



Skerries Parish Bulletin

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2nd Sunday after Christmas

Ecclesiasticus 24:1-2,8-12, Psalm 147:12-15,19-29, St. Paul to the Ephesians 1:3-6,15-18
Gospel John 1:1-18

“Wisdom speaks her own praises, in the midst of her people she glories in herself. She glories in herself in the presence of the Mighty One; then the Creator of all things instructed me, and he who created me fixed a place for my tent”. These are the opening lines of the first reading.

In the 2nd reading I was struck by the following; “Before the world was made, he chose us, chose us in Christ, to be holy and spotless, and live through love in his presence”.

In the Gospel, we are all familiar with the opening lines;

“In the beginning was the Word: the word was with God and the word was God”.

Perhaps take a moment to think what these phrases might mean to us in today’s world.

Church Readers

Many Thanks

As we come to the close of 2021 – once again I thank all our volunteers and all of you, our parishioners, for your prayers and support during this past year. I wish you all best wishes and blessings of health and peace for this coming New Year 2022.
Fr. Melvyn

Mass Intentions

- ✦ **Sun 2nd 9.30am:** Joseph O’Connor, Theresa Quinn, Tommy Quinn, James and Kathleen Murtagh, Pearse Thornton, Eddie and Marge Moran, Arthur Farrell.
- ✦ **Sun 2nd 11am:** Nicholas Harford, Sonny Rogan, Ann McEvoy, Kay and John Mulhere, Dessie Delemere, Patrick and Bridget Lynam, Patrick and Bridget Delemere, All who supported and sympathised with the family of John Costello.
- ✦ **Monday 3rd Jan 10am:** Mass Card Intentions.
- ✦ **Tuesday 4th Jan 10am:** James Larkin, Jimmy Fleming. Ned and Lily Farrell, Joan and William Ruigrok (rem), Rose Farrell (BR).
- ✦ **Wednesday 5th 10am:** Declan O’Byrne
- ✦ **Thursday 6th Jan: Masses 10am and 7.30pm**
- ✦ **Friday 7th Jan 10am:** Ann Murphy, Tess Goggin, William Nugent (A) and Frank Nugent (RD), Patrick Monks.

- ✦ **Saturday 8th Jan 10am:** Jim Slattery (1st A), Michael and Margaret White, Bridie and Luke Clogher.
- ✦ **6pm:** William McGarry, Tom Tolan, Dolores O’Byrne.
- ✦ **Sunday 9th Jan 9.30am:** Mandy O’Connor (1st A), Anne Mary Scott (BR).
- ✦ **11am:** Jack Leonard, Tony Lowry, Margaret and Vincent Murray (rem), Tony, Doris and Bill Lowry (rem).

Feast of The Epiphany

Thursday 6th January is The Feast of the Epiphany and is a Holy day of Obligation – Masses to celebrate the feast will be at 10 o’clock on Thursday morning and at 7.30 pm Thursday evening.

Parish Office

As Monday 3rd January is a Bank Holiday the Parish Office will be closed.

Feast Days: 1st Jan - Mary the Holy Mother of God, 3rd Jan – St Munchin, 5th Jan – St Charles of St Andrew, 9th Jan – the Baptism of the Lord.

First Friday of January

Friday 7th January is the 1st Friday of the month and the 10 o’clock Mass will be offered for the Altar List of the Dead. Also, the **Padre Pio Mass** will be celebrated as usual on Friday evening at 7.30 pm.

Used Postage Stamps



Can be left in the box on the table at back of Church. Please leave 1/4" trim all around. The Guide

Dogs Association is most grateful for the stamps.

30 Years Ago In The Parish

- Plans were afoot already for the Parish Pilgrimage to Lourdes and names and deposits were being taken.
- It was back to school for all our Parish school children after their Christmas break.
- Meals on Wheels were planning their new rotas for the coming year and new volunteers were being sought.
- Mourne Summer Project had raised £1500 for their summer plans at their Christmas Fête.
- Among the "Found" items was a small black and tan puppy straying in Greenlawns, and "Lost" were a wallet containing money, a lady's wool coat and a handbag!!

What can I recycle ?



Re-gifting is a buzz word at present - think about re-gifting, i.e. passing on, gifts which do not appeal to you.

Remember however, who you originally got them from! Charity shops always welcome unwanted gifts, provided they are clean and not missing any vital parts.

With all that Christmas packaging and wrapping, how can we safely dispose of the residue? Any foil or decorated paper cannot be recycled, so into the black bin. If you can scrunch the paper up into a tight ball, and it remains together, you can put it in the green bin - but remove any tags or sellotape first. Clean cardboard can go into your green bin, as well as envelopes, etc.

Tin foil? If it's soiled it must go into your black bin, but if it's clean it can go into your green bin - scrunch up first. Dry soup and sauce packets, however, which contain foil-lined paper have to go in the black bin, the same goes for pet food pouches. Foil blister packs from medication also go into your black bin.

Aerosol cans can also pose a problem - black bin! Polystyrene can be recycled at your local recycling centre, but don't put it in your bin, as it breaks up and becomes untreatable - bring it to the centre.

Skerries Men's Shed wish all our members and friends a very happy and healthy New Year. We are open from Tues to Thurs (10.30 to 12.00).

Skerries Ladies Bowls



We wish a very Happy and healthy New Year to all our Lady members - stay safe and stay well! We will resume our Monday morning activities on Monday 10th January, but in the meantime, if it's fine and you feel like playing in a safe outdoor setting, why not drop along to the Club?

Skerries Harps GAA Club



Skerries Harps wishes a Happy New Year to all our members, supporters and sponsors. Hopefully 2022 will bring success to the many sports clubs in Skerries. We welcome new members, all ages, 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 can help in any way, please contact secretary.skerriesharps.dublin@gaa.ie Zingo result 27 Dec. 5,1,7,3,6,2,4. No winners. The Jackpot is now €2,500. Draw on Sundays at 6.30 pm with in-house Spot-Prizes. Play online via link on club website or buy entry envelope. See www.skerriesharps.ie Christmas Tree collection service - trees will be collected on Sat 8th January. Tags available online. Proceeds go towards our Juvenile teams entry to Féile 2022.

Thanks to all who supported and donated to the Charity Football Blitz on St Stephen's Day and the Charity Golf outing on Monday 27th. Over €3,000 was raised for the local branch of the St Vincent de Paul. Míle buíochas daoibh go léir.

Thank you!

For yet another year, we have continued to bring you the Bulletin, now produced remotely and available in hard copy at the church or on-line. This does not happen without the cooperation of a large number of people. Thank you first and foremost to Fr. Melvyn who organises its printing each week and to Clarieanne and Eithne in the Parish Office for their help. We thank most sincerely those groups who provide the commentary on the Readings each week - and this year we have welcomed the Holy Faith sisters to this group. We thank, as always, those societies/clubs/organisations who provide us with a weekly update of their happenings - keep your news coming! We hope we will all weather this strange period in our lives and wish you, our readers, a very peaceful and healthy New Year, 2022.

*Annette, Geraldine, Kathleen, Mary and Nora:
the Bulletin Editorial Team.*