



Skerries Parish Bulletin

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17th – 24th November 2024

Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Daniel 12:1-3 Hebrews 10:11-14,18 Mark 13:24-32

The Gospel acclamation in our readings this week-end includes that familiar phrase; *Stay awake and stand ready, for you do not know the hour ...* The coming of a day of judgement, when the sun will be darkened is a powerful image and the theme of the Gospel passage from Mark. We are told that signs will be given *but as for that day or hour, nobody knows it.* The message, not to say warning, of what is to come is very much present in the Old Testament reading from Daniel; *There is going to be a time of great distress.* This is the prophet Daniel giving a vision of what may be to come. In both of these readings there is also hope; Daniel speaks of the people who will be spared and the special place of those who instruct and lead others; in Mark the Son of Man *will send the angels to gather his chosen from the four winds...*



In our own lives, we lack knowledge of what is to come. Our readings give reason to pause; to reflect on our preparedness for a reckoning, whatever form that will take. What we can influence and embrace is the present, the 'here and now' of our own lives.

Church Readers

ANNIVERSARY / SPECIAL INTENTION MASSES

- ✦ **Sat 16th 10am:** Marie Murray, Michael, Agnes & Colin Griffin
- ✦ **Sat 16th 6pm:** Susan Francis (MM), Anne (A) & Noelle Lacey (Rem), Dr John & Mary B Keane (Rem), Joseph, Joe & Colette May (Rem), Louise Bracken (Rem), Iny McNally, Kieran (A & BR), Patricia & Raymond Bowers (Rem), Nicky Foley
- ✦ **Sun 17th 9.30am:** Harry & Katie Sheridan & deceased members of the Sheridan family
- ✦ **Sun 17th 11am:** Nan Heijenga (MM), Rita O'Boyle (1st A), Michael Ryan, Irene & Denis Martin, Martin & Margaret Burke, Karen McDonald Hodson
- ✦ **Mon 18th 10am:** Mass Card Intentions
- ✦ **Tues 19th 10am:** Mary McCarthy & decd family members, Mary McAndrews, Paul Martin
- ✦ **Wed 20th 10am:** Michael & Cormic Doggett
- ✦ **Fri 22nd 10am:** Richard & Sinead Ruigrok, John Hammond, Jim & Fran McDonough, John Grimes (BR), Memorial Mass for Linda Flanagan RIP, (New Zealand)
- ✦ **Sat 23rd 10am:** May Lynch (1st A), Mary Smyth, Julia & James Christie

- ✦ **Sat 23rd 6pm:** Sean Ellis (MM) & decd members of the Ellis & Phillips families, Stacie Bailey (1st A), Maureen Delaney, Seamus Sweetman (BR), Tony McDermott, Gerry Nichol (BR), Bridie & John Kelly
- ✦ **Sun 24th 9.30am:** Sadie Garrett, Rita Clinton
- ✦ **Sun 24th 11am:** Gerard Marks (1st A), William Power, John Fenelon, Greta Sweeney (BR), Alicia Fabre & George Pratt, Thomas, Maeve, Gretta & Ellen Palmer & deceased members of the Palmer family

FEASTDAYS

16th Nov – St Margaret, St. Gertrude,
 21st Nov - Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary,
 22nd Nov – St. Cecilia,
 23rd Nov – St. Columban,
 24th Nov – Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

WE WELCOME

Camila Lola Acevedo who was recently baptised into our parish family.



CHRISTMAS MASS CARDS

Christmas Mass cards are available in the parish office. As in previous years proceeds from the sale of the cards will go to The Capuchin Homeless Day Centre in Dublin. Thank you for your support.

SHARE SPECIAL APPEAL

The Share Sunday Special Appeal last weekend raised €2,378.85. Thank you!

FIRST COMMUNION

Children and their parents/guardians preparing to celebrate their First Reconciliation and Communion this year are reminded to attend and participate in the Bridge Masses that will take place one per month throughout the year. The first one will take place this Sunday 17th November at 11am. Come along and join us.

NOVEMBER ALTAR LIST

During this month of November we remember our loved ones in a special way. Altar List of the Dead envelopes are available throughout the church. Throughout the year every 1st Friday of the month we offer the 10 o'clock morning Mass for all whose names on the Altar List.

ALTAR SERVERS – boys & girls from 3rd class upwards are welcome to join.

ST. PATRICK'S JNS OPEN EVENING

We are holding an Open Evening on Thursday 21st November from 6-8pm. All prospective parents are welcome to come along.

CONGRATULATIONS

to all the girls and boys from 6th classes who took the first step last weekend on their way to Confirmation next Spring.

WEEK OF WITNESS/RED WEDNESDAY

Did you know, some 360 million Christians live in countries where they are persecuted for their faith? Each year the papal charity Aid to the Church in Need (ACN) Ireland – which supports some 6,000 communities in 140 countries – highlights their plight during the 'Week of Witness' (17-24 Nov). Red Wednesday (20 Nov) is the highlight of the week, and Catholics are urged to keep the suffering Church in their prayers in a special way. You can find out more on www.acnireland.org.

30 YEARS AGO IN THE PARISH

- A special Mass for all those who had died in the Parish during 1994 was celebrated
- Names were being taken for those who wished to take the Pioneer pledge for the month of November. A special celebration had been held in the Parish for Silver and Golden Jubilarians
- Citizens Information Centre announced that the previous Widows Pension was to be replaced by a new Survivor's Contributory Pension - recognition of both Widows and Widowers
- At a meeting of the Chernobyl Children Group, it was agreed that Skerries would host children from 3rd – 28th August 1995
- Congratulations to our local Youth Theatre Group who won the Adjudicators Award and best Actress Award (Ciara McDonagh) at the Cabinteely Drama Festival
- The Marian Society was presenting "Philadelphia here I Come" in the Windmill

SKERRIES LADIES BOWLS

Another sunny morning's bowling last Monday for week 6 of the 10 week fun tournament. Fingers crossed the fine Mondays continue.

SKERRIES HARPS GAA CLUB

Congrats to Minor football team – Dublin champions 2024, defeating Ballyboden 0 -12 to 2 -5. Under 16 footballers have qualified for final of the Championship v St Annes on 23 Nov.. Under 15 Camogie and Under 16 camogie both lost out in their Shield playoffs. Sat. 16 Nov Under 21 hurling semi-final v Whitehall in Skerries at 2.15pm. Sun. 17 Nov Under 21 Camogie v Clondalkin, in Skerries at 10.30am. Juvenile Academy every Saturday at 9.45am. Club Shop open for playing gear and leisure wear. Zingo for 10 Nov. 4, 7, 3, 2, 5, 6. 1. No winner. Jackpot now €5,200. Draw every Sunday 6pm. Next Bingo is on Monday 25 November at 8pm in the Clubhouse, with Jackpot of €1,100. Annual General Meeting will be held on Thursday 28 November at 8pm. Our Dads and Lads team and Mothers and Others team are both open to all who wish to join up for a social kick around. Check it out on 086 8311166.