



The Baptism of the Lord



JESUS' BAPTISM

The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord marks the official end of the Christmas season. The focus today is not so much on our own baptism but on Jesus who is revealed to us as the one promised by God, foretold by the prophet Isaiah, the beloved Son with whom the Father is well pleased.

Jesus is anointed with the Spirit and his power. He is proclaimed Messiah. He now goes about doing good, working the signs that make him known as the Servant of God. He is the one who brings good news to the poor and tells of salvation. Through our Baptism each one of us is ordered to the life of Christ – Priest, Prophet and King – and the Father looks on us with favour. (Liturgical Calendar 2022).

Fr. Melvyn

Mass Intentions

- ✦ **Saturday 8th Jan 10am:** Jim Slattery (1st A), Michael and Margaret White, Bridie and Luke Clogher.
- ✦ **6pm:** William McGarry, Tom Tolan, Dolores O'Byrne, Robert McMahan, Alice Farrell (rem) and deceased members of the McMahan family, Kevin, Frances and Anne McDonough.
- ✦ **Sunday 9th Jan 9.30am:** Mandy O'Connor (1st A), Harry and Maureen O'Toole, Anne Mary Scott (BR), Daniel and Ellen Mooney, Bernie Dowling and deceased members of the Dowling family.
- ✦ **11am:** Joe Lalor (MM), Jack Leonard, Tony Lowry, Margaret and Vincent Murray (rem), Tony, Doris and Bill Lowry (rem), William and Bridget McKenna, Breda Foley (RD), Mary and Eileen McKenna (rem), Jimmy Hughes.
- ✦ **Monday 10th Jan 10am:** Mass Card Intentions
- ✦ **Tuesday 11th Jan 10am:** Benefactors of Skerries St. Joseph's Young Priests Society.
- ✦ **Wednesday 12th Jan 10am:** Marie and Paddy Hughes, Bernard and Michael Moles.
- ✦ **Thursday 13th:** No Mass.

- ✦ **Friday 14th Jan 10am:** Anne Conlan, John Conlan (RD).
- ✦ **Saturday 15th Jan 6pm:** Eileen Williams (1st A) and Ted Williams, Fran Carabini, Tommy Ryan, Harry Grimes and family, Rita and David O'Sullivan, Lisa and Philip Dunne, Michael Phelan, Sean O'Brien (10th A)
- ✦ **Sunday 16th Jan 9.30am:** Richard Shanley (1st A), David and Margaret Noonan.
- ✦ **11am:** Anna McMahan (MM), Theresa Quinn (1st A), John Flanagan, Tom, Belle and Michael McCourt, John Galvin, Carmel Nealon, Tommy Rooney.

Our Sympathy is extended to the families of Alan Wilde, Loughshinny, and Kate Dempsey, Dublin Rd., who died recently. May they Rest in Peace.

Feastdays

9th Jan – Baptism of Our Lord,
15th Jan – St Ita,

As our schools reopen, we send our very best wishes to all the teachers, pupils and staff for a happy and safe time.

Just a gentle reminder to remember your mask and to sanitise your hands on entering and leaving the church.

Skerries Historical Society is holding a Zoom talk on 'Spotlight on Skerries Motor Cycle Races of Earlier Days' presented by Aidan Herron and Alan Sparling on 11th January 2022 at 8.15pm. Those wishing to join the talk can contact oldskerries.ie.

Skerries Ladies Bowls



The regular Monday morning competition will resume on Monday 10th and continue for 14 weeks. All lady members are invited to participate. €2 per session. Sign in at 10.15 please. The ladies meeting will not take place until Monday 31st, when League plans for the season may be clearer.

30 Years Ago in our Parish

- During the year 1991, 114 baptisms had taken place.
- Couples intending to marry during 1991 were invited to a special Mass and cup of tea with Fr. Hayden.
- Legion of Mary, St. Joseph's Young Priests Society, Apostolic Society and Pioneers were all getting back to their usual meetings.
- St. Patrick's Sen School needed a secretary and caretaker and Réalt na Mara needed two caretakers and a secretary.
- The local Seal and Wildlife Sanctuary announced that "Nipper" would be released on Sat.18th, weather permitting.
- Holy Faith/de la Salle College was organising a Careers Workshop to cover a wide range of options.
- Auditions for "Home is the Hero" were being held by Marian Musical & Dramatic Society, to be staged in March.
- Geraldine Stout was giving a talk on "The Antiquities of North County Dublin" to members of Skerries Historical Society.

Recycle, recycle!



Remember those used postage stamps from the Christmas cards can be left in the box at the back of the Church - leave 1/4 inch trim. Proceeds from sale of these stamps go to the Guide Dogs Association.

Discarded Christmas trees can be left for recycling at the Barnageeragh Car Park, courtesy of Fingal County Council.

Aware - Support and Self Care Groups

If you, or those with whom you work, wish to connect with people in relation to your mental wellbeing, please consider using the Phone in and Zoom Support and Self Care Groups, the Support Line or Support Mail. 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

Skerries Harps GAA Club



Skerries Harps ladies are gearing up for the new football season. Anyone interested in getting involved or returning to play can contact Graham on 087 7719928. 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 think you can help in any way, please contact secretary.skerriesharps.dublin@gaa.ie
Zingo result 2 Jan: 3,6,4,2,5,7,1. Match 4 Dividend €200 won by Gerry Connolly. Next weeks Jackpot for Match 7 is €2,600. Draw on Sundays at 6.30 pm with in-house Spot-Prizes. Play online via link on club website, join via Bank Standing Order or buy entry envelope for €2 per line or 3 for a Fiver! See www.skerriesharps.ie

Christmas Tree collection service - trees will be collected on Sat 8th January. Proceeds go towards our Juvenile teams entry to Féile 2022. Thanks to all who supported this fundraiser.

We extend our deepest sympathies to Aine McGuinness and the Murphy family on the passing of Sister M deChantal (Anne) Murphy and Fr. Canice Murphy, O.P., over the Christmas period Ar dheis Dé go raidh a anamnacha dílis.

Acknowledgements

Walker (Bernie)

Many thanks to all those who sent Mass cards and offered condolences on the death of our beloved sister Bernie. Her Month's Mind Mass was offered recently for all your intentions. Thank you once again.

The Keeling family.