



Skerries Parish Bulletin

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Fourth Sunday of Advent – The Last Few Days

Over the coming days, in the lead up to Christmas day, each of us is likely to have our own moments of disturbance and concern. We may experience them as an intrusion or a welcome distraction but what a pity if we allow them distract us from the great invitation of Christmas.

The Saviour born of Mary seeks to come again to us, to make His home with us, to share life with us.

Over the course of today might we take some time to consider how we might safeguard ourselves from missing Christmas as a time of resting in this great mystery, one designed by God to rejuvenate our spirits? Yes, gatherings with others (safely) and the exchange of gifts and all that comes with that are good for us, but might we also draw close to the Christ-child, the One, in the words of the angel Gabriel, who is holy, who is 'Son of God'.

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MASS INTENTIONS AND ANNIVERSARIES

- ✦ **Sat 19th Dec** 10am: Teresa & John McGee, Bernie O'Connor, Edith (Edee), Paddy & Mary McMahan, Walter & Kitty Howlett & family, Christie & Peggy Wilde, Johnny Brady
- ✦ **Sat 19th** 6pm: Moira & Denis Dwyer, Bernie Morris, Mary Carabini, Binnie Lannon, Mary Josephine Melia, Robert & Mary Kelly (BR)
- ✦ **Sun 20th** 9.30am: Kathleen Horan (MM), Richard & Una Murtagh, Flanagan Family, Richard & May Branagan, Laurence Daly, Desmond McGirl, Anne & Patrick Leonard
- ✦ **Sun 20th** 11am: Jean Treleaven, Michael, Mary, Patrick & John Lyons, Catriona Harper, Swanee Martin, Paul Holland, Mary Rochford
- ✦ **Mon 21st** 10am: Mass Card Intentions
- ✦ **Tues 22nd** 10am: Swanee Martin, Margaret, Thomas & Joseph Flaherty, O'Halloran Family, Sean Horan
- ✦ **Weds 23rd** 10am: Esther Kelly, Terence Tolan, Mary McCormack, The Fitzpatrick & Brady Families
- ✦ **Christmas Eve** 10am: Bernadette Mooney (2nd A), Michael & Sheena Flavin, Maureen Nugent, Dolly Murphy, Eithne Everard, James Gilsean, Margaret & Edward Rogan
- ✦ **Christmas Eve** 6pm: Family Mass Intentions of Christmas Cards
- ✦ **8pm:** Vigil Mass Intentions of Christmas Cards
- ✦ **Christmas Day** 9.30am: Intentions of Christmas Cards

- ✦ **11am:** Intentions of Christmas Cards
- ✦ **Sat 26th St Stephen's Day** 11am: Brian & Robert Beggs, Theresa McCloskey, Sean Darcy, McCann & Moore Families
- ✦ **6pm:** Matthew (Matt) Plunkett (MM), Maurice Mullins, Brian Taylor (Rem), Taylor, McKenna & McElligott Families
- ✦ **Sun 27th** 9.30am: Margaret Branagan, Eddie & Marge Moran, Billy Ryan, Tomas & Patsy Hand
- ✦ **Sun 27th** 11am: Tom Ferguson (1st A) and those who sympathised with the Ferguson family, Michael & Grace Lyons, Maureen Hayes, Leo & Rosaleen Doolin, Willie Flanagan

FEASTDAYS

- 24th Dec Christmas Eve**
- 25th Dec Christmas Day**, The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ
- 26th Dec** St Stephen's Day
- 27th Dec** The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

DATES TO NOTE – RECONCILIATION SERVICE:

[ALL ON WEBCAM/RADIO]

- SKERRIES - MONDAY 21ST DEC. @ 7.30PM**
- RUSH - TUES 22ND DEC. @ 7.30PM**
- LUSK - WEDS 23RD DEC. @ 7.30PM**

THE CHURCH WILL BE CLOSED FOR MASS ON CHRISTMAS EVE 6PM & 8PM AND CHRISTMAS DAY 9.30AM/11AM. THESE CHRISTMAS MASSES ARE BEING BROADCAST VIA WEBCAM/RADIO.

COME & VISIT THE CRIB – CHURCH WILL BE OPEN AFTER 11AM MASS CHRISTMAS MORNING.

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PRAYING TOGETHER IN THE PRESENCE OF JESUS AT ADVENT: Join us this Wednesday evening for some prayer time together during the season of Advent. We conclude this **Wednesday, December 23rd at 7.30pm** with exposition of the Blessed Sacrament followed by prayer, reflection and music as we prepare for the birth of Christ.

PARISH BOOK CLUB: During the month of December we will be reading **A Christmas Carol** - one of Charles Dickens' most loved books - a true classic and a Christmas must-read. A Christmas Carol has been adapted for stage, screen and animation but nothing captures the mastery of story-telling that Dickens employs in his creation of Ebenezer Scrooge - a mean, miserable, bitter old man with no friends. One cold Christmas Eve, three ghosts take him on a scary journey to show him the error of his nasty ways. By visiting his past, present and future, Scrooge learns to love Christmas and the people all around him. A heart-warming tale for us all this Christmas.

Fundraiser for FOCUS Ireland, Joe May's
It's that time of year again when we usually have our coffee morning in aid of Focus Ireland. Sadly, it's not possible for it to go ahead this year so we've decided to give out some small goodie bags in our front garden beside Joe May's on Sunday 20th December from 12-2pm and are happy to collect any donations people want to make. We look forward to seeing you on Sunday!

Skerries Harps GAA Club

A very Happy Christmas to all our Members, supporters and sponsors – enjoy and Stay Safe. 'Tis the Season to be Jolly ...**CAREFUL!** Skerries Harps GAA Club were represented by 6 of our club members at the All Ireland finals in Croke Park this weekend. On Saturday Bryan Cullen was part of the backroom team for Dublin against Mayo in the All Ireland Senior football final.

Adam Fearon, Ciaran Murphy and Killian McGinnis are members of the Dublin Under 20 football squad v Galway in the All Ireland final prior to the Senior game.

On Sunday Lyndsey Davey - in probably her last Dublin season – plays for Dublin Ladies in the All Ireland final against Cork. Good luck to all!

Overseeing both days will be another Skerries Harps member who plays a key role behind the

scenes in Croke Park. Joe Rock follows his late father in looking after all the pre-match preparations in Croke Park on Finals day. Joe is a mentor in the juvenile section of Skerries Harps.

Almost time for our great Christmas Draw. The list of prizes continues to grow – thanks to all our Adult & Juvenile teams and their Mentors. Tickets available online and cost €5 each, or 6 for €25 See skerriesharps.ie/christmasdraw Draw is live on Facebook on Tuesday 22 December at 8 pm. Printed tickets available from Fergal, 0868986838, Niall, 0863015688 and Joanne on 0864058523.

Our Christmas Tree Collection service is back again. Tags are €5 and we collect and dispose of your tree on 9 January (environmentally). Tags available at Skerries Hardware, at Michael Connolly (at the Monument) and at Billy Flood (opposite Gerrys).

Christmas Charity Golf Outing on Monday 28th December in Skerries G.C., tee time 9 am to 12. Due to current regulations this will be a strictly golf only event. As we cannot hold our usual charity matches on St Stephen's day this will be our only fundraiser for local branch of St Vincent De Paul Society. Please support and book your tee time with Paul Murray at 0851740474.

Zingo result for 13 Dec. 3-2-7-4-6-1-5. Next Sunday's Jackpot is €4,300 and Dividend is €300. *Entry is online through the link on our website and is just €5 for 3 lines.* Daily Dip December - our Gaelic for Mothers and Others - Swimmers, walkers and runners took to the seas and streets to raise funds for our local St Michael's House. Many thanks to those who have already generously donated. Please continue to support by donating via <https://www.idonate.ie/SkerriesG4MODecemberDip>

We are happy to announce our new revamped Website. See www.skerriesharps.ie

ITEMS FOR NEXT WEEK'S BULLETIN TO BE IN BY TUESDAY MIDDAY. THANK YOU.



VERY HAPPY AND HOLY CHRISTMAS TO ALL OUR READERS – KEEP WELL

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