

Prayerful preparation during a time of waiting



Today, the 1st Sunday of Advent is also the 1st Sunday of the new Liturgical year. Throughout this year we will be hearing the gospel of St. Matthew who wrote to a Jewish Christian community after the Temple and Jerusalem had been destroyed in AD 70 (to them it seemed that their whole way of life had been destroyed) encouraging them to **"Keep awake"** whilst they await the second coming of the Lord.

We too are awaiting for the coming of Jesus. Advent is a time of waiting and preparation, but the world of commercialization in which we live has no time for patient waiting and is already blaring out Christmas carols and special offers. St. Paul in his letter to the Romans encourages them and us also to **"live decently, not in carousing and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and sensuality."** So while we are waiting we strive **'to walk in the light of the Lord,'** as encouraged by the prophet Isaiah in the first reading.

Throughout Advent we could repeat to ourselves the opening prayer of today's mass,
**"All Powerful God, increase our strength of will for doing good,
 so that Christ may find an eager welcome at his coming."**

(Bible Study Group)

ANNIVERSARIES REMEMBERED

- ✦ Sat 30th 10am: Paddy & Maire Hughes
- ✦ Sat 30th 6pm: Derek McGonagle, Irene Murphy, Paul Carroll, Ellie, Rosie & Tommy Carroll, John Nolan, James Nolan, Eileen & Maureen Murphy & Family, David McIlwaine
- ✦ Sun 1st 9.30am: Ita Roberts, Sean, Sarah, Mary & Leo Cody, Vera Leonard, Chantal & Jessica McCloskey
- ✦ Sun 1st 11am: Jimmy Kelly Months Mind, Maire & Michael Grimes, Frances Tanner, Bernard & Maryann Moles, Thomas Flanagan, Christina Murtagh, Deceased members of the Wafer Ollis Families
- ✦ Tues 3rd 10am: James, Maureen & Colm McGuire, Michael & Cormic Doggett, Margaret McEvoy
- ✦ Wed 4th 10am: Ned & Lilly Farrell, Jimmy Fleming, William & Joan Ruigrok
- ✦ Thurs 5th 10am: Noeleen Taaffe,
- ✦ Sat 7th 10am: Michael Guiney Months Mind, Michael, Agnes & Colin Griffin
- ✦ Sat 7th 6pm: Claire & Barry Mason, Tony & Liam Shiels, Anne Manjoram, Gerry Cunneen, Rose Connor
- ✦ Sun 8th 9.30am: Andrew Woods, Patrick & Sarah Dunne, Mary & Dolores Dunne, Johnny Brady
- ✦ Sun 8th 11am: Christine O'Brien Months Mind, Martin Archbold, Pat Hynes, Bridget & Michael O'Reilly & deceased members of O'Reilly family, Roderic Neary

OUR SYMPATHY

To the family of Sinéad Ruigrok who died recently.
 May she Rest in Peace.

SOLEMNITY OF IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF OUR LADY
 Masses on Monday 9th December, 10am & 7.30pm.

WE WELCOME



Jaiden Early, Erin Gallagher, Sofia Geraghty, Ella Archiudean, Thomas Nealon, Bo Farrell & Cara McDonagh who have joined our parish family.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL – ANNUAL CHRISTMAS COLLECTION
 The Diocesan Annual Christmas Collection for the Dublin Council of the Society of St Vincent de Paul will take place at all Masses on the weekend of **7/8th December**. It will replace the normal Share collection. Your support for this very worthy cause will be very much appreciated.

THE CHILDREN'S CHOIR
 are celebrating their 40th birthday on Sunday 8th December. All past members, parents & friends are welcome to our celebration mass at 11am.



CAROL SERVICE

Carol Service with Emmanuel & Children's Choirs will be held on Sunday 8th December at 4.00pm.

DATES TO NOTE

Sun 1st December: First Sunday of Advent
 Wed 4th December: Padre Pio Mass at 7.30pm
 Fri 6th December: First Friday of the Month

CHRISTMAS CARDS

Christmas Cards are available in the parish office. As in previous years all proceeds from the sale of the Christmas Cards will go to Brother Kevin, Capuchin Homeless Day Centre in Dublin.

ALTAR LIST OF THE DEAD

Envelopes are available in the porches and parish office. All Masses on the first Friday of each month are offered for those named on the Altar List of the Dead.

SACRED HEART CALENDARS 2020

Sacred Heart Calendars for 2020 are on sale in the Parish Office price €2.50

LECTIO DIVINA FOR ADVENT

Lectio Divina offers a prayerful way of preparing for each Sunday of Advent by praying in a gentle way with the readings for each Sunday of Advent. We will meet on **Wednesday December 4th at 4pm in 42 Strand Street** where we will spend some time reflecting on the readings for the **2nd Sunday of Advent. All are welcome.**

YOUTH 2000 CHRISTMAS RETREAT

The Youth 2000 Christmas Retreat for young people aged 16-35yrs will take place from **Friday December 6th to Sunday December 8th at Newbridge College, Co. Kildare.** This event will bring together young people from all across the country and will include workshops, talks, music and lots of fun. For more information and details of booking visit **www.youth2000.ie.**

PREPARE FOR CHRISTMAS

Advent is a time of preparation for Christmas. Fr. Kieran O'Mahony OSA will explore with us the Sunday readings for Advent.

Place: Parish Centre Lusk (beside the Church.)

Time: 10.00 to 12.00 (tea/coffee included)

Date: Tuesdays 3rd, 10th and 17th December.

There is no charge. (Info at 8494051)

SKERRIES METHODIST CHURCH

Bible Reading/Prayer/Short Talk – all in 30 minutes. Tuesdays during Advent 3/10/17th December at 1.10pm (Bring your lunch.) All welcome.

DIOCESAN ADVENT SERVICE

Archbishop Diarmuid Martin will lead the Annual Diocesan Advent Service which will take place this year in the Church of Saint Joseph the Artisan, Bonnybrook on Saturday 30 November at 4.00 p.m. The liturgy is prepared by the full-time Masters in Chaplaincy students of DCU. Liturgical Music will be led by the Dublin Diocesan Music Group. You can also watch the service on the parish webcam. The text of the service will be on the website of the Diocesan Liturgy Resource Centre www.litmus.dublindiocese.ie.

SKERRIES ACTIVE RETIREMENT

Mon 2nd: 2pm Bingo;

Tues 3rd: 1.45pm Bowls

USED POSTAGE STAMPS

can be left into Skerries Library. Please remember to leave a ¼" border all around. The Guide Dogs Associate will be pleased to receive them.

WATERCOLOUR ART SALE



Sunday December 1st, 2 – 6pm at St Margaret's, Dublin Road, (beside Fire Station), Skerries. Pick up a Christmas Gift while supporting a worthy cause.

NB - All money raised will be donated to Brother Kevin at the Capuchin Day Centre, to support him in his untiring battle against homelessness.

SKERRIES CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

All are welcome to join in the turning on of the Skerries Christmas Lights today 1st December at 4.30pm at Floraville.



SKERRIES LADIES BOWLS CLUB

A reminder that our next meeting takes place on Monday next, 2nd at **11am**. Lots of items to discuss and results of recent Monday morning competition and maybe a little Christmas cheer!

SKERRIES HARPS GAA CLUB

Congratulations to Lyndsey Davey, who collected All Star Award No.5 following her Player of the Match performance in the Ladies All Ireland Final.

Juvenile Academy finished up on Sat 30 Nov and will resume in January. Thanks to all the boys/girls and to the Mams and Dads for their support and to Johnny and Louise who keep the show on the road every Saturday.

Christmas Draw on Sunday 22 Dec – tickets are €5. We will run our Christmas Tree collection service again this year – details to follow.

Watch out for news re our annual Charity Match and Golf Outing over Christmas.

Zingo: 2, 6, 1, 5, 4, 7, 3. No winners. Jackpot now €7,800. Draw on Sunday at 6.30pm.

Contact club PRO, on 086 4058523 for all information on Skerries Harps. See club website www.skerriesharps.ie

NAUL GARDENING & FLOWER CLUB

Christmas Flower Arranging on Wed 4th December 8pm in Seamus Ennis Centre, Naul.

Details from Marian Bentley 086 3212450.

LOUGHSHINNY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Christmas Tree lighting-up ceremony at Loughshinny Cross on Sun 8th Dec at 4pm. Mince Pies served afterwards. Christmas Fair in Community Centre from 10 – 6pm, also on 8th.

ASD / ASPERGERS

School Avoidance – Children and teenagers with ASD/Aspergers. There will be a talk by Michael Ryan in Balbriggan Library, Thursday 5th December from 6.30 – 8.30pm.