

Skerries Parish Bulletin

No 2500 **22nd – 29th November 2026**

POWER

Ezekiel 34: 11-12.15-17. Ps.22 1-3.5-6. Corinthians 15:20-26.28. Matthew 25: 31-46



It is important to note the difference between worldly and unworldly power. The former is in dreadful evidence these days. Satan may be out of fashion but he's not out of view. Unworldly, quieter power is what concerns us on this **Feast of Christ the King**. 'Quiet' doesn't mean 'ineffective'.

The three Scripture passages for today cover the whole spectrum of this unworldly power: Ezekiel portrays the gentleness and tender care of the good shepherd, part of which is to sort out the good from the bad. That's a warning that may surprise us. Paul focuses with forensic intensity on Jesus. Everything Christians stand for is rooted in the person and life of Jesus Christ and most of all, in his conquest of death. This is the power of truth. In spelling it out, Paul actually puts us in possession of the power to develop our lives, achieve lasting happiness and ultimately achieve eternal existence. That bears some reflection! Matthew's Gospel describes the full-blown power of Christ the King, "when the Son of Man will take his seat on the throne of Glory". The final judgment between good and evil – eternal life or absolute death - is the ultimate divine power. By contrast, the good human life is described as essentially simple, not beyond us, surely. Is it not the miracle of divine love? Look at the dandelion; it persists simply, quietly from the dark depths of the earth, to finally push through the tarmac or find the crack in the concrete, emerging triumphant, golden and smiling! We could learn from that! 'Quiet' doesn't mean 'ineffective' - it's real Power.

We celebrate the infinite power of God in every aspect of life, on this feast of Christ the King.

"Lord of Life, Earth, Sky and Sea; King of Love on Calvary".

Skerries Church Choir.

ANNIVERSARY / SPECIAL INTENTION MASSES

- **Sat 21st 10am**: Alma McKenna (MM), Maurice Dardis (1st A)
- **Sat 21st 6pm**: Joe & Colette May, Joseph May, Noelle & Ann Lacey, Louise Bracken, Dr John, Bernadette & Mary B Keane, Mary Woodcock, Maureen Delaney
- **Sun 22nd 9.30am**: Sadie Garrett, Margaret Garland, Rita Clinton, Leo Cody & deceased members of Cody family, Irene & Denis Martin, Mikey Lee
- **Sun 22nd 11am**: Fergus Cullen (1st A), William Power, Donal O'Donoghue, Stacie Bailey, Tom & Gretta Ward, Dennis & Tom (Jnr) & The Ward family
- **Mon 23rd 10am**: Mass Card Intentions
- **Tues 24th 10am**: Jim & Fran McDonough, John Grimes (BR)
- **Wed 25th 10am**: George Pratt, Alicia Fabre
- **Fri 27th 10am**: Ellen, Tom, Maeve, Gretta & all the Palmer family, Ursula Gorman
- **Sat 28th 10am**: Terry Toal (MM), Billy Goff, Jack McGuinness (rem)
- **Sat 28th 6pm**: Ann Ross (MM), Sean Rooney (1st A), Thomas 'Tom' Lannon, David McIlwaine, Karen McDonald Hodson, Paul Workman
- **Sun 29th 9.30am**: Derek McGonagle, Evelyn Byrne & deceased members of the Byrne family
- **Sun 29th 11am**: Maureen Petson (1st A), Thomas Flanagan, Eamonn Smith, Joe & Joan Hilliard (rem), Sean & Kathleen Mooney, Ann Fagan (rem), Luarena O'Connor (rem), Lisa O'Byrne (rem)

FEASTDAYS

21st Nov: Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
22nd Nov: Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe.
23rd Nov: St Columban. 24th Nov: St Colman, Ss. Andrew Dúng-Lac & Companions.
28th Nov: First Evening Prayer of Advent.
29th Nov: First Sunday of Advent

NOTICE: Office Hours next week on Monday & Wednesday are 10.30am to 12.30pm.

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CHRISTMAS MASS CARDS
Christmas Mass cards are on sale in the Parish Office. As in previous years proceeds from the sale of the cards will go to the Capuchin Homeless Day Centre, Dublin.

CONFIRMATION - PARENTS/GUARDIANS MEETING
Parents Meeting takes place Wednesday 25th November at 7.30 pm in the church. This meeting is for parents/guardians only. Congratulations to the boys/girls who celebrated their **Commitment Ceremony** recently. If there are some who still have to present their certificate – please leave them into the Parish Office, this week.

CONGRATULATIONS
to all our 2nd class pupils from our Parish schools who took the first steps along their path to First Holy Communion next May. We ask your prayers for them and their parents as they prepare for this great event.

HOLMPATRICK CHURCH
The Institution of the Rev Canon Garth Bunting as the new Rector of The Holmpatrick Group of Parishes on Tuesday, 24th November at 7:30 pm will be a special occasion for the Church of Ireland community. He will start celebrating official services from Sunday, 29th November, serving the COI parishes in Rush, Skerries, and Balbriggan. We hope that the wider community will join us in warmly welcoming him as he begins his ministry in this part of North County Dublin.

AGE FRIENDLY SKERRIES
Movie Matinee in the Library - Old Movies, Good Company, Great Memories. Last Wed each month. To book please contact Skerries Library at SKERRIESLIBRARY.LIBRARY@FINGAL.IE / 01-8905671

LOUGHSHINNY SALE OF WORK
Christmas Sale of Work, Bake Sale and Fresh Vegetables in Loughshinny Community Centre, Sunday, 6th December from 3pm to 6pm to raise funds for Rise & Shine Trust: supporting people with physical & intellectual challenges. We would appreciate if any bakers could donate some cakes or baked goods for sale on the day. Ph: 0860777775 or smcbnntt@gmail.com.

SKERRIES SAILING CLUB - A VOYAGE LIKE NO OTHER
Enda O'Coineen became the first Irishman to complete the Vendé Globe solo round the world yacht race. He will talk about his amazing trip in the Club on Wed 25th November at 8 pm. All welcome.

SKERRIES RNLI
The annual Christmas Lifeboat Shop at the Harbour will open this weekend. Remember every purchase directly helps our volunteer crews who continue to save lives at sea.

30 YEARS AGO IN THE PARISH
- Newly baptised into our Parish family was Laurna McDermott
- The Giving Tree was placed on the altar. Parishioners were encouraged to take a leaf and return the present indicated to the tree over the coming weeks
- The Parish Choir was inviting extra voices for Christmas ceremonies
- Christmas Charity Cards were on sale each Friday in the Methodist Church
- Marian Musical & Dramatic Society was planning a Hits from the Shows extravaganza - rehearsals in the Library each Wednesday evening

SKERRIES HARPS GAA CLUB
Under 15 and Under 16 Camogie teams were both defeated in their Finals. Hard Luck girls. Minor Hurlers lost to Faughs and Under 21 Footballers exited the A Ch'ship to Kilmacud-Crokes.
Congratulations to Denis Murphy who was named the Lar Foley Hall of Fame recipient for 2026 by the Friends of Dublin Hurling. Denis has played the game and coached both Hurling and Camogie at so many different levels. Well known in all circles, he is a worthy recipient.
Juvenile Academy every Saturday morning at 9.45 to 11am – fun for boys and girls.
ZINGO Sunday 15 Nov. Result: 13, 23, 24, 26. No winners. Next week's Jackpot is €1,800. Draw each Sunday in Clubhouse at 6 pm. Play Online – 3 lines for a Fiver !
BINGO every fortnight - next Bingo is on Monday 30 Nov at 8 p.m. All welcome.
Christmas Raffle tickets will be on sale shortly – a vital cog in our day to day running expenses.
AGM - Annual General Meeting - will be held on Thurs 26 Nov at 8 pm. New members welcome, both playing and non-playing, male and female. There is a role for everyone in Skerries Harps. The administration required to run the club is growing year on year. We encourage more people with the drive and interest in our sports to get involved and help the club continue to grow.