



Skerries Parish Bulletin

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The Word was made Flesh, and pitched his tent among us.



Today, the tenth day of Christmas, we take a pause between the Nativity of Jesus and the Epiphany.

In the first reading, God's Wisdom is not an abstract idea, but a living feminine presence that delights to dwell among humanity. "Then the creator of all things instructed me, and He who created me fixed a place for my tent." (A tent being the normal dwelling place of a nomadic people.) This Wisdom is God's way of saying, "I am not distant. I am here walking with you." God is saying this to us today.

St. Paul in his letter to the people of Ephesus says, "Before the world was made, He chose us, chose us in Christ, to be holy and spotless, and to live through love in his presence."

In the Gospel we are taken to the heart of the mystery, "The Word became flesh and dwelt among us." Christ's coming is not only an historical event but an ongoing reality. He continues to pitch his tent among us in the midst of our daily lives. God entered our human story, embracing our fragility so that we might share his life. We need to make space for Christ not only in our prayers, but in our many daily choices. It is about allowing his presence to reshape our lives.

On Tuesday 6th we celebrate the Epiphany, Jesus Christ being presented to the whole of human race, depicted by the visit of the wise men from far away. He came for all of us.

Lydia Gillen, Bible Study Group.

ANNIVERSARY / SPECIAL INTENTION MASSES

- ✦ **Sat 3rd Jan. 11am:** Kenny Keogh, James Larkin, Margaret & Michael White, Bridie & Luke Clogher
- ✦ **Sat 3rd 6pm:** Kevin Woodcock, Bill & Rita McMahon, Margaret, Peggy, Patrick & Eileen McCormack and family, Anne McEvoy, Sonny Rogan, William McGarry
- ✦ **Sun 4th 9.30am:** Evelyn Marshall, Pearse Thornton, Mary Dolan, Michael Gavin, Arthur & Margaret Farrell, Terry Friel, Daniel & Ellen Mooney
- ✦ **Sun 4th 11am:** May Wherity (1st A), Charles Donnelly, Brendan Garland, Nicholas Harford, Annie Murphy & Tess Goggin, Seán Carron, Declan O'Byrne
- ✦ **Tues 6th 10am:** Bernadette (Bernie) O'Connor,
- ✦ **Wed 7th 10am:** Ivan Heeney, Maggie O'Brien
- ✦ **Sat 10th 6pm:** Tony Walls (MM), Tom & Nuala Tolan, Richard Shanley
- ✦ **Sun 11th 9.30am:** Jim Slattery, Muriel St.John

- ✦ **Sun 11th 11am:** Tom, Belle & Michael McCourt, Edward & Eddie Ahearne, Bobby, Martha & Mary Ahearne

OUR SYMPATHY

To the families of Christine Baines and Joe Williams who died recently. May they Rest in Peace.



DATES TO NOTE:

Tues Jan 6th: The Epiphany of The Lord, is a Holy Day. Mass at 10am. Please note this will be the only Mass celebrated here for the Holy Day

BRIDGE MASS

The next Bridge Mass will take place next **Sunday 11th January at 11am**. All children and their parents/guardians are welcome to attend and participate in these Masses as the children prepare to celebrate **1st Penance** and **1st Holy Communion** this year.



The Parish Office will reopen on Monday 5th January. Usual Office hours.

SKERRIES FORGET ME NOT CAFÉ

Wednesday, 14th January 11am – 1pm.

Skerries Harps GAA. We are open.

The café is free of charge and open to people living with dementia, their families, carers and friends. Come for tea and biscuits, a chat, to meet others on a similar journey and to learn more about dementia services in the area.

Please let us know if you are coming.

Phone or text 0831192972

For more information, please contact us on skerriesforgetmenotcafe@gmail.com



SKERRIES LADIES' BOWLS

A very Happy New Year to all our members. Congratulations to the winners of our Winter Monday morning competition - Valerie Rogan, Liz Kenny, Nancy O'Rourke and Kate Tamemagi. Our Spring competition starts this Monday, 5th January. Usual €2 entry fee. Sign in before 10.30am. Remember, it's never too late to join.

30 years ago in the Parish

- Newly baptised were Tom Kevin Ring, Sean Kieran Martin, and Jonathan Raymond Watt
- St. Vincent de Paul Society thanked all local parishioners and groups who had contributed to their Christmas appeal
- Meals on Wheels service will be resuming after the Christmas break
- Skerries Athletic Club held a disco and Awards Night
- Skerries Harps congratulated the u-14 girls from HF/dIS College on winning the Leinster Schools Championship
- Found - a 6mth old black retriever/labrador puppy
- Lost - a gold locket on chain

SKERRIES HARPS GAA CLUB

Founded in 1908, Skerries Harps caters for over 100 teams from Under 8 to Adult, in all 4 codes - Gaelic football, Ladies football, Hurling and Camogie. We have won trophies at Juvenile and Adult level in the 4 codes during 2025 and have been successful in acquiring extra land for playing pitches. This success could not have been achieved without the help and support of members and sponsors. We thank all who have supported us and look forward to your continued support in 2026. ZINGO - Dividend €100 shared by Niall Murray and Paul Murray on 21st Dec. Numbers drawn on Sun 28th Dec. 6, 7, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5. Jackpot now €1,900. Draw on Sunday at 6pm. Join Online or by Envelope. Entry is €2 per line. Buy online at www.skerriesharps.com/zingo and select auto renewal. Christmas Raffle – first prize €1,500, won by Mick Ryan. Thanks to all who supported us.

Stephen's Day Games and the Christmas Golf Outing raised €3,000 for local Vincent de Paul Soc.

BINGO – on Mon 12th January at 8pm, with Jackpot of €750.

Membership Fees for 2026 are due for renewal – full details on website. New members welcome.

Happy New Year to all our Members, Sponsors and Supporters.

SKERRIES LIBRARY.

The Temporary Library on Church Street will be closed from Monday, 5th January to facilitate the move to the newly refurbished Carnegie Library. During the closure online services will continue at Fingal.ie/libraries. Our Mobile Library will be on the South Strand, on Wed. 7th and Wed 14th Jan from 2-4pm.

Best wishes to our children and school staff returning to school after the Christmas break.

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