



Skerries Parish Bulletin

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29th November – 6th December 2020

First Sunday of Advent

The New Liturgical Year commences with the First Sunday of Advent.
The Season of Advent is a season of joyful expectation, a time of commitment.

Isaiah 63: 16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7 Isaiah recalls God's blessing on Israel in past times and begs the Lord to come once again to the aid of his people. It is a prayer for God's mercy, a plea that God will remember his wonderful deeds of old and renew them again.

Psalms 79:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 'Lord make us turn to you, let us see your face and we shall be saved'

1 Corinthians 1: 3-9 In this letter St Paul gives thanks for the blessings that God has given His people through Jesus Christ. This is a fulfilment of Isaiah's prayer. Christ did come, not as they had expected, but in His own time and on His own terms.

Mark 13:33-37 (Today's gospel is taken from Mark Chapter 13, also referred to as Mark's Little Apocalypse.) In Chapter 13 Jesus predicts the destruction of the Temple and He answers many of the questions asked by the apostles "When will these things happen? What will be the sign that these things are about to happen?" In today's Gospel we have a powerful message from Jesus to His apostles, 'Keep awake and watch' For us too it is important to remind ourselves of our own call to watch, to be alert. How can we do this? Just remember the ongoing command to God's people in Christ, to be faithful to Him, not to compromise with the standards and fashions of the present age, but to keep awake, watching, as St. Paul says for the day to dawn, in whose light the dim flickering candles of the present age will be needed no more.

Scripture Group

MASS INTENTIONS

- ✠ **Sat 28th Nov 10am:** Finian Murray (MM)
- ✠ **Sun 29th Nov 9.30am:** Ray Fay (1st A), Ita Roberts, Derek McGonagle, Mass for all Deceased & Auxiliary Member of the Legionaries, Erin O'Carroll nee Kavanagh
- ✠ **Sun 29th Nov 11am:** Garry Westby (MM), Eamonn Smith (1st A), Philip Dunne (1st A), Irene Murphy, Thomas Flanagan, deceased Wafer & Ollis families.), Special Intention
- ✠ **Mon 30th Nov 10am:** Mass Card Intentions
- ✠ **Tues 1st Dec 10am:** Ita McNulty
- ✠ **Thurs 3rd Dec 10am:** Ailish Guinan (1st A) Margaret McEvoy
- ✠ **Sat 5th Dec 10am:** Margaret Hill (RD)
- ✠ **Sat 5th Dec 6pm:** Thomas Hand, Rosanna Hand & deceased members of the Hand family, Tony & Liam Shiels, Anne Marjorem
- ✠ **Sun 6th Dec 9.30am:** Marie & Michael Grimes, John, Mary & P.J. Minogue, Eileen & Maureen Murphy & deceased members of the Murphy family, Vera Leonard, Frances Tanner
- ✠ **Sun 6th Dec 11am:** Colette Branagan (MM), Cyril McGloughlin (1st A), Bernard & Mary Ann Moles, Noeleen Taaffe (BR), Michael Duggan.

FEASTDAYS

30th November – St Andrew, Apostle
3rd December – St Francis Xavier

PADRE PIO

4th December - First Friday
Padre Pio Mass at 7.30pm

ADVENT

If you are looking for something different this Advent, why not join a WhatsApp group to receive an Advent reflection every day. For further details and, if you like to join, contact Christina Malone 085 716 2152.

MINI ADVENT RETREAT ON ZOOM

During Advent, you are invited to take part in a mini-retreat that will explore the themes of Faith, Hope and Love led by Fr Billy Swan of St Aidan's Cathedral, Enniscorthy. The retreat will take place from **Tuesday 1st to Thursday 3rd December beginning at 8pm**. To take part, all you need to do is send an email to thehookoffaith@gmail.com to receive the Zoom link.

Come and join us to prepare for Christmas.

ADVENT NEWS TOO GOOD TO KEEP

'Advent News Too Good to Keep' Written by Gerard Gallagher (Office for Evangelisation and Ecumenism) is a thought-provoking selection of scripture readings and reflections designed to accompany the reader through the season of Advent. This accessible and practical guide, which also includes inspirational quotations and questions to prompt the reader to effect change in their day-to-day lives, is the perfect companion for this essential period in the Church calendar. Ideal for a personal retreat this Advent. To purchase a copy - <https://www.veritasbooksonline.com/advent-news-too-good-to-keep-9781847309792-46126/>

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Praying Together in the presence of Jesus at advent

Join us each Wednesday evening of Advent on the parish webcam and radio for some prayer time together during the season of Advent. We begin this **Wednesday evening December 2nd at 7.30pm** with exposition of the Blessed Sacrament followed by prayer, reflection and music as we prepare for the birth of Christ.



CHRISTMAS CARDS

Christmas Mass 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, Dublin.

PARISH BOOK CLUB

As you know the parish book club hasn't been able to meet due to the current restrictions. However, we can keep on reading at home. For the month of November those in the book club and beyond are invited to read **Whisperings of my Soul** by Fr. **Seán Hyland**. The book is the story of one man's journey from husband and father to amazing grace and the priesthood with grief, love and the power of prayer along the way. An inspiring read for the month of November.

PRAYER OF ABANDONMENT

Father, I abandon myself into your hands; do with me what you will. Whatever you may do, I thank you: I am ready for all, I accept all. Let only your will be done in me, and in all your creatures – I wish no more than this, O Lord. Into your hands I commend my soul: I offer it to you with all the love of my heart, for I love you, Lord, and so need to give myself, to surrender myself into your hands without reserve, and with boundless confidence, for you are my Father. Amen. **Blessed Charles de Foucauld**

SHOP LOCAL THIS CHRISTMAS

Parishioners are encouraged to shop local where possible and support our local traders. Although not open yet, most shops have an on-line facility to click and collect.



SCOIL RÉALT NA MARA

Enrolment for Scoil Réalt na Mara Junior Infant classes 2021/2022 is now taking place. Closing date for receipt of applications is **22 January 2021**. Please

see details on the school website

www.realtnamara.ie or contact the school office on 01-8490049.

SKERRIES ACTIVE RETIREMENT

Hello to all our members. Hope you are all keeping well and active. I discovered a lovely programme on every **Tues on TG4 9.30pm. Opry le Daniel**. Great music & singing. Hope you get a chance to watch it and sing-a-long.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

If you would like to donate to Skerries St Vincent de Paul, envelopes will be available on the tables at the entrance and exits of the Parish Church. Please return the envelopes to the Parish Office or to either of the priest's houses. Many thanks.

30 YEARS AGO IN THE PARISH

- Holmpatrick Parish Mothers' Union was sending three van loads of goods to Romanian orphanages, following their recent appeal and the community was thanked for its response
- Active Aged was starting its activities with an exercise session with a physiotherapist, also a theatre outing, a guided tour of Dublin Castle, swimming and a rambling group were all planned
- St. Vincent de Paul society was looking for gifts of food or toys for their Christmas work
- A number of Christmas Fairs and Sales were being organised.

SKERRIES HARPS GAA CLUB



Kathleen McPoland RIP - It was with deep sadness that we learned of the passing of our much valued and loved club member Kathleen Horan (nee McPoland) last Saturday. Kathleen held many roles over the years in Skerries Harps including Juvenile Secretary & PRO, and in more recent years was instrumental with Dublin GAA in the development of Juvenile Games structures across the county and in the All Ireland Féile competition. Kathleen was a dedicated supporter & member of Skerries Harps who loved to enjoy the successes of all our teams, especially those achievements on the Juvenile side. She was always ready to support, guide and share her experience & GAA knowledge with fellow club members and will be greatly missed. Thanks to all our club members who turned up at the Clubhouse on Tuesday to give Kathleen a round of applause on her final journey from Skerries. We extend our deepest sympathy to her husband Paul, son David, daughter Rachel, much treasured grandsons Lucas and Feidhlim and the extended Horan and McPoland families. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a hanam dílis.

This year the fundraising committee have collaborated with each of our teams across the Adult & Juvenile sections and in keeping with our #clubiscommunity ethos, have purchased vouchers/hampers from local businesses as prizes in our Annual Christmas Draw.

These businesses have supported us on an ongoing basis so now is our chance to give back! Please support local this Christmas and help our community to thrive during these difficult times. Tickets for our Draw are now available online and are a steal at only €5 each, or 6 for €25.

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