



Skerries Parish Bulletin

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Light that changes our lives – our world.

‘All that came to be had life in him and that life was the light of men, a light that shines in the dark, a light the darkness could not overpower.’ (Jn 1:4-5)

Our world is experiencing its own darkness. Wars, conflicts, and climate change all remind us of how delicate and precious the gift of life is. A gift threatened in so many ways by droughts, floods, bush fires, and famine continue to devastate people’s lives. If ever there was a time when we need light and help it is now. We need salvation in so many ways. Christmas celebrates the light that came into the darkness not only of our world but into the darkness that is part and parcel of each of us as human beings sharing life and time together.

This light of Christ brings hope, harmony, and peace. Christ offers us integrity, justice, and kindness. As the light of the world, he comes as a vulnerable child as one of us – a human being. His light is a reminder that we are all human and in that same humanity we discover the person of Christ all around us and we bring him to one another. This light does not call us to account and is not a threat to us. As our light he is a model for us in how to live as carriers of the light to each other. As sisters and brothers we share a common humanity – a humanity that Christ shares with us knowing that we are not perfect but trying to be with his Spirit working in us. Then, we can live together in peace bringing out the best in one another and in so doing changing our world darkness into the presence of the light of hope.



Blessings of Christmas peace and joy on one and all.



Fr. Melvyn

CHRISTMAS MASS ARRANGEMENTS 2025



Wednesday 24th December – Christmas Eve

Vigil Masses for Christmas Day – 6 pm & 8 pm

Thursday 25th December – Christmas Day

Mass at 9.30 am & 11.00 am

Friday 26th December - St. Stephen’s Day

Mass at 11.00 am

Saturday 27th December

Morning Mass at 11.00 am Vigil Mass at 6pm

Monday 29th Dec 2025 to Saturday 3rd Jan 2026

Morning Mass at 11.00 am



ANNIVERSARY / SPECIAL INTENTION MASSES

- ✦ **Sat 20th 10am:** Bernadette Mooney, Desmond Lumsden, Sean Horan, Anna McMahon, Annie & Patrick Leonard, Kathleen & Patrick Simpson
- ✦ **Sat 20th 6pm:** Maura White Hughes, Mona & Padraig Potter, Binnie Lannon Bernie Morris, Joan Smyth (BR), Paul Holland, May Towson
- ✦ **Sun 21st 9.30am:** Oonagh Beglan, Phil Duggan, Basil, Frances & Paul Emmerson, Larry Daly, John & Moira Kelly & deceased members of the Kelly family, Ina Woods & family

- ✦ **Sun 21st 11am:** Swanee Martin, Jean Treleven, Maureen Hayes, Catriona Harper, Edie McMahon, Walter & Kitty Howlett, Paddy & May McMahon
- ✦ **Mon 22nd 10am:** Mass Card Intentions
- ✦ **Tues 23rd 10am:** Mary McCormack, Brian Taylor, Dec’d members of Taylor & McKenna families, Kevin Farrell, Eithne Everard, Christy & Eileen Grimes (Rem) & family, Margaret ‘Phyllis’ Dardis
- ✦ **Wed 24th 10am:** Anne Clinton (1st A), John & Margaret Greene (Rem), George & Ann Gallagher (Rem), Cora & Mick Cannon (Rem), Dec’d members of Doherty family, Esther Kelly (Rem)

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- ✦ **Wed 24th : Vigil Masses at 6pm & 8pm:**
Christmas Mass Cards - Offered to the Parishioners of St. Patrick's Church
- ✦ **Christmas Day 25th - 9.30am & 11am:**
Christmas Mass Cards - Offered to the Parishioners of St. Patrick's Church
- ✦ **Fri 26th 11am:** Brian & Robert Beggs, Maurice Mullins, Sean Darcy (Rem), Terry Tolan, Michael & Anthony O'Leary (Rem)
- ✦ **Sat 27th 11am:** John McSweeney (MM), Adrian Gallagher, Joe, Eileen & Joseph Beatty (Rem), Dick Rankin (Rem),
- ✦ **Sat 27th 6pm:** May Ryan, Fran & Mar Carabini, Billy Ryan, Alan Wilde
- ✦ **Sun 28th 9.30am:** Paddy Sexton (Rem), Joseph & Elizabeth Seaver (Rem), Margaret & Peter Conroy (Rem)
- ✦ **Sun 28th 11am:** Catherine Guildea (1st A), William Flanagan, Kay & John Mulhere, Leo & Rosaleen Doolin, Stephen & Kathleen Attley
- ✦ **Mon 29th 11am:** Mass Card Intentions
- ✦ **Tues 30th 11am:** Richard Fanning & family
- ✦ **Wed 31st 11am:** Margaret Browne, Ann Brady
- ✦ **Thurs 1st Jan 11am:** Maisie Grimes
- ✦ **Fri 2nd 11am:** First Friday – Altar List
- ✦ **Fri 2nd 7.30pm:** Padre Pio Mass
- ✦ **Sat 3rd 11am:** Kenny Keogh, James Larkin
- ✦ **Sat 3rd 6pm:** Kevin Woodcock, Bill & Rita McMahon, Margaret, Peggy, Patrick & Eileen McCormack & family, Anne McEvoy, Sonny Rogan, William McGarry
- ✦ **Sun 4th 9.30am:** Evelyn Marshall, Pearse Thornton, Mary Dolan, Michael Gavin, Terry Friel
- ✦ **Sun 4th 11am:** May Wherity (1st A), Charles Donnelly, Brendan Garland, Nicholas Harford, Annie Murphy & Tess Goggin, Sean Carron, Declan O'Byrne

PARISH OFFICE CHRISTMAS OPENING TIMES

Monday 22nd 10.30 - 12.30. Closed until Monday 29th December 10.30 - 12.30. Normal opening hours from Monday 5th January 2026.

OUR SYMPATHY



To the family of **Marie Chapman**, Dublin Road who died recently. May she Rest in Peace.

WE WELCOME

Glaisne Darragh McCarthy & Samuel Shane Hall who were recently baptised into our parish family.



FEASTDAYS

24th Dec – Christmas Eve; 25th Dec – The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ; 26th Dec – St Stephen, First Martyr; 27th Dec – St John, Apostle & Evangelist; 28th Dec – The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph; 1st Jan - Mary The Holy Mother of God, World Day of Peace; 2nd Jan – St Basil; 3rd Jan – St Munchin

PIONEER TOTAL ABSTINENCE ASSOCIATION

Our 2026 calendar will be on sale after all Masses this weekend 20th /21st Dec. Price €5.

SKERRIES HARPS GAA CLUB

Elected at AGM were Paul Walsh, Chairman, Ger Dillon, Secretary and Paddy Fitzgerald, Treasurer. Congrats to former player Becky Davey on winning the All Ireland IFC club final with Knockbride, Cavan.

ZINGO 14 Dec. 4, 7, 3, 6, 1, 5, 2. Dividend €400 won by Ian Morgan who matched 4.

Jackpot now €1,700. Draw on Sunday at 6 pm. Join Online or by Envelope. Entry is €2 per line. Tickets for Christmas Raffle are on sale online - Cash prizes plus lots of vouchers for local shops. Draw in Club on Sat 20th Dec with music by Curragh from 7 pm. Tickets €5 or book of 6 for €25. Get your ticket at

www.skerriesharps.ie/tickets.

Christmas Tree collection on Sat 3rd January – have you got your Tag yet?

St Stephens Day Charity Games – Football at 11 am and Hurling/Camogie at 12.30. All proceeds to local branch of St Vincent de Paul Society. Bar open for refreshments. Christmas Charity Golf Outing in aid of VdeP – Monday 29th Dec at Skerries GC. All welcome.

Happy Christmas to all Members, Sponsors and Supporters – thanks for your support in 2025.

PARISH BULLETIN – CHRISTMAS / NEW YEAR



Happy Christmas and all good wishes for 2026 to all our readers from the Bulletin editors – Nora, Geraldine, Kathleen, Ann, Máire & Annette – and from all the members of

the Reflection groups. There will be no Bulletin next weekend 27th/28th December. The next Bulletin will be on 4th January 2026 and the deadline for items will be Wednesday 31st December. See our email address below.

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