

1st Sunday of Advent



30th November 2014

MASS INTENTIONS

6:30pm Leopold Batt (A)

9.00am Altar List of the Dead

11.00am Patrick & Kathleen
Boylan (A)

12.30pm Ellen Finnegan (8th A)

5.30pm Kitty Treacy (A)

PRAY FOR

Ellen Finnegan (A)

Ellen O'Reilly (A)

Sean McDonnell (MM)

Patricia Lacey (A)

Tony McCarthy (MM)

Laura Malone (RD)

MASSES NEXT WEEK 10.00 AM

Mon: Thomas Feeney (A)

Tue: Kathleen Collins (3rd A)

Pray for: Ellen O'Reilly (A)

Wed: Special Intention

Thurs: Special Intention

Fri: John & Annie McNally and
Teresa & Henry McGuirk (A)

Pray for: Zenon Kall (1st A)

Sat: Muriel Kennedy (7th A)

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Times of Adoration are:

Mon: 10.30 am – 11.30 am

Wed: 6.00 pm – 11.00 pm

Fri: 10.30am – 5.45 pm

Sat: 10.30am – 11.30am

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament takes place on each Sunday of Advent from 4 - 5 pm.

FAMILY OFFERING

We thank all those parishioners who support the running of the parish through the Parish Family Offering fund. The Weekly Outdoor collection for last week amounted to €826.20. The Family Offering Envelope Collection is the ONLY one which supports the daily running costs of the Parish and the upkeep of the Church. Thank you for your commitment to this collection.

CHURCH GATE COLLECTIONS

There are no Church Gate Collections for December.

The St. Vincent de Paul Annual Collection will be held on 13/14 December and will replace the Share Collection.

PRAYER MEETING

Prayer Meeting on **Tuesday next, 2nd December** from 8 – 9pm in Sister's 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.

ADVENT CALENDARS, MASS BOUQUETS

Advent Calendars, Parish Christmas Mass Bouquets and some Christmas gifts available from Legion of Mary in main porch after Saturday evening and Sunday morning Masses.

YOUTH 2000 IRELAND

Youth 2000 Ireland will be hosting their **Annual Christmas Retreat** in Newbridge College, Newbridge, Co. Kildare from **Friday 12th to Sunday 14th December 2014**. Over 500 young people from across Ireland (aged 16-35) are expected at this donation only event, with all newcomers very welcome. This is a great opportunity to find out what your faith is all about in a friendly, chilled out atmosphere. Free buses available. Online booking necessary, see www.youth2000.ie or phone 01 6753690.

GARDINER STREET CHURCH CONCERT

Bethlehem Sky – with Liam Lawton; Gardiner St Church on Tuesday Dec 16th at 8pm. Tickets on sale at €10 at the Parish Office, and the Pro-Cathedral Office and Friends of the Elderly, Bolton St. Postal bookings may be made to St Francis Xavier's, Gardiner St, Dublin 1, enclosing €10 per ticket and tickets will be posted to you. After the usual expenses, all proceeds will be given to Friends of the Elderly of our locality.

THE ROSARY

The Rosary Statue was blessed for use in 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 get more information, please contact a member of Legion of Mary in main porch after Sunday morning Masses.

ST. CRONAN'S S.N.S CAROL SERVICE

The pupils and staff members invite you to join them for their Carol Service which will take place on Thursday 11th December at 7:30pm.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Next Do This In Memory Mass: Sat 13th & Sun 14th December

Carol Service: Wed 17th December at 7:30pm

Dates for Baptisms in December:

Saturday 6th December at 4:00pm

Sunday 7th December at 1:45pm

Saturday 13th December at 4:00pm

Sunday 14th December at 1:45pm

Parent/Guardian Meeting is **Thursday 4th December at 8:00pm.**

Please contact the Parish Office for details.

CANDLELIGHT CHRISTMAS CONCERT

A **"Candlelight Christmas Concert" with Jennifer Snow & Guests**, to raise funds for St. Sylvester's Church in Malahide will be held on **Friday, 5th December at 8:00pm.** Tickets cost €20 and include mulled wine and canapés during the interval. You can get tickets through the Parish Centre, St. Sylvester's, Malahide.

ADVENT

The Advent Prayer Calendar will be available from Monday on the Irish Catholic Bishops Conference with a link from our website.

Stars and Angels will be available to hang on our Christmas Tree from next weekend. The Stars are to remember those away from home this Christmas and the Angels are to remember children and infants.

Christmas cards & Timetables are ready for distribution any help would be greatly appreciated.

ADVENT – PREPARE THE WAY OF THE LORD

Next Sunday is the beginning of Advent, our time of preparation for the celebration of the birth of Jesus. We have a number of events happening that will help us in our preparation.

Blessing of Advent Wreath: will take place during a prayer service at 6:00pm next Saturday 29th November, just before the evening Mass. We encourage those who attend the Saturday evening Mass to come along that little bit early and begin the season of preparation in prayer.

Travelling Crib: From after the Family Mass at 12:30pm on Sunday 30th November the Travelling Crib will begin its journey around the Parish, to return at the Family Mass at 6:00pm on Christmas Eve. This is very suitable for teaching children the meaning of Christmas and also gives a way of praying as a family together. If you would like the crib in your home for a night please complete the purple forms at the doors of the Church and put them in the white postboxes or email brackenstownparish@gmail.com.

Carol Service: On Wednesday 17th December at 7:30pm the Junior and Senior Choirs with the Family Mass Group will lead us in reflecting on the Christmas Story and leading us in the carols we know and love so well. This is a family celebration and we encourage you to bring your children and grandchildren along. It will last an hour and afterwards there will be refreshments at the back of the Church with a glass of mulled wine for the adults, but they have to sing the carols first!!

Brackenstown Christmas Cards: are now available from the Parish Office and the Legion Shop in the Front Porch. The offering for the card is €5.00 and they will be prayed for at all the Masses on Christmas Day.

Carol Service in St. Columba's Church: On the Sunday before Christmas (21st December) Rev. Robert Deane and the community of St. Columba's Parish have invited us to join them for this time of prayer. They hope to have this in their Church and when the venue and time are confirmed we will let you know.

Advent Reconciliation Services: will take place on Monday 22nd December in St. Colmcille's Church, Swords Village and on Tuesday 23rd December in St. Finian's Church, River Valley, both at 7:30pm.

A Gift With A Difference: What do you get for the person who has everything? Maybe a goat, a chicken, an olive tree! What??? Consider a Trócaire Christmas gift. Visit www.trocaire.org.

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THE NUMBER ONE SCHOOLS IN IRELAND



St. Cronan's Junior National School

On Tuesday November 25th, the Minister for Education and Skills, Jan O'Sullivan TD, presented St. Cronan's Junior National School with a Digital Schools of Distinction Award. St. Cronan's J.N.S. is one of Three Junior Schools in Ireland to have received this prestigious award. Their success in ICT can be attributed to the whole school community, from management to staff, pupils and parents.

Since 2003, they have successfully integrated ICT in the curriculum and created an ICT culture by introducing a computer room, interactive whiteboards, visualisers, a digital library, databiz, text a parent, digital blue cameras, school servers, software and lessons on cyberbullying, powerpoint and scratch computer programming. Their website was recognised as the 'Best School Website' in Ireland in 2013 (Eircom Junior Spider Award) and they recently won 'Best Junior School Film' in the FÍS Film Festival.

St. Cronan's Senior National School

The Digital Schools of Distinction programme for primary schools is awarded by demonstrating excellence in the school's approach to the integration of ICT in learning and teaching.

For the Digital Schools of Distinction Award St. Cronans Senior School demonstrated how the children use ICT to create stories, graphs, presentations, animations, short films, software programs and our school website.

In St. Cronan's Senior School each classroom is equipped with a laptop, interactive whiteboard, visualiser and classroom computer. The teachers in St. Cronan's SNS have fully integrated ICT into administration, planning and teaching.

We are delighted to be the first school in Ireland along with St. Cronan's Junior School to be the first school in Ireland on the same campus to be awarded the Digital School of Distinction Award.

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