



CHURCH OF ST. CRONAN BRACKENSTOWN PARISH PARISH NEWSLETTER

*4th December 2016
2nd Sunday in Advent — Year A*

Prayer by text 
2nd Week:



A

voice cries in the wilderness:
Prepare a way for the Lord,
make his paths straight.

“Receive the word of God as a gift”, this was the theme of Sr. Eileen’s introduction to the Prayer By Text workshop on Monday night. As with any gift we have to receive it with curiosity as to what is inside. In unwrapping the gift it gives us a glimpse of what is inside, until all the wrapping is gone and the gift is in front of us. To receive the word of God in this way allows us to be open to the mystery and the surprise that is in it.

The mystery is how God wants to be part of my life, here and now. The surprise is how I respond to the word. One of the things about receiving the word by text is that we never know where we will be when it comes. And that is an important part of it because prayer shouldn’t be an isolated part of our lives but should touch every part no matter where we are.

So as the texts come in, receive them as God’s gift to you. Make a little space to notice your reactions to the word. Allow yourself to be surprised by the message it is bringing.

MASS INTENTIONS

6:30pm: Margaret Fitzpatrick (A)
9:00am: Altar List of the Dead
11:00pm: Michael Rothwell Jnr (A)
12:30pm: Ellen Canny & Dcsd Family Members (A)
5:30pm: Pat Hoey (A)

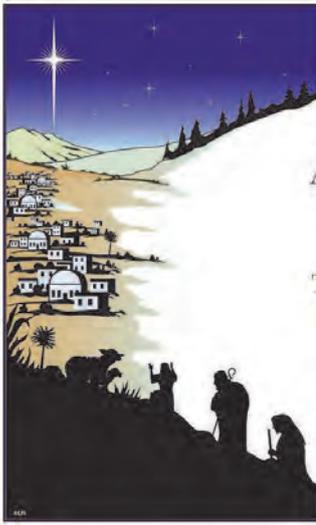
PRAY FOR

Jay Power (RD)
Thomas Hatch (1st A)
Gemma O’Toole (A)
Muriel Kennedy (9th A)
Hinda Duf (1st A)
Patrick Reilly (A)
Mary Monaghan (A)

MASSES NEXT WEEK

Mon: Dcsd Members of Delaney & O’Brien Families (A)
Tues: Bridget & James McGarry
Pray for: Nora & Michael Smith (A)
Wed 10am: Special Intention
7:30pm: Tom & Ita McArdle (A)
Thurs 10am: Richard Barnwall (A)
7:30pm: Kathleen, Marie & Aisling Skelton (A)
Fri: Kittie Treacy (8th A)
Sat: Mary McManus (MM)

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Brackenstown Parish

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE

Thursday 15th December at 7:30pm

*A family celebration with the story
of Christmas told through the readings, drama,
popular carols & carols from around the world*

*Refreshments & Mulled Wine afterwards in the
Parish Pastoral Centre*

KNOCK

ALL NIGHT VIGIL

Coach to Our Lady's Shrine for "All Night Vigil"
Wednesday 7th December leaving Star Pub at 6:00pm
Contact Nora 01 8404247 All are welcome

Mindfulness Course

Unfortunately this will not take place before Christmas. We are working on securing a course for mid January.



Would the lovely lady who offered to play violin please contact me (Aileen) at [0872356226](tel:0872356226) as I very foolishly forgot to take her number! I would love to hear from you.



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Today there are people in your community in crisis... No food in the cupboard. No heating in their home. No end in sight. At St. Vincent de Paul, we are asked for help with these things every day. Even in an improving economy, it can still take just one small problem to tip someone into crisis and poverty. But we know that a little help at the right time can change everything. This Christmas, over 140,000 people in communities across the country will ask SVP for help with food, fuel and basic clothing. But we cannot say yes without you.



YOUR YES CAN LAST A LIFETIME

Please support the SVP Annual Appeal. Your help can last a lifetime.

The Annual Collection replaces the SHARE collection next Sunday 10th/11th December.

The Pro Life organisation

Family & Life

will be holding a talk and training on

"How to argue the case for the Pro Life Amendment"

in Brackenstown Parish Centre on
Tuesday 6th December at 7pm

www.prolife.ie



Senior School Book Fair

The Senior School held a Book Fair before the mid-term and are very grateful to parents and pupils alike for making it such a success. The value of sales amounted to €4790, allowing us to claim €2,780 worth of free books from Scholastic for our school and classroom libraries. Particular thanks are due to Trish Kelly, Paloma De Paz, Iratxe Toro and Rachel Daly who gave so generously of their time and skill to ensure the smooth running of the event. We are grateful also to our Student Council who took orders and delivered books very efficiently throughout the week.



ADVENT PRAYER STATIONS

Monday 12th - Saturday 17th December

A variety of Prayer Stations will be set out around the Church during this week. You are invited to take some time to visit the stations as a way to reflect on our Advent journey towards Christmas.

BINGO

EVERY SUNDAY

in the Pastoral Centre at 8:00pm

Doors Open at 7:30pm - Everyone welcome

CALLING ALL SHEPHERDS & ANGELS!!



Are you aged between 5 & 12? Would you like to take part in our Nativity Play during the 6:00pm Mass on 24th December?

Come along to the practice on:

Sunday 18th December after the 12:30pm Mass

Thursday 22nd December at 7:00pm

Saturday 24th December at 4:30pm (Just before 6:00pm)



Would you have any Angel or Shepherd children's costumes to lend for the Nativity Play? It would be much appreciated!

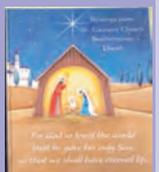
CHRISTMAS DUES

We will be looking for people to deliver the Christmas Cards & Christmas Dues Envelopes to the houses in the parish. This is an important way for us as a parish to reach out to all those in the area. Even if you could help deliver in your own street/estate, this would be a great help. Also, if you could help with delivering to Applewood and Castleview Estates, the more the merrier!



Christmas Mass Cards

Available from the Parish Office for €5.00. The intentions of the Masses over Christmas are for the names on these cards.



PARISH DIARY

DATE	EVENT
DECEMBER 2016	
10th Dec	DTIM Mass 6:30pm
11th Dec	DTIM Mass 12:30pm
11th Dec	Annual St. Vincent de Paul Collection
12th Dec	<i>Experience of Prayer by Text</i> 10:30am or 7pm
15th Dec	Christmas Carol Service 7:30pm
19th Dec	Reconciliation Service St. Colmcille's 7:30pm
20th Dec	Reconciliation Service St. Cronan's 7:30pm

THE PARISH DIARY IS AVAILABLE ON THE WEBSITE

Brackenstown Bible Study

You are welcome to join us in St Cronan's Pastoral Centre on Monday nights 7.30-9pm. This week will be reviewing St Luke's Gospel. The reading plan for the coming week is the **Book of Acts**. Why not come along, ask questions or just listen. There are usually about 20 people present so you won't feel under any pressure to contribute if you don't want to.



Introduction of an envelope system for the 1st collection

Thank you to those who have returned the forms that were inserted recently in the parish newsletter. As mentioned there are substantial benefits to the Parish to be gained by using an envelope system for the 1st collection at no extra cost to anyone. Information sheets on how this scheme works are available on the tables at the back of the church. Thank you for your generous support of our Parish.

Advent Reflection Time with Donabate parish youth group! Join us on Saturday 10th December from 5pm-6:30pm in the Parish Hall Library Room to learn more about Advent, create an Advent Wreath and spend some time in quiet reflection. **Open to young people aged 13-29.** Donabate parish hall is opposite Donabate church and is on the 33B bus route from Swords to Portrane.



Remembrance Sacred Space

As we have come to the end of November the Sacred Space has changed to reflect Advent. The Butterflies that had the names of those who died during the year can be picked up by family members from the Parish Office (Monday to Friday) or the Sacristy at the weekend.

The names of all who died during the year, with the crosses that were presented during the Remembrance Mass are in the case at the back of the Church. We remember them throughout the year and pray for their families who mourn their absence.



Dates for Baptisms:

8th January 11am & 12:30pm
14th January 4:00 pm
28th January 4:00 pm
29th January 1:45 pm

Please note one Month's Notice to be given & a copy of baby's Birth Cert is required when booking a Baptism.

The next Parent Preparation Meeting is Thursday 5th January 2017 at 8pm in St. Cronan's Parish Centre.

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS

Advent Calendars, Christmas Cards, Crib Figures, little gifts etc. available in main porch after Saturday evening & Sunday morning Masses.

MSZE SWIETA

Msze Swieta w Jezyku Polskim w Niedziele 11 Grudzien, o godz 18:45. (Spowiedz 18:15 – 18:40).

PRAYER MEETING

Spend One Hour...**Tuesday next, 6th December 8:00-9:00pm** Sisters' Oratory, **29 Brackenstown Village**. This Prayer Meeting honours Servant of God, Frank Duff, founder of Legion of Mary. Everybody most welcome.



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Mon: 10.30 am – 11.30 am
Wed: 6.00 pm – 11.00 pm
Fri: 10.30 am – 5.45pm
Sat: 10.30am – 11.30am

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament takes place the last Sunday of every month from 4pm—5pm. Can you stay one hour with me? We encourage new people to come and join us.

THE ROSARY

Praying for a special intention? Praying for peace? The 'Rosary Statue' was blessed for use in the homes of the parish at the **October Candlelight Procession**. 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 in main porch after Saturday evening or Sunday morning Masses.

FAMILY OFFERING

We thank all those parishioners who support the running of the parish through the Parish Family Offering fund.

October Standing Order €3,691
Outdoor Collection €712.39
Annuals/Half Yearly €220.00

PARISH INFORMATION

Mass Times: Sunday: 6:30pm (Sat. Vigil); 9:00am, 11:00am, 12:30pm & 5:30pm
Weekday Mass: Monday to Saturday 10:00am
Holyday Mass: Vigil 7:30pm; 10:00am
Confession: Saturday 10:30am to 11:00am and 6:00pm to 6:20pm
After 10:00am Mass on the Thursday before the First Friday
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01 8408926 – brackenstownparish@gmail.com
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Mon to Fri. 9.30am – 1.00pm

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10/11 December
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