

Skerries Parish Bulletin

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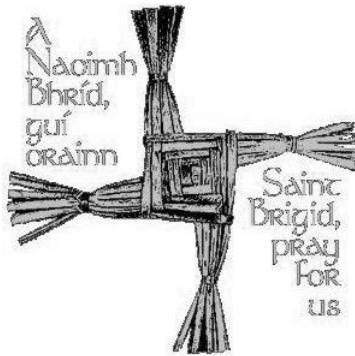
1 to 8 February 2026

Feast of St. Brigid, Secondary Patron of Ireland

'The Beatitudes – invitations that change our lives'

Zeph 2:3,3:12-13; Ps 145; 1 Cor 1:26-31; Mt 5:1-12

We seek God through seeking peace and justice with humility and integrity. God gives us what we need for the task. St. Brigid lived around the time of St. Patrick and St. Columba. Tradition has it that Brigid died around 525. In Ireland around this time the Christian faith had begun to flourish. This brought about many changes in people's lives and in the culture of the day.



Did these saints know how their mission would work out? Probably not, but they had confidence that this growing faith that gave us so many monasteries and missionaries, with God's help, would and did change lives for the better. St. Brigid's feast day looks towards the coming of the warmer and calm weather of Spring. A time of new life and growth. Traditionally, rushes were plucked on Brigid's Eve and laid on the doorsteps of houses. Then someone pretended they were Brigid and brought the rushes into homes – symbolically bringing new life into the homes.

The Beatitudes today, tell us how and what Jesus spoke to the crowds when he went up the hill to teach them. On the way he told his disciples it is only through having a personal relationship with God that they will come to understand his words. Then he gives them these nine invitations to bring about change in the lives of the people they encounter. Those who accept his invitation may encounter opposition, but they are promised joy and gladness and an eternal reward. As we celebrate this feast may we, through deepening our relationship with the Lord, experience new life and bring it to others as well.

Fr. Melvyn

Our Sympathy is extended to the families of **Diarmuid McHugh**, Holmpatrick Rush Rd., **Deirdre 'Dee' O'Sullivan**, Kelly's Bay Rock, and **Bernadette Keane**, Hoar Rock, who died recently. May they Rest in Peace.



Anniversary / Special Intention Masses

- ✦ **Sat 31st 6.00pm:** Peter Keane (1st A), Phyllis Carr, Eileen and Ted Williams, Frank and Anne Rogan, John and Eithne Everard
- ✦ **Sun 1st Feb 9.30am:** Gaye McGirl, Jim Lennox.
- ✦ **Sun 1st Feb 11.00am:** Breda Ferguson (1st A), Ronnie Fay, Sean Rogan, Molly Gough.
- ✦ **Monday 2nd 11.00am:** Mass Card Intentions.
- ✦ **Tuesday 3rd 10.00am:** Genevieve Devey (1st A), Michael Halpin.

- ✦ **Wednesday 4th 10.00am:** Kay Whelan.
- ✦ **Friday 6th 10.00am:** First Friday – Altar List.
- ✦ **Saturday 7th 10.00am:** Special Intention, Brendan McGuire, Mary Kelly.
- ✦ **6.00pm:** Katherine 'Kay' Rooney (1st A), Kevin O'Connor, Eily Butterly, Joe McNally, James Ryan, Richard Gaffney.
- ✦ **Sunday 8th 9.30am:** Jim Slattery (BR), Miriam Healy, Francis 'Frank' Corr
- ✦ **11.00am:** Joe Williams (MM), Pat, Maura and Mary Ellis, Michael McBride, Liam Canavan, Elizabeth Murphy Donnelly.

First Friday

Friday 6th February is the 1st Friday of the month – 10.00am Mass will be offered for the Altar List of the Dead. Also, the **Padre Pio Mass** will be celebrated on Friday at 7.30pm concluding with blessing with the Padre Pio relic.

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Bank Holiday/Feast of The Presentation of the Lord.

This Monday, 2nd February, is a Bank Holiday. Morning Mass will be celebrated at 11.00am NOT the usual time of 10.00am.

Monday 2nd is also the Feast of the Presentation of The Lord or Candlemas Day. Candles will be blessed at the 11.00am Mass and will be on sale in the Parish Office afterwards.

Tuesday 3rd Feb is the Feast of St Blaise. Blessing of throats after 10.00am Mass.

Feast Days

1st Feb – St. Brigid,

2nd Feb – The Presentation of the Lord,

3rd Feb – St. Blaise (Blessing of throats).

5th Feb – St. Agatha,

6th Feb – St. Paul Miki,

8th Feb – International Day of Prayer and Awareness against Human Trafficking

Confirmation Rituals

The 2nd Confirmation Ritual will take place **Wednesday evening 11th February at 7.30 pm here in the church.**

It is very important that children, along with their parents/guardians, attend and participate in these Rituals as an active preparation for the celebration of the sacrament later this year.

30 Years Ago in the Parish

- Archbishop Connell had proposed the setting up of a Woman's Forum for the diocese of Dublin and two women from Skerries Parish would be nominated to Fingal North Deanery at a public meeting for all women of the Parish.
- Meeting for all those interested in travelling to the Holy Land was planned.
- Enrolment for Parish primary schools for September 1996 was taking place.
- Marian Musical Society needed a Costume Coordinator for their forthcoming production of Oklahoma.
- Mass, followed by a cuppa, was being held for all couples who hoped to marry in 1996
- Good luck to ladies from Mill Hill badminton club competing in quarter finals in Baldoyle.

Coffee Morning



St. Francis Hospice coffee morning will be on **Friday 6th February 10.30 - 12.00 in Skerries Harps Clubhouse.** All support is very welcome.

Ladies Bowls

Once again, the weather prevented last Monday's competition taking place. Hopefully we will get a fine morning this week. Those interested in playing in leagues next Summer should sign up in the club, indicating their preference for Wednesdays/Thursdays/Saturdays. An indoor knock out tournament will start on Wednesday 11th at 1.30pm

Skerries Harps GAA Club



Inter county reps last weekend were Ethan Dunne, Killian McGinnis and Greg McEneaney with Dublin football team, Ciaran Murphy with Offaly football team, all in NFL and Cillian Wilde with the Dublin Minor football team v Down. Juvenile Academy every Saturday at 9.45am for boys/girls – Tea/Coffee available upstairs. Club Lottery – ZINGO – Numbers drawn on Sun last 25th Jan. were 2, 6, 10, 18. Match 3 winner was Colin Clinton who wins €100. Jackpot is now €2,300. Play Online or via the envelopes in the clubhouse and you can now sign up to Zingo via your membership renewal! The draw is every Sunday at 6:30pm in the clubhouse. See www.skerriesharps.ie/zingo Members are encouraged to support the Coffee Morning on Fri 6th Feb for St Francis Hospice. BINGO in Clubhouse every fortnight with next session on Mon 9th February at 8 p.m. Jackpot will be €850 and doors open at 7.30 p.m. Membership Fees for 2026 are due by 31st March – players must be paid up before games recommence on 22nd Feb. Fees can be renewed online – check website.

Used Postage Stamps



Thank you to Fr Melvyn. There has been a great response to the request for **Used Postage Stamps** to be left into the box at the back of the Church. The box will remain there for a few more weeks until the extension to the library is up and running, when stamps can again be left into the library. The Guide Dogs Association appreciate all the stamps donated. Many thanks for your support.