



# Skerries Parish Bulletin

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## Mass of the Presentation of the Lord

### Gospel according to Saint Luke

In today's gospel, Saint Luke tells us about Mary and Joseph bringing Jesus to the temple so as to fulfil the law of the Jews. The presentation was in order to induct Jesus to Judaism. It was a tradition to bring the first born male child to be consecrated to God at the temple.

Simeon said to Mary 'You see this child is destined to be a sign that is rejected and a sword will pierce your own soul'. This indicates Mary's grief upon seeing her son die on the Cross. Also, Mary will not always understand what her Son does.

### Hebrews

Jesus, through his own temptation, is able to help others who are tempted to overcome their temptation.

### Prophet Malachi

The Lord says 'He will send a messenger to prepare a way before him'. This points to John the Baptist. Jesus walks the same path as we do and shows us the New Way. *The New and Living Way - Himself.*

### A Prayer from Pope Francis

*May the Lord, through the intercession of Mary our Mother, Saint Joseph, Saint Anna and Saint Simeon,  
Grant to all of us what we sought in today's opening prayer  
To be presented to God fully renewed in spirit.  
Amen*

Lectio Divina

### ANNIVERSARIES REMEMBERED

- ✦ **Sat. 1<sup>st</sup> 6pm:** Richard Gaffney (1<sup>st</sup> A), Jim Lennox, Declan & Cecil Richardson, Patrick, Elizabeth & Helen Clarke, Sean Rogan, Ted Williams, Frank McMahan, Gaye McGirl,
- ✦ **Sun. 2<sup>nd</sup> 9.30am:** David & Margaret Noonan
- ✦ **Sun. 2<sup>nd</sup> 11am:** Michael McBride (1<sup>st</sup> A), Margie O'Brien (1<sup>st</sup> A), Rosemary Daly, Michael Halpin, Louie Toal, Brendan Maguire, Vincent & Eileen Boyle.
- ✦ **Tues. 4<sup>th</sup> 10am:** Kathleen Ruth.
- ✦ **Sat. 8<sup>th</sup> 10am:** Luke & Patrick Archiudean.
- ✦ **Sat. 8<sup>th</sup> 6pm:** Packie McLoughlin (MM), James Ryan, Ann Lennox, Eileen Murray, Malachy & Teresa Murray, Bishop Grimley, Lily Grimley, Benny Donnelly.
- ✦ **Sun. 9<sup>th</sup> 9.30am:** Kitty Tyndal.
- ✦ **Sun. 9<sup>th</sup> 11am:** Maura & Pat Ellis, Edward Aherne.

### OUR SYMPATHY



To the families of Josephine O'Connor and Maeve Heffernan who died recently. May they Rest in Peace.

### WE WELCOME

Áine Ferguson, who was recently baptised into our parish family.



### ST. BRIGID'S DAY – FRIDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> FEBRUARY

We send our best wishes to the Sisters in the Holy Faith community on the feast of their Patron – St. Brigid.



### DATES TO NOTE

Sun. 2<sup>nd</sup> – **Candlemas Day.** Candles will be available to purchase before and after the 9.30am and 11am Masses from the Parish Office.

Mon. 3<sup>rd</sup> – **St. Blaise.** Throats will be blessed after the 10am Mass.

Wed. 5<sup>th</sup> – **St. Padre Pio** Mass at 7pm.

Fri. 7<sup>th</sup> – **First Friday.**

### WORLD DAY OF THE SICK

Anyone wishing to receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick may do so after the 6pm Vigil Mass on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> Feb. or after the 9.30am Mass on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> Feb.

### MAGNIFICAT PRAYER GROUP

The group will be meeting in Hills Cricket Club on Tues. 4<sup>th</sup> Feb. at 7.30pm for Rosary & Scripture. All are welcome.

### BIBLE STUDIES GROUP

We will commence studying St. Matthew's Gospel on Mon. 17<sup>th</sup> Feb. at 10.45am in 42 Strand Street (opposite the Church).

Anyone interested in learning more about the gospel readings is most welcome to join us. Tea & Coffee will be served.



### WORD OF GOD SUNDAY

As you know, last Sunday was the day designated by Pope Francis as the day when we are asked to study, celebrate and spread the Word of God. Two good resources to help us are:

**PRAY AS YOU GO** – a free app fun by the Jesuits that combines short reflections with music, prayer and Scripture readings of the day.

**How to read the Bible** is a bible study book by Brendan McConvery and published by Redemptorist Communications.

### PARISH BOOK CLUB

During the month of February, we will be reading "The Choice" by Edith Eger. The book has been described as 'a masterpiece of holocaust literature. Her memoir, like her life, is extraordinary, harrowing and inspiring in equal measure.' We will meet on Thurs. 27<sup>th</sup> Feb. at 7.30pm in 42 Strand Street. All are welcome.



### SKERRIES ACTIVE RETIREMENT

Mon. 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb. – Bingo – 2pm  
Tues. 4<sup>th</sup> Feb. – Bowls – 1.45pm  
Club fees now due.

Names and money in an envelope for Marine Hotel on Thurs. 13<sup>th</sup> Feb.

### CENTRAL REMEDIAL CLINIC (CRC)



The CRC Art Exhibition 2020, which is run by a voluntary group of parents, will be held on Sat. 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb. from 11am to 6pm and Sun. 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb.

from 11am to 5pm. Proceeds go towards the Summer Project, School Events, Droichead Club and CRC local centres.

**BALBRIGGAN & DISTRICT HORTICULTURAL**  
AGM on Thurs. 6<sup>th</sup> Feb at 8.30pm in Scouts Den Market Green Balbriggan. All welcome and more information from 087 7520506.

### ACCORD DUBLIN

The Annual Collection for ACCORD, the Diocesan Agency for Marriage and the Family, will be taken up at all Masses on the weekend of 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> Feb. and will replace the usual Share collection. ACCORD Dublin offers Marriage Preparation courses, counselling for couples and individuals experiencing difficulties in their relationships and a Relationship and Sexuality Programme for schools. Your support is vital so please give generously if you can. For further information contact Linda Chambers on [LChambers@accordublin.ie](mailto:LChambers@accordublin.ie)

### AN INTERESTING READ?

Would you be interested in reading the book "From Teilhard to Omega Co-creating an Unfinished Universe". Edited by Sr. Iliia Delio OSF"? If so, please contact 087 7538173.

### SKERRIES LADIES BOWLS



Next meeting for the ladies is on Mon. 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb. at 12.15pm. Plans for forthcoming season to be discussed. The Monday morning competition for the Ladies Trophy started last week – but, it is not too late to join. Sign in by 10.20am so that play can start at 10.30am. Open to all lady members.

### SKERRIES HOCKEY CLUB

Sincere thanks to all those who supported our fundraising Table Quiz last Thursday. A great turn out on the night and much need funds were raised for the club. Thank You!



### SKERRIES HARPS GAA CLUB

**ZINGO:** Congrats to Jonathan Emmett on winning our €8,600 Jackpot. The winning numbers were 1,7,6,3,4,2,5. New Jackpot starts at €2,000 - draw on Sunday at 7pm.

**Adult Football leagues** start on 16<sup>th</sup> Feb and Hurling on 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb.

**Juvenile Academy** every Sat morning 10-11am. Contact Louise 085 1465673 for details.

**Volunteers:** The club is currently seeking new volunteers for the year ahead across all aspects of the club - maybe on a Sat morning during Academy, on our Fundraising Committee, as a team mentor etc. contact

[secretary.skerriesharps.dublin@gaa.ie](mailto:secretary.skerriesharps.dublin@gaa.ie) or [pro.skerriesharps.dublin@gaa.ie](mailto:pro.skerriesharps.dublin@gaa.ie) for more details. We welcome all volunteers.

**Membership Fees** are now due and should be paid by 31<sup>st</sup> March per GAA Rule.

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