



Skerries Parish Bulletin

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Christ, the Incarnate Wisdom of God who has come to dwell in our world

Sirach 24:1-16

Psalm 147

Ephesians:3-18

John 1:1-18

Today lies between two big feasts: Christmas and Epiphany. Both feasts are full of symbolism.

Christmas - Jesus is born in the Jewish city of Bethlehem. The fulfilment of God's promise shows forth the faithfulness of God's love for each one of us. Jesus is born homeless, most probably in the under-croft of an inn where the animals were kept standing in their own excrement. Guests in the inn above were being wined and dined while Mary, trying to keep her baby safe from the animal's hooves, placed him in the raised manger. The shepherds who came to see him were from the very margins of society at the time. Jesus has taken on all the fragility and vulnerability of us human beings. He has become one of us – ***'He has pitched his tent among us'***.



Epiphany - the showing forth of Christ to the foreign kings who represent all the nations of the world tells us that Jesus came for all of humanity, every last one of us.

What is the truth behind these feasts that the church wants us to think about today? It seems to me to be summed up in the last sentence of today's gospel - ***"No one has ever seen God; it is the only Son, who is nearest to the Father's heart, who has made Him known."***

If you have some spare time today, I would suggest you read the passages above from your own bible. The poetry in the book of Sirach is particularly beautiful. When prose fails, read poetry. I join my own voice with the words of St. Paul in his letter to the Ephesians, ***"May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him."***

Lydia Gillen (Bible Study Group)

MASS INTENTIONS

- ✦ Sat 2nd 11am: Arthur Patrick Farrell
- ✦ Sat 2nd 6pm: Sonny Rogan, Anne McEvoy, James Larkin
- ✦ Sun 3rd 9.30am: Denise Gallagher MM, Pearse Thornton, Evelyn Marshall
- ✦ Sun 3rd 11am: Kay & John Mulhere
- ✦ Mon 4th 10am: Mass Card Intentions
- ✦ Tues 5th 10am: Declan O'Byrne, William McGarry, Nicholas Harford, William & Bridget McKenna
- ✦ Wed 6th 10am: Denise Gallagher MM, Ivan Heeney, Ann Murphy, Liam Kelly, Michael & Margaret White, Bridie & Luke Clogher
- ✦ Thurs 7th 10am: Margie O'Brien, 2nd A
- ✦ Fri 8th 10am: Maureen Heeney
- ✦ Sat 9th 6pm: Agatha Greene MM, Tom Tolan, Nancy & Phil Walls
- ✦ Sun 10th 9.30am: Mary Bogue MM, James & Margaret Clerkin, Peggy Loughran (Rem), Sean O'Brien
- ✦ Sun 10th 11am: John Flanagan, Jack Leonard

CURRENT COVID RESTRICTIONS

All Masses at present are being broadcast by Wedcam/Radio only. The church is closed except for Private Prayer until further notice. Thank you for your understanding.

FEASTDAYS

- 2nd Jan – St Basil;
- 5th Jan – St Charles of St Andrew
- 6th Jan – The Epiphany of the Lord

SPECIAL THANK YOU

to the community of Skerries for your overwhelming generosity shown during the SVP Christmas Appeal. We very much appreciate your continued support. Happy New Year from



your local St Vincent De Paul.

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TO ALL MINISTERS OF THE WORD

I wish to express my sincere gratitude to all our Readers of Liturgy who have been so kind and willing to continue with proclaiming the Word of the Lord during this past year. You have made it so easy for me to appoint you on a week to week basis. Let us also remember former readers and those who are now deceased. May I take this opportunity to wish you a Very Happy and Healthy New Year. May the Lord Bless you and keep you all safe. Áine McGuinness

SKERRIES LADIES BOWLING CLUB

A very Happy New Year to all our lady members ! It has been such a strange year, with all league and even friendly matches cancelled. Thanks to the Committee who managed to run off the in-club competitions and well done to the winners. We were sad at the passing of a number of our members during the year, their friendship will remain with us forever. Due to the current Covid restrictions the club will be closed until the end of January. We look forward with hope to a new year, when we will all be able to meet up again and enjoy each other's company safely.

SKERRIES TOWN TWINNING ASSOCIATION

Bonne Année to all our friends. We have been keeping in touch on-line with our friends in the Canton of Guichen and those in Srem in Poland. We have been exchanging newsletters over the past months. If you would like to receive these (in their French/Polish/English forms, contact us at skerriestwinning@gmail.com and we can add you to our mailing list.

SKERRIES HARPS GAA CLUB

We wish all our members, supporters and sponsors a very Happy New Year as we face into another period of restrictions due to Covid19. May the year 2021 bring prosperity to our local businesses and lots of success to the many clubs and societies in Skerries. Thanks to all who supported our great Christmas Draw which took place live on Facebook on 22nd. A special thank you to all our Club teams that sourced the prizes. We had 50 prizes and First prize was won by Imelda O'Shea and the 50th prize in the draw was won by Kay Doyle. The full list of the 50 winners are on our website www.skerriesharps.com. The Christmas Tree

Collection will take place on 9th January for those who purchased the Tags. Again we thank all who bought Tags and supported our fundraiser and thanks also to the suppliers Skerries Hardware, Michael Connolly and Billy Flood. Our annual Charity Golf for St Vincent de Paul was cancelled but Paul has set up an online donation page at www.idonate.ie/skerriesharpsforsvp for those who wish to contribute. Term 2 of our Allcare Pharmacy sponsored Juvenile Academy will resume on Saturday 23 January. Once again, registration will be online with numbers restricted in accordance with the latest government guidelines. Our Games Promotion Officer, Louise, will be in touch nearer the date. Zingo result for 27 Dec. 4-6-7-1-5-2-3. Next Sunday's Jackpot is €4,500 and Dividend is €400. Enter online via the link on our website for just €5 for 3 lines. Thanks to all who support Zingo. Membership for 2021 is now open – see website for full details. Condolences to Paul McQuaid and family on the recent death of his father, Johnny, RIP.

THE BULLETIN TEAM

As this strange year, 2020, draws to a conclusion, we want to "thank you" our faithful readers for staying with us. Despite the difficult situation in which we have been placed by the Covid virus, we were able to bring the Bulletin to you every weekend. This is in no small way due to Fr. Melvyn, printer extraordinaire and deliverer to the supermarket outlets each weekend. We thank the office staff, in particular Claireanne, for keeping us abreast with parish activities, to Fr. James for his weekly contributions, to our panel who provides us with a commentary each week on the readings, and to all our regular contributors who have kept us in touch with their organisations' doings over the "locked down" months. We look forward to the coming of the vaccine and to a future where we will all be back to "normal", whatever that might be!! Happy New Year to each and everyone of you.

Editorial team: Annette, Geraldine, Kathleen, Louise, Mary, and Nora.



*Happy New Year
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