



Skerries Parish Bulletin

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Our Faithful Departed

Is 25: 6-9; Ps 26; Rm 5:5-11; Lk 7:11-17

All Souls Day - Life in Eternal Joy

Today we celebrate the sacred memory of our loved ones. We remember them as the faithful departed. Our loved ones are not just our departed faithful but are also the faithful we return to God. Our faith calls us to not only mourn their loss but to celebrate their gain as they return to God and we pray for their eternal peace. The faith we share is in the Risen Lord and we are consoled that our loved ones and we with them in time, will share in the resurrection.



Faith gives us consolation in challenging times. It does not remove our sense of loss. It does, however, strengthen the truth that all life is a gift from God. The person we have become or grown into has for the most part been given as a gift to us from those with whom we have shared life – grandparents, parents, family, friends.

All Souls Day asks us to see death not as an end but as the journey to eternal life and sharing in the resurrection. All our prayers and Masses help our loved ones on this journey and are an expression of our hope and love. As we remember our loved ones in prayer, we are strengthening our faith in the resurrection and in some way, we too are preparing for the same journey that we will make one day to be at home with them with God.

Death is not a door into the dark, it is a dark door into the light. Our loved ones and all the faithful departed have passed through that door, and we offer our Masses and prayers for their eternal peace and joy.

Fr. Melvyn

Anniversary / Special Intention Masses

- ✦ **Saturday 1st 10.00am:** Anne & Lex Woody, Margaret Sheehan
- ✦ **6.00pm:** Sean O'Lachtnain, Deceased members of the Quinn family (Rem), Anna McDonald, Gerald 'Gerry' Griffin, Nancy Anne Thornton, Mary Nugent, Special Intention.
- ✦ **Sunday 2nd 9.30am:** Catherine Maypothor, Kathleen Manson, Anne Fardey, Andrew Woods.
- ✦ **11.00am:** Lily Beggs, Marie Richardson, Barry Carey, Dr. Alicja Radic, David Davin-Power
- ✦ **Monday 3rd 10.00am:** Mass card intentions.
- ✦ **Tuesday 4th 10.00am:** Madge Fanning, Carmel and Patricia Callan.
- ✦ **Wednesday 5th 10.00am:** Patrick Reddin (MM).
- ✦ **Friday 7th 10am:** First Friday-Altar List
- ✦ **Saturday 8th 10.00am:** Patrick Price (MM) and the Price family, Georgina Farrell, Maurice McAuley Jnr., Christine O'Brien.

- ✦ **6.00pm:** Mary Varley (MM), Melissa O'Sullivan, Breege and Peter Moran, Frank Gordon, Sean Darcy, Tony McDermott, Gerard Nichol (BR).
- ✦ **Sunday 9th 9.30am:** Larry, Dolores and Sean Casey, Anne, Richard and Gerard Keane, Philomena Casey, Mello O'Brien.
- ✦ **11.00am:** Tom Murphy, Patrick Russell, Matthew and Margaret Russell, Imer and Moira Schlindwein, Margaret Garland, David F. Ryan.

Dates to note: Friday 7th November: First Friday, Altar List of the Dead. Padre Pio Mass 7.30pm.

Annual November Remembrance Mass

On **Monday 10th November, at 7.30pm**, the annual **Mass of Remembrance** for our deceased loved ones who died during this past year will take place. All are welcome to come along and join us at this special time when we remember our recently deceased parishioners.

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Feast Days

Saturday 1st Nov – All Saints,

Sunday 2nd – The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed,

Monday 3rd – St. Malachy,

Thursday 6th – All the Saints of Ireland,

Sunday 9th – The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica.

Skerries Tidy Towns



We are delighted to announce another successful year at the Tidy Towns Awards. In this year's competition, Skerries was 14 marks up on last year, finished only 5 marks off the overall winner, won

a **Gold Medal for the 24th year in a row** AND came 2nd in Dublin County.

Skerries also won the **Greenest Town Award** for its biodiversity enhancement projects and its focus on protecting the environment on its doorstep and the nearby sea.

Congratulations to the committee and to all the volunteers, communities and businesses who have worked so hard to improve the environment in which we live.

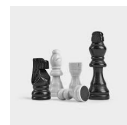
30 Years Ago in the Parish

- All parishioners were urged to cast their vote, no matter what their opinion, in the coming Divorce referendum.
- The Youth Folk Group had a new director, Maire de Burca.
- The first Mass Parade of the new Scouting year was taking place on 5th November.
- The 10th Annual One-Act Drama Festival was taking place over four nights, with adjudicator Ronnie Masterson.
- Final auditions for the musical Oklahoma were taking place and chorus rehearsals were being held on Wednesday evenings.
- Skerries Town Twinning Association was proud and delighted to accept a European Gold Star Award at a special ceremony in Dublin Castle. Out of 54 European towns, Skerries and Nenagh were the only Irish town twinning associations to receive this award.

Skerries Ladies Bowls

The Monday morning competition resumes on Monday 3rd - sign up by 10.30am either in person or by text. Indoor bowls will resume again on Wednesday 5th at 1.30pm in the clubhouse - regular sized bowls will be used. A great idea for those winter days.

Skerries Community Games Chess



The Skerries Community Games Chess competition will be held in Skerries Chess Club on six Tuesdays from 4 Nov to 9 Dec inclusive, from 7 - 8:15 pm each

evening. It is open to all young people who will be under 16 on the 31 July 2026, with an address in the Skerries catchment area. There are three age groups: U16, U13 and U11 with medals for those in each age group. Entry for non-members of Skerries Chess Club is €5 provided they enter by 8.00pm on Monday 3rd November. To enter contact John Loughran on 086 374 5410 and he will guide you through filling out the entry form online. More information is on

www.skerrieschess.com/tournament/index

The competition will be used to select some of the players who will represent Skerries on the team in the Dublin Finals in the Spring, though it may include others who did not take part but who contact us. It's your move!

Skerries Harps GAA Club



Minor Camogie and Minor boy's footballers both lost their semi-finals. Senior footballers play(ed) the Championship final in Naul on

Saturday 1st Nov in a re-fixtured and Minor girls were fixed to play the Championship final v Erins Isle and Under 14 hurlers in Cup final v Oliver Plunketts – all on Saturday.

Check all fixtures/results on www.skerriesharps.com

Juvenile Academy Term 3 finishing up this weekend. Thanks to all parents for support. Check club Social Media pages re Club Shop opening hours. Order now for Christmas.

Sat 8 Nov. Under 21 football championship v Ballymun, away at 1.30pm.

ZINGO – congrats to Niall Murphy who won the €1,900 Jackpot on 26 Oct. The winning numbers were 3, 2, 7, 6, 1, 4, 5. Jackpot starts at €1,000 on Sunday at 6.00pm with Free In-house draw. Entry is €2 per line or 3 lines for €5. See www.skerriesharps.com

Next Bingo Night is Monday 3rd Nov. at 8.00pm with Jackpot of €550. Doors open at 7.30pm.

The new look Bar/Function room is available to both members and non-members. We take bookings for functions, meetings, parties, fundraisers, community events, quiz nights and more. Contact bookings.harps@gmail.com for more information.

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