

CHURCH OF ST. CRONAN

BRACKENSTOWN PARISH NEWSLETTER

4th Sunday of Advent

Brackenstown Parish Christmas Schedule

Monday 20th to Thursday 23rd Mass at 10:00am

Wednesday 22nd December Confession 7:00pm to 8:20pm in the Sacristy

Friday 24th Morning Prayer 10:00am, Confession 10:30am to 12:00noon
Blessing of the Crib 12:01pm

Christmas Masses:

Family Masses: 4:00pm and 6:00pm (must have been booked)
8:00pm and 10:00pm (no booking needed)

Saturday 25th 9:00am, 10:30am 12:00noon (no evening Mass)

Sunday 26th Feast of the Holy Family Masses 9:00am, 11:00am and 5:00pm

Monday 27th to Friday 31st Mass at 10:00am

Friday 31st (New Year's Eve) Evening Prayer at 6:00pm

Saturday 1st January Mass at 11:00am and 6:00pm

Sunday 2nd January Masses at 9:00am, 11:00am and 5:00pm

Thursday 6th January Feast of the Epiphany

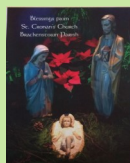
Masses Wednesday 5th 7:30pm (Vigil)

Thursday 6th Masses 10:00am & 7:30pm

*Epiphany Gifts can be placed in the
baskets on the Altar steps from
Sunday 2nd January to Sunday 9th January*

Christmas Mass Bouquets

Christmas Mass Bouquet Cards are now available from the Parish Office & the Legion of Mary shop. The offering is €5.00 and they will be remembered at our Christmas Masses.



Remembering those who have died and those away from home

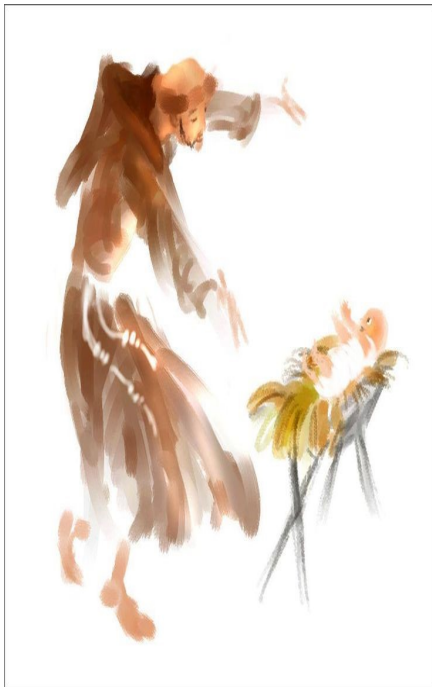


From Sunday 5th December the stars and angels to remember our loved ones who have died or who are away from home, will be on a table at the front of the Church. Take one away and write your family names on it, then place it in the box marked "Star and Angels". These will be placed on our Christmas Tree and remembered during our Christmas Masses.



Trócaire Christmas Gifts from €5.00 for a bar of soap to chickens, trees and bees, the Trócaire Christmas Gifts make a real difference to communities around the world. The gift cards are available from the Parish Office and are on display in the Pastoral Centre.





Prayer for your crib at home

God of every nation and people,
from the very beginning of creation
you have shown us your love:
when our need for a Saviour was
great
you sent your Son to be born of the
Virgin Mary.
To our lives he brings joy and peace,
justice, mercy, and love.

Lord,
bless all who look upon this manger;
may it remind us of the humble birth
of Jesus,
and raise our thoughts to him,
who is God-with-us and Saviour of all,
and who lives and reigns forever and
ever.

10 AM MASSES NEXT WEEK

Mon: Kathleen & Patrick O'Reilly (A)
& Dcsd Members O'Reilly & Lee
Families
Pray for: Dolores Edwards (A)
Tues: Patrick Green (A)
Wed: Noel Hoey (A)
Thur: John & Kathleen O'Connor (R)
Fri: Morning Prayer

SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS

Anniversaries

Christy & Eileen McGuirk
Kathleen, Maire & Aisling Skelton
Gerry Macken
Kevin Donnelly & Dcsd Family
Members
Donal Cronin
Anne, Tom & Philomena O'Leary
Lyndsey Byrne
Tom Stacey
Dolores Edwards
Michael Gallagher (14A)
Martin Hamilton (BR)

Recently Deceased

Rose O'Haire (MM)
Linda Mooney (MM)
Anne Browne (R)
Sheila O'Reilly (R)
Jim Thomas (R)

James Dempsey
Anne McCorkell

Christmas Dues
Please bring your
Christmas Dues to the
Church and place them in
the Mass offering boxes
on Sundays or in the
brown boxes at the doors.
Thank you for your
support



Bethany Bereavement Support Group
offers a free and confidential telephone
support to any bereaved parishioners who
might wish to avail of it.
**Please phone Terri - 8403243 - week
Sunday 19th to Wednesday 22nd
December.**

*"Blessed are those
for they shall be*

*who mourn,
comforted"*

Tap & Donate

We thank those of you who have been using our
Tap & Donate machine at the main door of the
Church. €125 was received for the month of
September. 60% goes to First Collection for priests
and retired priests of the Diocese and 40% goes to
the Share Collection.

If you use the white
envelopes for the Mass
collections so that we can
record your offering,
please continue to do this
instead of using the Tap
and Donate as this
machine cannot record
your details.



MASS TIMES:

MONDAY to SATURDAY
10:00am

SUNDAY (Sat Vigil) 6:00pm;
9:00am; 11:00am & 5:00pm

CONFESSIONS

SATURDAY

10:45am to 11:30am
in the Pastoral Centre

ADORATION

WEDNESDAY: 6pm - 9pm
FRIDAY: 3pm-6pm

THE ROSARY

Praying for a special
intention? Praying for peace?
The Rosary Statue was
blessed for use in the homes
of the Parish. If you would
like to pray the Rosary and
have the Rosary Statue in
your home for a week, or get
more information, please
contact a member of Legion
of Mary or email the Parish
Office.

LIKE' Legion of Mary Brackenstown Swords

CHRISTMAS GIFTS

Christmas cards, Cribs/Nativity Sets, nativity
tree decorations, rosary beads, Candles,
Children's Books, Statues, Holy Water Fonts and other
religious goods available in Parish Centre after
Saturday evening and Sunday morning Masses.
Also available by emailing
brackenstownparish@gmail.com
Catholic Papers & Magazines are available
in the new bookrack at the back of the
Church.



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