

Skerries Parish Bulletin

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Solemnity of All Saints
Apoc 7:2-4, 9-14 Ps 23:1-6 ! Jn 3:1-3 Mt 5:1-12
The Beatitudes – our identity card as Christians.



On this solemnity we remember and honour all those who have gone before us. These are our family, friends and neighbours who have by the way they lived their lives showed us something of the face of God. We reflect on those whose names are not recorded in the Church's calendar of saints, but who stand out in our thoughts and spirits for some good reason.

When we speak of saints, we usually refer to those with a capital 'S' already beatified and canonised. These tend to be people who led lives of great virtue or who gave their lives as martyrs for the Gospel and are written about. The greater number, however, are those who 'each in his or her own way' answered the Lord's call to holiness. Sharing lives with us that gave us glimpses into the life we are all called to live together as God's people. They are still encouraging us to persevere in faith, hope, and love together.

All Saints Day reminds us of those who have shown us something of the Kingdom of God in their activity or attitude to living our lives together as God's people. In this regard Pope Francis reminds us there is nothing more enlightening than Jesus' words (Gaudete Exsultate). In the Beatitudes, we find a portrait of the Master which we are called to reflect in our lives.

'On this feast we ask not merely to admire the blessed, but to be numbered among them.'
Fr. Melvyn

ANNIVERSARY / SPECIAL INTENTION MASSES

Sat. 31st 10am: Anna Walsh, Mary Nugent, Jimmy McCann
6pm: Gerard Byrne (MM), Lily Beggs, Sean O'Lachtnáin, decd mbrs of the Quinn Family, Pat Walsh, Veronica Burrows, Gerald 'Gerry' Griffin
Sun. 1st Nov 9.30am: Benefactors Intentions
Anna McDonald, Catherine Maypother, Lex and Anne Woody
11am: Grace Devereux (MM), Michael Halligan (1st A), Dermot Peakin, Marie Richardson,
Ultan Ryan, Marion Keating, David Davin-Power
Mon. 2nd 10am: Mass Card Intentions
Tues. 3rd 10am: Elizabeth McIlwaine (1st A), Madge Fanning
Wed. 4th 10am: George Sweetnam, Stephen Nolan (RD) Australia, Mary Fennell, Rose & Mary Hennessy, Sarah & Rose McGuire
Fri. 6th 10am: First Friday – Altar List of the Dead
Sat. 7th 10am: Sean Darcy
6pm: Nancy Thornton, decd. members of the McMahon & Crowley families
Sun. 8th 9.30am: Larry, Dollie & Sean Casey, Richard, Anne and Gerard Keane, Philomena Casey, Mello O'Brien, Andrew, Susan and Bernadette Woods
11am: Tom Murphy, Patrick Russell, Matthew and Margaret Russell, David Ryan, Moira & Eimear Schlindwein, Maurice & Marie McAuley, Georgina Farrell



OUR SYMPATHY IS OFFERED

to the families and friends of Ann Ross, Mourne View, Christopher Wilde, Kelly's Bay View, Eamonn Taaffe, Tullyallen, who died in our Parish recently. May they Rest in Peace.

November Pioneer Pledge

Short-term Pioneer Pledge for the Holy Souls in Purgatory for the month of November. Enrolment will take place at rear of church after all Masses this weekend Saturday 31st October and Sunday 1st November 2026. Pioneer 2027 calendars also on sale.

Annual November Remembrance Mass

On Monday 9th November at 7.30pm we will celebrate our annual **Mass of Remembrance** for all who died during this past year. All are welcome to come along particularly those who mourn the loss of a loved one during this past year.

FEASTDAYS FOR THE COMING WEEK

31st Oct.: Blessed Dominic Collins
1st Nov.: Feast of All Saints, Holy day of obligation
2nd Nov – Feast of All Souls
3rd Nov. – St. Malachy
4th Nov – St. Charles Borromeo
6th Nov – All Saints of Ireland
7th Nov. – St. Willibrord

Friday next, 6th is the first Friday of the month. Mass that morning and each First Friday is celebrated in memory of all those on the Altar List of the Dead. It's not too late to have your loved ones remembered each month – forms from the Parish Office. Also, we will celebrate the monthly Padre Pio Mass at 7.30 p.m. concluding with the blessing with the relic.

Many thanks

To all the parishioners who took the time to cast their vote in the recent survey to select a name for the partnership of Skerries, Rush and Lusk parishes. Our votes, together with those from Rush and Lusk have been sent to Archbishop's House to be collated and we will announce the result as soon as it is available.

30 YEARS AGO IN THE PARISH

Newly baptised was Thomas McHugh
Legion of Mary was organising a bus to attend Frank Duff Anniversary Mass
The Church Cleaning Guild appealed for new members to help weekly, even for half an hour
The Tidy Towns Entente Florale Gold Award was on view in the Library
Thanks to all who helped provide goods and pack the second truck of humanitarian aid on its way to Belarus from Skerries
A public meeting on proposed water charges was planned for the Windmill
Skerries Rugby Club was hosting Senator David Norris for his one-man show "Do you hear what I'm Seeing"

Once again we thank



The hard-working committee and volunteers of our Tidy Towns group who brought glory to the town in the recent Annual Awards Ceremony. Skerries won yet another Gold Medal and were placed second in the Dublin area with a score of 410 points (just one point short of Dalkey, who had 411). This group of volunteers strive all year round to make our town such a pleasant and environmentally friendly place to live in. We owe them an enormous debt of gratitude.

A Timely Reminder



Now that the clocks have gone back and the onset of winter is upon us, it might be a good time to check that your smoke alarms and carbon monoxide alarms are working properly. Better to be sure than sorry !

Congratulations to



Skerries Theatre Group (formerly the Marian Musical and Dramatic Society) who celebrated in a timely way their 80th birthday last weekend. Marking an unbroken eighty years, the group continues the proud tradition of fostering the arts in Skerries.

SKERRIES HARPS GAA CLUB

Congrats to Under 14 girls and to Under 15 girls' teams who both won their Finals !!
Minor boys have qualified for the Championship final with a thrilling win over Whitehall – the final is fixed for Skerries on 8th November.
Sat 31 Oct. Under 14 boys Cup Final v Lucan, home at 3p.m.
Sun 1 Nov. Minor Hurling Ch'ship semi-final v Southern Gaels, away at 11a.m.
Sun 1 Nov. Under 21 Camogie v St Brigids, away at 2p.m.
Juvenile Academy continues every Saturday morning at 9.45a.m. to 11 a.m. for boys and girls.
ZINGO Sunday 25 Oct result: 2, 3, 8, 12. CONGRATULATIONS to Mary Fanning, winner of the €6,100 Jackpot. Draw on Sunday in Clubhouse at 6 pm. Play Online – 3 lines for a Fiver !
Join us for "Trial or Denial"– on **Saturday 7th November** at 6.30p.m. in City North Hotel. Not just a show – it's a Courtroom with a game of Evidence, Accusations and Alibis with the audience having a part to play. Tickets are €40 and Bus transport also available. See www.skerriesharps.ie .
BINGO on Monday 2nd Nov at 8p.m in Clubhouse with Jackpot of €1,050. All welcome.