



# Skerries Parish Bulletin

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## Joseph the Dreamer

Pope Francis has spoken on several occasions about his devotion to St Joseph. St Joseph is his favourite saint, he says, because he shows us how God reveals his plan to us in our times of silence and rest. He keeps a statue of a sleeping St Joseph on his desk, placing prayer requests under it.

Speaking on a trip to the Philippines in 2015, he said: 'I have great love for Saint Joseph, because he is a man of silence and strength ... Joseph's rest revealed God's will to him. In this moment of rest in the Lord, as we pause from our many daily obligations and activities, God is also speaking to us. But like St Joseph, once we have heard God's voice, we must rise from our slumber; we must get up and act.'



Today's Gospel recalls the central role played by St Joseph in the story of the birth of Jesus. A man of honour from the outset, the goodness of his character is further highlighted by his response to God's voice. When he wakes up after hearing God's instructions in a dream, he immediately acts on it and takes Mary into his home. His openness to God's will is a crucial element in the story that follows: his partnership with and support of Mary, the birth of Jesus, his care for the child 'who is to save his people'.

Christmas is very near now, and we are busy and preoccupied with our preparations. A good time, perhaps, to pause in silence, to rest with God, and to listen to what he might have to say to us.

*Triona Doherty - Intercom Magazine Dec. 2019 /Jan. 2020*



***Fr Melvyn and Fr James would like to wish all our parishioners a Happy and Peaceful Christmas and God's Blessing on all of you for the New Year 2020.***

**CHRISTMAS MASSES** - please note there will be no chairs in the glass area at the back of the church for the 4pm and 6pm Masses on Christmas Eve Tuesday 24th. Stewards will be on duty at all Masses and we would be grateful if you would follow their instructions in order to accommodate as many of our parishioners as possible. We will open the gallery for the 4pm, 6pm and 8pm Masses. 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. Thank You.

### ANNIVERSARIES REMEMBERED

- ✦ Tues 24<sup>th</sup> 10am: Keenan & Keane Families, Liam Davey, Special Intention, Hilda McCauley, Eithne Everard, Special intention for Lawlor & O'Connell Families
- ✦ Thurs 26<sup>th</sup> 11am: Brian & Robert Beggs, Billy Ryan and deceased members of Ryan family, Sinead Ruigrok,
- ✦ Fri 27<sup>th</sup> 11am: Maisie Grimes, Maurice Mullins
- ✦ Sat 28<sup>th</sup> 11am: Eileen & Larry Cummins
- ✦ Sat 28<sup>th</sup> 6pm: Terence Tolan, Ronan Dorr
- ✦ Sun 29<sup>th</sup> 9.30am: Richard Fanning & Family, Kay & John Mulhere, Richard & May Branagan, Leo & Rosaleen Doolin, Marge & Eddie Moran, Theresa McCloskey

- ✦ Sun 29<sup>th</sup> 11am: Dessie Delamere, William Flanagan, Bernie Dowling & deceased members of the Dowling family, David Wieland, Stephen & Kathleen Attley

### OUR SYMPATHY

To the families of Terence (Terry) Murphy, Eileen Redden and Elizabeth Rice who died recently. May they Rest in Peace.

### SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL

The Society of St Vincent de Paul would like to thank most sincerely all who supported the recent Special Christmas Collection. Your great generosity will be a huge help to our local branch over the Christmas period. Thank You.

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### 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.



### SACRED HEART CALENDARS 2020

are on sale in the Parish Office, price €2.50.

### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

There has been a wonderful response to our Eucharistic Adoration on Tuesdays and well done to you. Over the Christmas period there will be no Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Christmas Eve Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> and New Year's Eve Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> December 2019. Eucharistic Adoration will resume on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2020. May we take this opportunity to wish you and your family a very happy and peaceful Christmas and New Year.

### SKERRIES ACTIVE RETIREMENT

Wishing all our Active Retirement and Bowls members a Happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year. See you all in 2020.

### SCOIL RÉALT NA MARA

Enrolment for the Junior Infant Classes for September 2020. Parents/Guardians who wish to enrol their child/children for September 2020 are asked to come to the school to Pre-Enrol their child/children for the Junior Infant Classes during the period 6<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> January 2020 between 9.00am and 1.00pm on school days. January 17<sup>th</sup> is the final date for applications.

### SKERRIES LADIES BOWLS CLUB

We wish all our members a very Happy Christmas and hope you have enjoyed playing with us in 2019. Our condolences to the families of our dear friends Eileen Redden, and Harry Gavin, whose deaths have occurred recently. Both played an enormous role in the club development over many years. May they rest in peace.

### WORLD DAY OF THE SICK 2020

The World Day of the Sick conference will take place in Newtownpark Pastoral Centre, Newtownpark Avenue, Blackrock on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2020. Mass and anointing of the sick takes place on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> at 3.00pm in the Church of the Guardian Angels, Newtownpark Avenue with Principal Celebrant, Archbishop Diarmuid Martin.

### SKERRIES HARPS GAA CLUB

Happy Christmas to all our Members, supporters and sponsors. Zingo result: 2-7-5-6-3-4-1. Dividend €250 won by Eric & Ger. Jackpot now €8,100. Next draw Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec. Envelopes still €2 or 3 for a fiver. Christmas Draw takes place 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec - tickets from Joanne/Fergal only €5! This year we are hosting a family friendly evening, so come down to the club with the kids, wear your Christmas Jumper, for the Christmas Movie at 5pm, Zingo at 6.30, Xmas Raffle at 8 pm – followed by Music and Craic to get Christmas off to a great start! Christmas Tree tags from our 2020 Feile teams and on sale at Skerries Hardware, Mowplus/Chris Tree @ the Monument and Skerries Christmas Trees opposite Gerry's. For €5 our team of volunteers will collect and environmentally dispose of your tree on Jan 5<sup>th</sup>! St Stephen's Day Charity Football Tournament - open to all from Minor to Senior with first game at 11am sharp. The top 2 teams will play off for the Mickey Scott Cup & there will be refreshments upstairs afterwards. This is a charity event and though we are not charging entry we would appreciate a donation from players and supporters on the day. Fri 27 Dec – Charity Golf outing at Skerries GC. Proceeds to St Vincent de Paul Society. See [www.skerriesharps.ie](http://www.skerriesharps.ie).

### FIONN'S PARADE OF LIGHTS

will take place on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> December in aid of three charities: Aoife's Clown Doctors, Blood Bikes Dublin and LauraLynn. Registration will take place from 3pm at the Man O War GAA club, departing 5pm sharp. All vehicles decorated with lights are welcome with a charge of €20 per vehicle. Parade can be viewed by spectators as it passes through Lusk, Rush, Skerries, Balbriggan and Balrothery. There will be prizes for the best decorated vehicles and best fancy dress costume on the day. For more information visit "Fionn's Parade of Lights" facebook page.

### LOST

Pair of glasses (Rayban) between New Street and Shallock Hill. Please contact 086 1004996.

### PARISH BULLETIN – CHRISTMAS/NEW YEAR



Happy Christmas to all our readers and we look forward to hearing from you in 2020. There will be no Bulletin next weekend 28<sup>th</sup>/29<sup>th</sup> December. The next Bulletin will be the weekend of 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> January 2020 and the deadline for items will be Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> January. See our email address below.

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