

ST. CRONAN'S CHURCH

PARTNERSHIP OF BRACKENSTOWN, SWORDS, RIVER VALLEY & DONABATE PARISHES

1st SUNDAY of ADVENT

3RD DECEMBER 2023

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With the lighting of the first candle on the Advent wreath this Sunday, we mark the beginning of a new liturgical year. Looking back at how God has acted in human history, particularly in the life, ministry, death and resurrection of Jesus, as well as looking ahead to Christ's coming in glory, Advent invites us to live the present moment with hope. With war resuming in the Gaza Strip and continuing in Ukraine, a summit of world leaders gathering in the Middle East this weekend to tackle the climate emergency, hunger in many parts of the world, especially in Africa, and violence erupting on the streets of our own capital, the world can at times seem a dark place.

The call of Advent is not to sleepwalk through life but to live lives of alertness to God's presence and to witness to hope.

'God of hosts bring us back; let your face shine on us and we shall be saved' (Resp. Psalm 80)
Fr. Richard

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Hope



The parish Christmas card, timetable of services and envelope are available for collection on the tables at the entrances to the church. Feel free to take one, as well as for any neighbours who may be interested. All our Christmas services will be broadcast on our webcam.

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.

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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

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 this Saturday/Sunday and will be grateful for any donations received after Mass.

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.

A new group of Altar Servers, who have been training over the past month, will serve Mass for the first time at 11.00am this First Sunday of Advent.



Candidates and their families preparing for **Confirmation** will join us for the celebration of Mass this Saturday at 6.00pm and Sunday at 5.00pm.

Scripture Study
will resume
this
Monday 4th December



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

SCOUT TROOP BOOK FAIR



Our local Scouts Troop are holding
a Book Fair this Sunday 3rd December
from 12noon to 3.00pm
in the Scouts Den (beside BASE)

Children and their families preparing for First Communion will join us for the celebration of Mass next Saturday 9th December at 6.00pm and Sunday 10th December at 5.00pm.



Please refrain from putting Rosary Beads on the Statue of Our Lady in the Grotto as it is discolouring the paintwork with rust. Many thanks.

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.



Our Lady Queen of Heaven Church presents

An Evening of Christmas Music
on Saturday 9th December at 7.30pm
featuring the Lambay Choir,
Jacinta Scully accompanied by Celine Kelly
also River Valley Youth Group and many other guests.
Tickets are €10 each and can be
purchased at the door on the night
*All proceeds of the concert will go towards
the renovation of our Atrium*



St. Francis Hospice acknowledged receipt of €510 proceeds of the coffee morning held in 20 Pine Grove Park. Many thanks to all who gave so generously for this great cause.



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.

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/vwMxxuZOGck/>.

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.

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

Frank Duff Prayer Meeting

Frank Duff was inspired with a profound insight into the mystery of the Church, the Body of Christ and of the place of Mary in this mystery. In an immense desire to share this insight with others, he founded the Legion of Mary to be a sign of her maternal love for the world. For 102 years, members of the legion have acquired the skills and expertise to attend to the church's evangelizing work. We welcome this prayer meeting every month to pray for the children in our parish 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 in the archdiocese.

You too are invited to pray for your intentions through the intercession of Frank Duff on Tuesday, 5th December 8:00pm-9:00pm in Parish Pastoral Centre. The Rosary, a reading and reflection on Sunday's Gospel and a little background information about Frank Duff will be included.

SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS

Recently Deceased
Bernadine O'Connor

Anniversaries

Caitríona Dixon (1A)
Noel Kiernan (8A)
Margaret Fitzpatrick (31A)
Marcus Howard (40A)
John & Ellen Rooney
Laurence & Elizabeth Wolohan
Michael Rothwell Jnr
Pat Hoey
James & Kathleen Kiernan
Patrick & Bridgid Dempsey

10 AM MASSES NEXT WEEK

Mon Michael Rothwell Jnr
Tues Kathleen & John Kelly (A)
& Dcsd Members of Kelly &
Halton Families
Wed Marian Movement for Priests
Thur Special Intention
Fri Special Healing Intention
Sat Martha Kilbane (RD)

Bethany Bereavement Support Group

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

Bridget - 085 2812985
Sunday 3rd December to
Saturday 9th December
Please phone from 6pm-8pm

*"Blessed are those who mourn,
for they shall be comforted"*

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