



# Skerries Parish Bulletin

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15<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> December, 2019

## Gaudete Sunday



“They will come to Zion shouting for joy, everlasting joy on their faces  
Joy and gladness will go with them, and sorrow and lament be ended

In the 1st Reading from the Prophet, Isaiah says that all creation should be rejoicing because our God is coming to save us. Wonderful things will happen such as the blind will see again, and the deaf will hear, the lame will walk and the tongues of the dumb will sing for joy.

In today's world as we prepare for the coming of Christ, take a moment and think about how we might celebrate if Christ were to come into our home this Christmas. Would we be ready to welcome him, or would we rush around cleaning and tidying the house, baking and shopping for his present ?

**Church Readers**

### Parish dates for your diary

Sat 14th & Sun 15<sup>th</sup>: Milverton Carol Singing, outside the Church  
Mon. 16<sup>th</sup>: 7.30pm Christmas Penitential Service, Skerries  
Tues. 17<sup>th</sup>: 7.30pm Christmas Penitential Service, Lusk  
Wed. 18<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm Christmas Penitential Service, Rush  
Thurs. 19<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm Sea Sharps Christmas Concert  
Tickets €10 available at Skerries Bookshop or at the door.

### Our sympathy is offered



To the families of Peter Coyle, Elizabeth McMahon and Harry Gavin, whose deaths occurred this past week. May they rest in peace

### We welcome



Lily Carvin, Aine Hernandez Kevitt, Fionn Moran, Ella Killeen, Daniel Harris, all of whom were baptised into our Parish family recently

### LECTIO DIVINA FOR ADVENT

offers a prayerful way of preparing for each Sunday of Advent by praying in a gentle way with the readings for each Sunday. We will meet on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup>, at 4pm in 42 Strand St. where we will spend some time reflecting on the readings for the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday. All are welcome.

### PARISH BOOK CLUB:



During the month of December we will be reading *Metaphors for Change* by Margaret MacCurtain O.P. The book is a compilation of essays on State and Society, 2019. We will meet on Thursday January 9<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm in 42 Strand St. for a chat about the book. All are welcome.

### Christmas Masses – seating arrangements



There will be no chairs in the glass area at the back of the church for the 4pm and 6pm Masses on Christmas Eve. Stewards will be on duty at all Masses. We would be grateful if you would follow their instructions in order to accommodate as many of our parishioners as possible. The gallery will be open for the 4pm, 6pm and

8pm Masses, however, no unaccompanied children will be allowed on the gallery. As the health, safety and security of our parishioners are paramount, we would be most grateful for your help in following these guidelines.

### 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

### Christmas Calendars

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

### SKERRIES SEA SHARPS CONCERT

Skerries Sea Sharps will present an evening of Christmas Choral Music on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30pm in St Patrick's Church. Tickets €10 are available in Skerries Book Shop, and on the evening of the concert in the church. A donation from the proceeds will be made to Skerries Autism Friendly Town



### Parish Bulletin – Christmas/New Year arrangements

We will have a Bulletin next weekend 21<sup>st</sup>/22<sup>nd</sup> Dec.(deadline, Wed. 18<sup>th</sup>) and then Sun. 5<sup>th</sup> January (deadline, Wed. 1<sup>st</sup> Jan). So get your Christmas greetings and New Years wishes to us in good time please !**There will be no bulletin on weekend 28<sup>th</sup>/29<sup>th</sup> – worn out after Santa !**



### **Anniversary/Intentions:**

**Sat, 14<sup>th</sup>:** 10am: Fanchea Rice (month's mind), Callum Rice, Dick O'Connell, Marion Boylan, Kate McGirl, Thomas Coleman

6pm Vigil Mass :Bernie Morris, George Tolan, Ronnie O'Loughlen, Olga & Desmond Reynolds, Margaret McNally, Binnie Lannon, Nancy Cauldwell, Philip & Nancy Walls

**Sun. 15<sup>th</sup>** 9.30am: Ger Campion (rec. deceased), Peg Conliss, John & Maureen Martin & Fr Jim Martin,

Joseph Branagan, Vera Leonard, Thomas & Anna Jones

11am: Maureen Delemere, Mary Rochford, Margaret McAuley, Rena McGrath, Colm Dennis, Rosie & Gerry Hoare, Emily Crowley & family members, Nellie Cannon & family members

**Tues. 17<sup>th</sup>** 10am :Dolores Doorty, Patrick & Martha Ruddy, deceased members of McGowan Family

**Wed. 18<sup>th</sup>** 10am: Sean Petson (1st anniv.), Christie Wilde, Esther Carmel McDonagh, Elizabeth McLoughlin, Alan O'Connor, Moira & Denis Dwyer

**Thurs. 19<sup>th</sup>** 10am Thomas & Maura Doran,

**Fri. 20<sup>th</sup>** 10am: Desmond McGirl, the Davis family, Mary Josephine Melia, Sean Horan

**Sat. 21<sup>st</sup>** 10am: Alice & James Howarth, Mary & Jane Bissett, Sean Rogan, Kitty & John Price, the O'Halloran Family Tony, Doris & Bill Lowry, Margaret & Vincent Murray

6pm Vigil Mass : Doreen Leonard, Paul Holland, the Fitzpatrick family, Martin Brady and family, Bernadette O'Connor, Larry Daly, Mary Carabini  
Sun. 22<sup>nd</sup> 9.30am : Aileen Small, Richard & Una Murtagh, Swanee Martin, John & Moira Kelly,

Esther Kelly, Annie & Patrick Leonard  
11am: Bernadette Mooney (1<sup>st</sup> anniv.), Michael, Mary,

Patrick & John Lyons, Maureen Hayes, Catriona Harper, Edie & Paddy McMahan, Mary McCormack, Jean Treleaven

### **This week's Feast Days:**

18<sup>th</sup>: St. Flannan

20<sup>th</sup>: St. Fachtna of Ross

### **Skerries Active Retirement Group**

Mon 16<sup>th</sup>, 1.30: Club Christmas party. Hot and cold food, music and raffle.

Tues 17<sup>th</sup>, 1.45: Bowls and party. Bring small prize.

### **Recycle, recycle ... your used Postage Stamps**

These can be left into Skerries Library. Please leave at least ¼ inch border all round. The Guide Dogs Association greatly appreciate your donations.

### **Skerries Ladies Bowls**



We wish all our members a Happy and Peaceful New Year. We welcome new members always – how about getting active for the New Year? Come down any Monday morning at 10.30 to find

out more.

### **Skerries Harps Gaelic Football Club**



Zingo result 7-6-4-1-5-3-2. Next draw Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> Dec Jackpot will be €8000, In house draw every week for hampers/vouchers! Congrats to

Sundays draw winner Eddie Fynes! Play online at [www.skerriesharps.ie](http://www.skerriesharps.ie) Christmas Draw on 22 December in the Clubhouse at 8pm- tickets from Joanne, Fergal or any committee member - cash prizes/hampers for only €5 !

Christmas Tree tags available for our 2020 Feile teams - on sale at Skerries Hardware, Mow plus/Chris Tree @ the Monument and Skerries Christmas Trees opposite Gerrys. For €5 we will collect and dispose of your tree on Jan 5<sup>th</sup>!

Our Christmas Charity Golf outing will take place in Skerries G.C. on Fri 27<sup>th</sup> Dec. Time sheet is from 9-30am to 11-30am. Golf followed by meal and prizes in Harps Clubhouse at 8pm. All proceeds to the local branch of St Vincent De Paul. Contact Paul Murray on 0851740474.

Annual St Stephens Day Charity Matches will take place in the morning of 26<sup>th</sup>.

### **Acknowledgement – McGonagle**

The family of the late Derek McGonagle wishes to thank most sincerely all who supported and sympathised with them in their sad loss. A special Mass will be offered for your intentions.

### **Found:**

In the vicinity of Neptune Terrace, a sum of money. For information phone 8492907( ask for Paula.