Callaghan (A)
Fri Sean McKenna (RD)
Sat Colm Harford (MM)

CLOSURE OF ULSTER BANK

Many thanks to those parishioners who have responded promptly to our recent correspondence in relation to the closure of our Ulster Bank current account. This means that the account that handles your **Standing Order** will no longer work from early January. We have opened a new account with Bank of Ireland on Main Street, Swords and now ask parishioners to complete and send in to the parish the fresh Standing Order Form for this new account, which we sent you through the post. Please remember to cancel your old Ulster Bank standing order at the same time. Your support to the Parish through your Standing Order is greatly appreciated. If you have any questions, please contact the Parish Office at Tel. 01 8401188.

The All-Night Vigil is a long-standing tradition at Knock Shrine, celebrated on the eve of the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, 7th December. The bus departs from 'The Star Pub' at 6:15pm. If you are interested in going, please contact Nora on 01 8404247 or 0863292329.



Legion of Mary

Prayer Meeting

You are invited to pray for your intentions through the intercession of Servant of God, Frank Duff, founder of Legion of Mary, **Tuesday, 6th December** 8:00pm—9:00pm in Parish Pastoral Centre. Everybody most welcome.

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.



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