



# Skerries Parish Bulletin

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## Christmas Day



Today, Christmas Day, we celebrate the birth of Emmanuel – God-with-us. Christmas celebrates this amazing presence of Christ in our world. Thomas Merton writes : “that Christ is born in us today in order that He may appear to the world through us.” This Christmas will I recognise Christ’s presence in myself, in others, in the world?

We are carriers of Christ’s love and every time we perform a loving act we bring Christ’s love into the world. It is always through love that Christ enters our world. Christ is born in us through unselfish kindness and generosity of heart in our many ordinary gestures of love and concern for others. Today may we draw close to Emmanuel and look for opportunities to let Christ’s love shine through us.

*Holy Faith Sisters*

### MASS INTENTIONS

- ✦ **Sun 26<sup>th</sup> 9.30am:** Bernie Walker MM, Leo & Rosaleen Doolin, Theresa McCloskey, Maisie Grimes, Maurice Mullins, Billy Ryan
- ✦ **Sun 26<sup>th</sup> 11am:** Brian & Robert Beggs, Maureen Hayes, Cora & Mick Cannon, Ann Murray, Roderick Neary, Sean Darcy Terry Tolan
- ✦ **Mon 27<sup>th</sup> 11am:** Mass Card Intentions
- ✦ **Tues 28<sup>th</sup> 11am:** Mary Woodcock MM, Kevin Woodcock, John & Margaret Collins, Hubert & Helena Parkinson, Pauline Parkinson, Carmel Kwik, Special Intention x 2
- ✦ **Wed 29<sup>th</sup> 11am:** Ivan Heeney, Henry & Florence Gavin (Rem) Harry Gavin (Rem) Tom & May Jones (Rem) Denis Heraghty (Rem) Nicky Jones (Rem) Andrew, Susan & Bernadette Woods (Rem)
- ✦ **Fri 31<sup>st</sup> 11am:** Margaret Browne, Brigid McNulty, Anne O’Gorman, Elizabeth Duff, Ina Woods, Terry, Ina & Susan Woods (Rem) Patrick & Sarah Dunne
- ✦ **Sun 2<sup>nd</sup> 9.30am:** Joseph O’Connor, Theresa Quinn, Tommy Quinn, James & Kathleen Murtagh, Pearse Thornton, Eddie & Marge Moran, Arthur Farrell
- ✦ **Sun 2<sup>nd</sup> 11am:** Nicholas Harford, Sonny Rogan, Ann McEvoy, Kay & John Mulhere, Dessie Delemere, Patrick & Bridget Lynam, Patrick & Bridget Delemere, All who supported & sympathised with the family of John Costello

### MASS ARRANGEMENTS

- Saturday 25<sup>th</sup>, Christmas Day:** Masses at 9.30am and 11am.
- Sunday 26<sup>th</sup>, Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph:** Masses at 9.30am and 11am.
- Monday 27<sup>th</sup> December to Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> January:** Morning Mass at 11am.

### FEASTDAYS

25<sup>th</sup> Dec: Christmas Day, Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, 26<sup>th</sup> Dec: Holy Family & St Stephen, 27<sup>th</sup> Dec: St John, Apostle, 28<sup>th</sup> Dec: The Holy Innocents

### OUR SYMPATHY



To the families of Anna McMahon, Millview and Philip Duggan, Townparks who died recently.

May they Rest in Peace.

### WE WELCOME

Sienna Rose Cullen and Tiernan Carmody who were recently baptised into our parish family.



### ACTIVE RETIREMENT CLUB

The committee wish all our Active Retirement Club members a very Happy Christmas and bright New Year.

### THE PIONEER TOTAL ABSTINENCE ASSOCIATION

of the Sacred Heart Calendars are now available in the parish office €5.00.

### 30 YEARS AGO IN THE PARISH – CHRISTMAS 1991

- With 3 priests in the Parish, there were 6 Masses for Christmas Eve/Day
- The adult Choir was busy practising and invited new members who would like to join them for Christmas
- The Liturgy group thanked students Helen Martin, Deirdre Moloney, Andrea Hand, Nell Gallagher, Lorna Gannon and Georgina Bright for their contribution to the Advent Liturgy and Mr. Boylan (Pat) for the Jesse Tree symbols
- St. Vincent de Paul society thanked all those societies and individuals who had made special Christmas contributions to their funds
- The Meals on Wheels committee thanked Des Byrne, butcher, Holmpatrick and Dorans butchers for donating a turkey and ham for their Christmas special
- In the Community Games hockey, Skerries Boys won the gold medals for Dublin
- Skerries Bowling Club congratulated Tommy Rooney and Michael Garrett (winners) and Mary Woodcock and Eileen Reddin runners-up in their Turkey competition
- Skerries Rehab committee reminded everyone of their Annual Christmas Swim at 12 noon on Christmas Day from the Sailing Club slip

### SKERRIES LADIES BOWLS

Congratulations to all who were prizewinners in our Monday morning competition. Thanks to all who subscribed to our "on the spot" St. Vincent de Paul collection - €150 was donated. Our next Monday morning competition will start on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2022. In the meantime, Happy Christmas to all our members. Stay safe and stay well.

### AWARE – SUPPORT & SELF CARE GROUPS

If you or anyone you know wish to connect with people in relation to your mental wellbeing, please consider using the Phone in and Zoom Support & Self Care Groups, the Support Line or Support Mail, now and throughout the holiday season. These services provide support, coping skills and information – and most importantly help people who are in distress to know and feel that they are not alone in their experience. For more information about the groups <https://www.aware.ie/support/support-groups/> and all of our services on [www.aware.ie](http://www.aware.ie).

### RECYCLING



What can I do to help – what goes in which bin? What about hard plastics? These are those plastic items which can't be easily crunched up - shampoo and shower gel bottles, liquid detergent bottles, liquid handwash bottles, plastic milk bottles, ice cream tubs, plastic plant pots, once they are washed and dried. These can all go into your Green bin. However, you cannot put coffee pods into your Green bin, as they are composed of many different materials. Some makers will allow you to return them for recycling. And never, ever put used wipes of any kind in your Green or Brown bin !!

### SKERRIES HARPS GAA CLUB

We wish all our members, supporters and sponsors a very Happy and Safe Christmas – thanks to all who have worked to support Skerries Harps over the past 12 anxious months. The club welcomes new members, male and female. In addition to new players, we hope to attract new team mentors, fundraisers etc and anyone who can lend a hand for a few hours each week. If you think you can help in any way, please contact

[secretary.skerriesharps.dublin@gaa.ie](mailto:secretary.skerriesharps.dublin@gaa.ie).

Zingo result 18 Dec. 3,7,5,4,2,6,1. No winners. The Jackpot is now €2,400. Draw on Sundays at 6.30pm with in-house Spot-Prizes.

Play online via link on club website or buy entry envelope. Christmas Draw took place in the Clubhouse last Saturday, live on our Facebook page. First prize to Brian Leonard, Second prize to Cliodhna O'Leary .... and 55<sup>th</sup> prize to Vincent Hughes. Thanks to all who bought and/or sold tickets, to our teams who provided the prizes and to the Skerries Business Community who were fully behind the draw.

See [www.skerriesharps.ie](http://www.skerriesharps.ie).

Christmas Tree collection service - trees collected on Sat 8<sup>th</sup> January. Tags available online. Proceeds go towards our Juvenile teams entry to Feile 2022.

Annual Charity Football Blitz takes place on St Stephen's morning at 11am and support is very welcome. Winners will receive the Mickey Scott Cup. Charity Golf outing is on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> at Skerries Golf Club. Details of tee times from Paul 085 1740474. Proceeds from both events go to the local branch of St Vincent de Paul Society.



### HAPPY CHRISTMAS

to all our readers from the Bulletin team and very best wishes for a safe and covid-free 2022!

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