



Skerries Parish Bulletin

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A WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY AND CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK BEGIN TODAY

“I will make you a light for the nations so that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth”.
Is. 49: 6

When John the Baptist saw the Spirit descend on Jesus at His baptism, John recognised Him as “the Chosen One of God”. By our baptism we have received that same Holy Spirit. From His baptism in the Jordan Jesus went out to share the Good News with everyone He met. We receive that same invitation. In this week of Prayer for Christian Unity, take the opportunity to share the Good News with someone you meet. You may not use the language of the scriptures, but you can convey the good news through forgiveness, acceptance, generosity, encouragement, affirmation and hope for our world - God’s Kingdom. Pray for just and peaceful solutions, which are enduring for all who are suffering due to war, violence and injustice in places near and far.

Dedicated teachers in all schools try to bring the best out of their students so that they may become good citizens with a heart for the world. Catholic Schools Week puts this dedication in the context of the teachings of Jesus so that students may grow in awareness of their baptismal call to bring about God’s Kingdom in the world. Our response to Psalm 39, **“Here I am Lord! I come to do your will”**, requires commitment. At the heart of our journey is the Spirit, and the Spirit’s constant invitation to our hearts. Let us open our hearts to that Spirit in personal prayer. **“May God the Father and Our Lord Jesus Christ send you grace and peace”.** 1 Cor. 1: 3


Holy Faith Sisters

ANNIVERSARY / SPECIAL INTENTION MASSES


- ✦ **Sat 17th 10am:** Kathleen Glackin (1st A), Phyllis Ayton, Niall Butterly, Noel McDonough, Dan Dowling, Michael Phelan
- ✦ **Sat 17th 6pm:** Kevin Kelly (1st A), Anne Boylan (1st A), Rita & Hugh O’Boyle, Harry Grimes, John Talbot, John Galvin, Lisa & Philip Dunne
- ✦ **Sun 18th 9.30 am:** Sean O’Brien, Theresa Quinn, John & Maureen Martin (rem), Fr. Jim Martin, John, Mary & P.J. Minogue, James & Norah Brennan
- ✦ **Sun 18th 11am:** Christine Baines (MM), Marie Chapman (MM), John Flanagan, Jack & Mary Leonard, Kevin & Madeleine Sheerin, Mary & Patrick O’Neill
- ✦ **Mon 19th 10am:** Mass Card Intentions
- ✦ **Tue 20th 10am:** Kathleen Harford, Margaret, Thomas & Joseph Flaherty
- ✦ **Fri 23rd 10am:** Letitia McEvoy
- ✦ **Sat 24th 10am:** Kathleen Glackin (1st A), Phyllis Ayton, Cathal Murray
- ✦ **Sat 24th 6pm:** Lily Mangan (1st A), Laurence & Sheila McNally, Betty & Peter Boylan, Tommy Ryan, Margaret & Brenda Branagan, Sarah Kavanagh (RD)
- ✦ **Sun 25th 9.30am:** Elizabeth Fanning & Family, Dorothy Crowley, Winnifred & Patrick Russell

- ✦ **Sun 25th 11am:** Gavan O’Kelly (1st A), Bernard Corr, Denis McKeown, Ellen O’Connell, Joan McDonnell, Vincent & Eileen Boyle, Tom & Dolores Ferguson.

OUR SYMPATHY

 To the family of Ethel Murray who died recently. May she Rest in Peace.

WE WELCOME

 Oghenemarho (Marho) Ogbodu who was recently baptised into our Parish family.

CONGRATULATIONS TO FR MELVYN

Congratulations to Fr. Melvyn on his appointment as Vicar Foraine for the Dublin Diocese and his temporary appointment as Administrator of Donabate Parish. What’s the old saying - if you want something done, ask a busy person to do it!

WELL DONE

to all the girls and boys from our Parish Primary Schools who took part in their first Bridge Mass last Sunday - a first step on their path of preparation for First Penance and First Communion.

FEASTDAYS

17th JAN – ST. ANTHONY

20th Jan – St. Fabian & St Sebastian

21st Jan - St. Agnes,

24th Jan – St. Francis de Sales

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

All parishioners are invited to an important meeting hosted by the Parish Pastoral Council on **Wednesday, Jan. 21st at 7.30pm in the School Hall, St. Patrick's Senior National School.**

This gathering will focus on the future direction of our parish and how we can enhance our welcome, hospitality, and communication. Your insights and experiences as members of our parish community are invaluable. Together, we can work towards creating a warm and welcoming environment for all generations.

Please confirm your attendance by Monday Jan.19th to: ppcstpatricksskerries@gmail.com

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL – THANK YOU

The members of St. Vincent De Paul conference would once again like to Thank You, The People of Skerries, for your outstanding support to our Annual Christmas Appeal. As we have always said, we could not do what we do without the support you give us and we are extremely grateful. Each Day brings new challenges for people. Demands on our funds increase all the time but thankfully, because of your generosity we can continue to help those who find themselves in financial difficulty. We deal with People from 'All Walks of Life'. As we have often mentioned before, all our dealings with people are **Confidential** so please do not hesitate to contact us. **We Are There For You.** For those who contributed and did not leave a contact number, but may need a receipt, please drop a note into The Bandroom, The Square, Skerries and we will respond to same.

SKERRIES LIBRARY

While we await the opening of the newly refurbished Carnegie Library, online Services will continue at Fingal.ie/libraries. Mobile Library will be on the South Strand next Wednesday 21st from 2 - 4 p.m.

ACTIVE RETIREMENT CLUB

Active Retirement Club will reopen on **Mon 19th at 2pm.** Please come early to register for this year. New members welcome.

AGE ACTION IRELAND – DIGITAL TRAINING

Whether you are a complete beginner or would like to brush up on your computer skills, come and join Age Action's **free** Getting Started Computer Course in Skerries Library. Getting Started provides you with five weeks x 10 hrs free individual tuition. Enrolment necessary – please call Age Action on: 01:475 6989 or email gettingstarted@ageaction.ie

SKERRIES LADIES BOWLS

The Monday morning Spring competition got off to a good start last Monday with 24 ladies taking part. Don't forget, it's not too late to join - €2 and sign in before 10.30. Indoor bowling has resumed - Wednesday afternoons, maybe more suited to this inclement weather

SKERRIES HARPS GAA CLUB



ZINGO News: We are delighted to announce the launch of our new Zingo! You choose your 4 lucky numbers from 1 - 28 and, if they

land, you win the Jackpot! Match 3 numbers for a €100 prize!

Rollovers will be bigger than before, meaning bigger prizes.

Numbers in first draw on Sun last 11 Jan. were 1, 8, 13, 14. Jackpot on 18 Jan is €2,100

Zingo can be played online or via the envelopes in the clubhouse and, for the first time ever, you can now sign up to Zingo via your membership renewal!

As always, the draw will take place every Sunday at 6.30pm in the clubhouse and we will also be holding a lucky dip in-house draw. See www.skerriesharps.ie/zingo

All proceeds go towards the ongoing development of facilities for our club and community.

Good Luck to boys and girls competing in the Gormanston Indoor Hurling/Camogie on Sundays.

USED POSTAGE STAMPS

The Temporary Library has closed since January 5th to allow the contents to be transferred to the new extension.

Thanks to Fr. Melvyn, a box for Used Postage Stamps will be placed at the back of the Church for a few weeks. The Guide Dogs Association appreciate all the stamps - many thanks.

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