



Skerries Parish Bulletin

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The Word

St John's gospel tells us the Word was God and through Him all things come to be. All have life in Him. He is the light that darkness can not overcome. It is Jesus who came from the Father who reveals His Father to us. To all peoples who receive Him and who believe in His name, He gives to them the power to become children of God. John the Baptist came as a witness to speak for the light so all might believe in Him.



In our first reading from the book of Ecclesiastes, Wisdom tells us she glories in the presence of our mighty God. There is something divine about Wisdom. She is the very mind of God.

Help us to remain in your presence Lord through Wisdom and through our loving Jesus. In St Paul's letter to the Ephesians he prays that God will give us Wisdom and that we should know what has been revealed about God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Like Paul we pray that we are enlightened and can see what glories God has promised us.

Lectio Divina Group

Anniversaries and Special Intentions

Saturday 4th 11am: Crowe & Niall Family (A), Ita McElhinney (2nd A), Special Intention.

6.00pm Vigil Mass: Pearse Thornton (A), Evelyn Marshall (A), Anne McEvoy (A)

Sonny Rogan (A), Nicholas Harford (A), Kevin Woodcock (A), William McGarry (A).

Sunday 5th 9.30am: James Larkin (A), Des O'Leary (A), Ena Marks (A), Margie O'Brien (1st A), Michael & Margaret White (A), Bridie & Luke Clogher (A).

11.00am: Ann (Annie) Murphy (1st A)

Thursday 9th 10am: Tony Lowry (A), Ivan Heeney (A), Elizabeth Rice (Birthday Rem),


Friday 10th 10am: Bernard & Michael Moles (A), Henry (Harry) Gavin (Month's Mind), Eddie, John Dunne and deceased members of the Dunne Family.

Saturday 11th 10am: Larry McGuinness (A), Mary Rice (A),

6.00pm Vigil Mass: Dolores O'Byrne (A), Tom Tolan (A), Michael Phelan (A), Eamon Smith (Month's Mind), Elizabeth McMahon (Month's Mind), John Ryan (A), Sean O'Brien (A),

Sunday 12th 9.30am: James & Margaret Clerkin (A)

11.00am: Leo Jones (A), John Flanagan (A), Marie & Paddy Hughes (A), Antonio John D'Souza (A), Jack Leonard (A), Eddie & John Dunne & deceased members of the Dunne Family

 **Our Sympathy** is extended to the families and friends of Tom Ferguson and John Grimes who died recently. 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 8th February 2020. Mass and anointing of the sick takes place on Sunday 9th at 3.00pm in the Church of the Guardian Angels, Newtownpark Avenue with Principal Celebrant, Archbishop Diarmuid Martin.

Eucharistic Adoration

Silent Eucharistic Adoration resumes this Tuesday 7th January 2020 after 10am Mass until 5.30pm followed by the Rosary and concluding prayers. It is a beautiful privilege to have Jesus in the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in our church. Jesus is our very best friend. He listens. He does not judge and if we listen He will respond.

Candles to mark the 80th Anniversary of our church are available in the parish office.

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity will be observed as usual from the 18th – 25th January 2020. Its inauguration in Dublin will take place at an interdenominational Service in the Church of the Assumption, Booterstown Avenue, Co Dublin on Sunday, 19th January 2020, at 4.00pm. The Reverend Abigail Sines, Dean's Vicar, Christchurch Cathedral, will preach the sermon.

This year the theme, 'Unusual Kindness' was chosen by the Christian Churches in Malta reflecting on the 'drama of St Paul' who experienced unity and acts of kindness locally following his shipwreck on the island.

St Joseph's Young Priests Society

The next meeting of St Joseph's Young Priests Society will take place on Wednesday the 8th January at 42 Strand Street commencing at 7.30pm. New members are always welcome at any time and anyone is welcome to come along to any meeting to hear about the society. The society holds monthly meetings and our role is to pray for vocations to the priesthood and to raise contributions for their education and support.

Bridge Mass



The children preparing to receive their First Holy Communion this year will celebrate their next Bridge Mass on Sunday next 12th January at 11.00am.



Confirmation Ritual


To give you notice well in advance – the next Confirmation Ritual for those children in 6th Class preparing to receive the sacrament of Confirmation this year will take place on Wednesday week 15th January at 7.30pm.

Skerries Book Group will host an afternoon of readings and music in the Skerries Mills on the 6th Jan 2020 starting at 2.30pm. All Welcome.

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 6th to 17th January 2020 between 9.00am and 1.00pm on school days. January 17th is the final date for applications.

Anam Cara North Dublin, the organisation that

 supports bereaved parents, is holding a Parent Evening for bereaved parents on Wednesday 15th January at 7:20pm in the Carnegie Court Hotel, Swords, Co. Dublin. This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age at which your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether their death was recent or not. Please contact us on info@anamcara.ie or 085 2888 888 for any queries.

Many thanks to those who have returned their Christmas dues envelopes. If you still wish to do so, the envelopes may be returned to the parish office or left in any of the collection baskets during Mass.

Used postage stamps can be left into the Library (please leave ¼" border around). The Guide Dogs Association greatly appreciates your donations.

Skerries Ladies Bowls Club

Wishing all our members a very Happy New Year. With the presidency of the LBLI in Skerries this year, it will be a busy one and we look forward to welcoming the delegates to "sunny" Skerries. We hope to have a successful year with our teams and plenty of enjoyment as well. New lady members always welcome. Come down on a Monday to meet the ladies!

Goal Mile

Well done to all those who took part in the Goal Mile, which took place on New Year's Day in Skerries Rugby Club. Great to see all those who got out to support this great charity and shed a bit of Christmas excess!

Skerries Sea Sharps



Attention men, your choir needs you. Calling all tenors and basses. Skerries Sea Sharps choir is recruiting male voices. If you are interested, or know of someone who is, please get in contact at skerriesseasharps@gmail.com Auditions to be held on Weds 8th Jan 2020 between 18.00 and 20.00. Please get in touch to arrange an appointment.

Skerries Town Twinning

The town twinning committee extends its sincere sympathy to the family of Kevin Thorp (Rush) who died recently. Kevin was the instigator of the twinning between Skerries and Canton of Guichen (Brittany) and was also responsible for establishing other twinning arrangements in north Dublin. May he rest in peace. We continue to reap the benefits of the seeds sown by Kevin and this year we are planning to host a visit, (date to be decided), by our Breton friends and also by representatives of the town of Srem in Poland. We are also establishing links between primary schools in Skerries and Guichen. Our local chess club has recently started playing "internet chess" with its counterpart in Guichen. If you're interested in town twinning please contact Brendan Friel on 087 6181244

Skerries Harps GAA Club.



Happy New Year to all our members, supporters and sponsors.

Zingo result: 2-4-1-3-6-5-7. Congrats to recent dividend winners M. Rock, D Boylan,

J Carron. Jackpot now €8,300. Next draw Sunday 5th Jan. Envelopes €2 or 3 for €5, or play online. Christmas Draw, first prize won by George O'Connor. Thanks to all who supported the draw.

Proceeds from Charity Football Tournament and Charity Golf outing was €3,200 and a cheque for that amount was presented to local branch of St Vincent de Paul Society, Skerries. Thanks to all who organised and supported these events.

Good luck to Paul Donnelly, elected Club Chairman at our recent AGM.

Juvenile Academy resumes on 18th Jan and the Gormanston Indoor Hurling/Camogie on 19th Jan.

To register, contact Louise on 085 1465673

Reminder to all our Members – Membership Fees for 2020 are now due. Details on website

See www.skerriesharps.ie

Skerries Men's Shed

Skerries Men's Shed meets regularly on a Tuesday at 2.30 pm in the upper room of Skerries Mills (above the shop). Feel free to drop in if you'd like to find out more about the Men's Shed. To date we have undertaken a range of activities including helping various local groups and clubs, learning new skills, restoring old artefacts for the Mill, tending our allotment as well as social events. We're looking forward to the coming year when we hope to set up home in a new building – our very own shed!

Parish Bulletin – New Year Greetings

As we head into 2020, the Bulletin team wishes all our parish members a very Happy New Year. Thank you to Father Melvin and Father James, and to all those who contribute to the Bulletin each week - the groups who provide the liturgical comment, Claireanne and the staff of the Office who send us the parish news, and all those groups and clubs who take the time to send us their news each week. Keep those messages coming in 2020!