



Skerries Parish Bulletin

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5th-12th December 2021

2nd Sunday of Advent

The gospel passage from St. Luke tells us about the appearance of John the Baptist on the scene. The centre of John's message is that God is coming to save his people. The people are urged to prepare a way for the Lord through reflection, repentance and renewal.

God's presence to us may sometimes go unnoticed. The sun may be shining brightly and warmly outside but unless you pull back the blinds it will not fill your house. This Sunday we hear the lonely but insistent voice of John the Baptist urging us to prepare. Let us give the Lord the time to pull back our blinds, to open our hearts anew this Advent and see his presence at work in our lives and in the lives of others.

Fr Melvyn

CHRISTMAS TIMETABLE ENVELOPES

This year envelopes will be available for collection in the glass area of the church on Thursday 9th and Friday 10th December between 3pm and 5pm. Your help in distributing the Christmas Envelopes will be very much appreciated. Thank you

ON LINE APPEAL FOR FAMILIES IN FOOD POVERTY - DECEMBER 2021

We in Crosscare need your support to help families experiencing food poverty this Christmas. Families need our help this Christmas, but not just for Christmas but also in the months after Christmas, which many people find challenging.

Due to Covid restrictions, the online appeal for donations replaces the food collection in parishes in previous years. Your ongoing support for Crosscare makes a huge difference to those most in need. We are asking for donations to continue this vital work at Christmas and into 2022.

Please help us to help them. Support our appeal to end food poverty by giving what you can online www.crosscare.ie/donate or call 01 8360011. Thank you for your ongoing support from all in Crosscare

PARISH INITIATIVE ADVENT

I wait. I watch. I hope.

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 0857162152.

Deepest Sympathy is extended to the families of Mary Woodcock, Dublin Road, Skerries, and Bernadette (Bernie) Walker, St Patrick's Close, Skerries, who died recently. May they Rest in Peace.

Feast Days

7th Dec – St Ambrose.

8th Dec – The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary [Holy Day]

BE STILL – DAILY ADVENT REFLECTIONS

The Office for Mission and Ministry are offering daily reflections for the Advent Journey. The theme of these reflections is '*Be Still*'. The reflections will be posted each morning on the Facebook page for the office of Mission and Ministry. www.facebook.com/officeformissionandministry

Christmas Cards are available in the Parish Office. Cards are €3.00 each and all proceeds go to Brother Kevin, Capuchin Homeless Day Centre, Dublin 7.

Pioneer Total Abstinence Association of the Sacred Heart Calendars are now available in the Parish Office at €5.00 each

Anniversaries/Intentions/Remembrances

Sat 4th Dec: 10am: Michael, Agnes & Colin Griffin

6pm: Catherine Maypothor (MM), Agatha Greene, (1st A), Cyril McGloughlin, Tony & Liam Shiels, Anne Marjoram, Konrad Nowak (BR), Holy Souls

Sun 5th : 9.30am: Frances & William Tanner, Vincent & Joan Woodlock (rem), Johnny Brady
11am: Thomas Flanagan,

Marie & Michael Grimes, Margaret McEvoy, Louise Casey (RD)

Mon 6th: 10am: Mass Card Intentions

Weds 8th: 10am: Martin Archbold, Lily McMahon

Fri 10th: 10am: George Lacy, Joseph Branagan, Vera Leonard, Harry Gavin,

Deceased members of the Jenkinson family

Sat 11th: 10am: Margaret Horan, Bert, Hughie Horan (rem), Anne Kelly (rem)

6pm: George Sweetman (MM),

Molly & John Byrne, Michael Duggan, Richard & May Branagan, Teresa Gaffney

Sun 12th: 9.30am: Rosie & Gerry Hoare, Emily Crowley & dec members of the Crowley and Nolan Families, Michael & Eileen Redden, Basil & Frances Emerson,

Thomas & Anna Jones, Charles O'Loughlen

11am: John Costello (MM),

Michael Ultan Ryan (MM), Colm Dennis, Patrick (Pat) Hynes, Bernard & Mary Anne Moles,

Jean Treleaven, Mary McGirl (BR),

Katie McGirl, Kathleen Quinn (10th A)

Society of St Vincent De Paul

Annual Christmas Appeal will take place on the weekend of 11th and 12th December. Any contribution, no matter how small, will be truly appreciated. Donations can be made in the following way - Online Donation to AIB Bank - IBAN IE1993224809851094 - BIC Code AIB KIE 2 D or by Printed Blue Envelopes which are available in St Patrick's Church and the Parish Office and also to individual Members who might be known to you personally.

Christ the King Community Day Centre are looking to hire a manager, 4 days per week, total of 20 hours. Further details available from Secretary of Management Committee. Letter of application and current CV to: eleanormcmanus36@gmail.com., by 5pm Friday 10th December.

Skerries Harps – Notices

Congrats to Under 16 football team and management on winning the Shield Final - 5 -8 to 1 -12.

Under 21 footballers defeated Ballyboden by 4 points in and now play Whitehall-Colmcille in the Championship final on Saturday 11 December, venue to be decided.

Zingo result for Sunday 28 Nov. 5,7,2,4,6,3,1. No winners. The Jackpot is now €2,100. Draw In Club on Sunday at 6.30 pm with in-house Spot-Prizes. Play online via link on club website or buy entry envelope. Thanks to all who regularly support the Zingo draw.

Sun. 5th Minor Camogie Championship v Good Counsel, home at 10.30 am.

Sat 11th. U21 Football Championship final v Whitehall-Colmcille, at 2.30 pm. Venue TBC
Check fixtures/results at www.skerriesharps.ie

Club Shop Christmas opening hours are:
Monday 9.30 to 10.30 am; Tuesday 7.30 to 8.30 pm; Thursday 8 to 9 pm and Saturday 10 to 11 am. Online Shop is open 24/7 via link on our website.

Tickets for **Christmas Draw** on sale online or books of 6 for €25, available from the Bar and Shop.. Draw takes place on 18th December with over 50 prizes in cash and vouchers. Support the Club and Skerries Business Community.

Annual Christmas Tree collection service will run again this year. Tags will be available shortly. Proceeds go towards our Juvenile teams entry to Feile 2022.

New members are always welcome to join the club – both male and female – players and non-players!! Contact:

secretary.skerriesharps.dublin@gaa.ie

Skerries Ladies Bowls

Our sympathy is sent to the family of Mary Woodcock, who was a valued member of the club for many years.

The Monday morning competition attracted 30 players this week, despite the chilly morning. Coaching for new members continues on Wednesday and Friday mornings.

St. Michael's Parish, Dun Laoghaire, invite applications for the position of Director of Music. If you are interested, please make contact with: stmichd12@eircom.net

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