



Skerries Parish Bulletin

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We are Temples of Christ.

Ezekiel 47:1-2,8-9,12. Psalm 45. I Corinthians 3:9-11,16-17. John 2:13-22.

You might well wonder why the dedication of a church is being given precedence over celebrating the 32nd Sunday of the year which is the Lord's day. Well the Lateran Basilica in Rome is no ordinary church. When it was built in 324AD, Pope Sylvester dedicated it as his Cathedral in Rome. (St. Peter's Basilica is a basilica built over the tomb of St. Peter the Apostle.) So from the Lateran Basilica Pope Leo guides all the worldwide Church.

So what do the readings mean for us today?. They support the idea of blessing and fruitfulness flowing forth from the Temple. Ezekiel was writing at the time of the return of Jews from Babylonian captivity after the destruction of the first Temple. Now the people are rebuilding the temple and Ezekiel describes his vision, in which is depicted the blessing and fruitfulness that flows forth from the river flowing out the gates of the temple. (fresh fruit every month!)

Today's excerpt has been abbreviated, but it would be well worth your while to read the full chapter.

The second reading from 1. Corinthians 3:9-11 reminds us that each one of us is a temple of God, and together we form the Church (forget about an actual building) and from us should pour forth every kind of welcome and blessing and fruitfulness, just as in the temple Ezekiel envisioned.

By the time John's gospel was being written (90 AD) there was tension between Jews who had come to believe in Christ and those other Jews. Jesus, by his symbolic gesture in the temple, proclaimed that God's presence was no longer solely in the temple but in each one of us.

So where and when in the Church do you experience abundance of blessing?
In your own life, do those who come in touch with you experience welcome and blessing?
What one thing could you do to change things for the better?

Lord, Please grant us the wisdom to know what to do, and the courage to do it.

Lydia Gillen

Anniversary / Special Intention Masses

- ✦ **Saturday 8th 10.00am:** Patrick Price (MM) and the Price family, Viviana Lopez Dos Santos (RD), 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:** Marie McNally (MM), Larry, Dolores and Sean Casey, Anne, Richard and Gerard Keane, Philomena Casey, Mello O'Brien, Margaret Doolan.
- ✦ **11.00am:** Tom Murphy, Patrick Russell, Matthew and Margaret Russell, Imer and Moira Schlindwein, Margaret Garland, David F. Ryan.
- ✦ **Monday 10th 10.00am:** Mass Card Intentions.
- ✦ **7.30pm** November Remembrance Mass.
- ✦ **Tuesday 11th 10.00am:** John Power, Noel Hanly, Michael and Sheena Flavin.

- ✦ **Wednesday 12th 10.00am:** Sr. Patricia 'Patsy' Corcoran, Gerard Boland, Madge, Ronan, Maureen and Conal Fagan.
- ✦ **Saturday 15th 10.00am:** Michael, Agnes and Colin Griffin.
- ✦ **6.00pm:** David Neacy (MM), John Costello, Iny McNally, Kieran (A and BR), Raymond and Patricia Bowers (Rem), Nicky Foley, Deceased members of the Keeling and Halpin families (Rem).
- ✦ **Sunday 16th 9.30am:** Roisin and Kevin O'Leary, Henry Sheridan.
- ✦ **11.00am:** Mary Marron (MM), John Fenelon, Uitan Ryan, Anna Walsh, Irene Murphy, Rita O'Boyle.

Date to Note: 10th November 7.30pm – November Remembrance Mass

Our Sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Eileen McIlwaine, Mill Hill, who died recently. May she Rest in Peace.

We Welcome Emily Deirdre Devine, Méabh Síle Maguire, Leo Walsh and Matthew Connolly who were recently baptised into our parish family.



Confirmation Ceremony of Commitment

The ceremony of commitment for ALL 6th class children intending to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation this year will take place at all three Masses over this weekend 8/9th November. Each child should bring along their Certificate of Commitment to the Mass they attend and present it at the appropriate time. This marks the formal start of their journey to celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Feast Days

9th Nov – The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica,
10th Nov – St Leo the Great,
11th Nov - St Martin of Tours,
14th Nov – St Laurence O'Toole.

Skerries Forget Me Not Café



Please come along and join us on this Wednesday, 12th November, from 11.00am to 1.00pm in Skerries Harps GAA Clubhouse. 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. If you require more info about our café please phone 0831192972 or email us at skerriesforgetmenotcafe@gmail.com

Skerries Historical Society

The next Skerries Historical Society meeting will take place on Tuesday, November 11th at 8.00pm in Skerries Bowling Club. Paul Mulligan will present a talk on Irish Ordnance Survey Historical Mapping, with particular reference to Skerries. The talk will include how the Ordnance Survey set about the task of mapping Ireland and review Ordnance Survey historical maps relevant to the Skerries area (at one-inch, six-inch and 25-inch scales. Paul has worked as a Geologist for 25 years, mainly in the Glucksman Map Library in Trinity College, Dublin and has published A Short Guide to Irish Antiquities (2005) and Irish Ordnance Survey Maps: A User's Guide (2024). All Welcome.
Please note the new starting time of 8.00pm.

30 Years Ago in the Parish

- A special Mass for all Parishioners who had died during the past year was celebrated.
- An invitation to sing with the Parish Choir for Christmas was issued.
- A new help group called Skerries Readycall was to be started in the New Year and volunteers were invited - to sit and chat with someone living alone, to do some shopping.
- The Annual charity Christmas Cards would be on sale in the Methodist church on Friday mornings.
- Sam Maguire was visiting Skerries Harps club in the trusty hands of John O'Leary.
- BLOE Cross-country championships were taking place in Ardgillan park next weekend, supported by Skerries Athletic Club.

Skerries Ladies Bowls



Week 5 of the on-going Monday morning fun competition saw 24 ladies last Monday and despite a short downpour everybody enjoyed the morning. Don't forget Indoor Bowls has returned - Wednesdays from 1.30pm - regular bowls and shoes please.

Skerries Harps GAA Club



Congrats to the Senior footballers and Manager Anthony Malone on the Championship win with the score of 3-14 to 1-17, completing a League and Cup double. Thanks to all who travelled to the final – your support was appreciated and helped push us over the line. The Under 18 girls made it a double, winning the Minor football final; Under 14 hurlers lost out by 3 points in their Cup final and Under 15 girls won their semi-final. Check club Social Media pages re Club Shop opening hours. Order now for Christmas. ZINGO result 5, 4, 3, 6, 2, 1, 7. No winners. Jackpot now €1,100. Draw on Sunday at 6.00pm with Free In-house draw. Entry is €2 per line or 3 lines for €5. See www.skerriesharps.com AGM will be held on Thursday 27 Nov at 8.00pm. New members are very welcome to join. We have seen huge development in our facilities over the last number of years, and there are more plans for our future. There is a role for everyone in Skerries Harps as the administration required to run the club is growing year on year. We encourage people with the drive and interest in our sports to get involved and help the club continue to grow.