

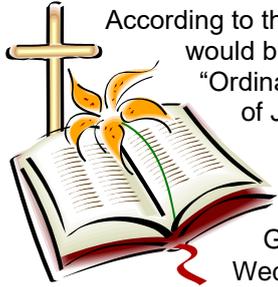


Skerries Parish Bulletin

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NEW BEGINNINGS



According to the Missal, we are now back in “Ordinary Time”. “Extraordinary” Advent and Christmas are gone. It would be a big mistake to confuse “ordinary” with “nothing new”, however. The wonderful thing about this “Ordinary Time” is that it marks something quite extraordinary. With the coming of God in the human form of Jesus at the Nativity, everything, in spiritual terms, is “new”.

All the Scripture passages today bear this out. Look at the sumptuous, magnificent language of Isaiah, the outpouring of the Psalm, the revolutionary ideas in St Paul, reaching a climax in the Gospel of St John. The human relationship with God is made quite new. The familiar story of the Wedding Feast at Cana stands for something profound. Judaism portrayed God as a just God, rewarding “good”, punishing “evil”. This first introduction to the God of Christianity portrays a different being altogether. Here, in Jesus, is a generous God, one who is at the centre of a celebration, a marriage. In other parts of Scripture, the intimacy of marriage is used to describe the relationship between God and Created Humanity – in other words, us. At the centre of marriage is love. At the heart of the relationship between God and Humanity is Love. God is Love. Love incorporates justice; Christianity incorporates Judaism. It’s all a progression, a new beginning, a new stage in evolution, which doesn’t just concern the David Attenborough brand, wondrous though it be. Evolution of the human species embraces the spiritual too. That’s not yet given quite the same attention as when we all eventually stood up straight – but it matters even more.

The Wedding Feast at Cana stands for life as an intimate celebration between God and Humanity. With all our human trials, tribulations and challenges, the generous, unquestioning, unending love of God sustains us. We in turn must sustain each other by love too. That’s how it works. The Missal is a good handbook.

Skerries Church Choir

MASS INTENTIONS

- ✦ **Sat 15th Jan 6pm:** Eileen Williams (1st A), Ted Williams, Fran Carabini, Tommy Ryan, Harry Grimes & family, Rita & David O’Sullivan, Lisa & Philip Dunne, Michael Phelan, Sean O’Brien (10th A)
- ✦ **Sunday 16th Jan 9.30am:** Maria Heyenga (1st A), Richard Shanley (1st A), David & Margaret Noonan, Frank, Mary & David O’ Leary, Eddie & John Dunne & family
- ✦ **Sunday 16th Jan 11am:** Anna McMahan (MM), Theresa Quinn (1st A), John Flanagan, Tom, Belle & Michael McCourt, John Galvin, Carmel Nealon, Tommy Rooney
- ✦ **Monday 17th Jan 10am:** Mass Card Intentions
- ✦ **Tuesday 18th 10am:** Noel McDonough (10th A), All who supported the family of Anna McMahan, Patrick & Mary O’Neill (A)
- ✦ **Wednesday 19th Jan 10am:** Rose Harrison, John & Richard Harrison
- ✦ **Thursday 20th Jan:** No Mass
- ✦ **Friday 21st Jan 10am:** Liam Matthews & deceased members of the Matthews family, Elizabeth Kenneally (A)
- ✦ **Saturday 22nd Jan 10am:** Philip (Phil) Duggan (MM)
- ✦ **Saturday 22nd Jan 6pm:** Hugh O’Boyle (1st A), John & Eithne Everard, Margaret Branagan, Brendan Branagan, Laurence & Sheila McNally

✦ **Sunday 23rd Jan 11am:** Denis McKeown, Angela Lynch.

OUR SYMPATHY

 To the family of Kate Dempsey, Dublin Road who died recently. May she Rest in Peace.

FEAST DAYS

- 15th January – St. Ita
- 17th January – St. Anthony
- 21st January - St. Agnes
- 22nd January – St. Vincent

SCOIL RÉALT NA MARA



Enrolment for Scoil Réalt na Mara Junior Infant classes 2022/2023 is currently taking place. Closing date for receipt of applications is **28th January 2022.**

Please see details on the school website www.realtnamara.ie or contact the school office on 01-8490049.

GUIDE DOGS ASSOCIATION - THANKS



Many thanks to everyone who has donated Used Postage Stamps - a great response.

The Guide Dogs Association are most grateful for the stamps. Stay safe everyone for 2022.

ST. PATRICK'S JNS

Enrolment for **St. Patrick's JNS** Junior Infant classes 2022/2023 is currently taking place. Closing date for receipt of applications is **January 28th 2022**. Please see details on the website www.stps.ie or contact the office on 01-8490836.

30 YEARS AGO IN THE PARISH

- The three local Christian churches were organising events for Church Unity week. Children from Holmpatrick Parish would be attending 11am Family Mass and a joint service was organised for Holmpatrick Church
- Holmpatrick Parish School was preparing to celebrate 100 years in operation. Photos, memories, details of historic events all welcome
- Skerries Tidy Towns was resuming fortnightly meetings and welcomed new volunteers and ideas
- Adult education classes in a very wide range of activities were being organised in the Sailing Club by SAGE
- The Marian Musical and Dramatic Society were staging its annual Panto, "The Snow Queen" from 1st Feb.

SKERRIES LADIES BOWLS



A very good turnout for the first morning of the Spring tournament. Not too late to come along next Monday, if you couldn't make last week. A more relaxed, non-competitive roll-up session will take place on Wednesday afternoons at 2 p.m. All ladies welcome.

RECYCLE ...RECYCLE

Fingal County Council will still accept Christmas trees at the Barnageeragh lay-by for another week. A free service...

Used postage stamps can go in the special box at the rear of the Church.

Used clothes and shoes **cannot** go in your green bin. Good items can be sent to a charity shop or local clothes bank. Otherwise use your black bin.

Old light bulbs can only be disposed of at a recycling centre, although some retailers will take them back. The same goes for batteries, although many retailers will accept them in a special box. By not sending them to landfill, you are preserving the environment from potential hazardous chemicals.

Do your bit! A little change by all will make a big change to our environment.

SKERRIES HARPS GAA CLUB



We hope to attract new players, team mentors, fundraisers etc or anyone who can lend a hand for an hour or two each week. If you think you can help in any way, please complete the Volunteer form on our website or contact the club Secretary by email: secretary.skerriesharps.dublin@gaa.ie

Annual Membership Fees are now due. Fees may be paid online - just click on the Members link on the Home page of our website www.skerriesharps.ie

Congrats to Killian McGinnis who made his debut with the Dublin Senior footballers last weekend. Also to club member Luke Whelan on his selection on the Under 19 World Cup cricket squad.

Zingo result 9 Jan. 7,6,1,2,3,5,4. No winners. Next weeks Jackpot is €2,700. Draw in club Bar on Sundays at 6.30pm with in-house draw for 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!

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:

SADIE GARRETT

Mary, Ann, Michael, Noel and Paula wish to thank most sincerely all those who sympathised with them on the sad loss of our dear mother Sadie, those who attended the funeral in person, online, sent cards and messages of condolence. Thanks to our neighbours and Sadie's many friends in particular those in the active retirement group, Skerries day centre & bowls club. Thanks to Dr. Seamus Mulholland and staff. Many thanks to Mam's carers Cathy, Margaret, Antonia & Sandra for their kindness. A big thank you to Antoinette who kept Mams spirits up by doing her hair.

Thanks to the wonderful staff from St. Francis Hospice & The Irish Cancer Society who helped us to take care of Mam in her own home. A special word of thanks to Sean & staff in Oakes Pharmacy, Fr Melvyn & Lannons funeral directors for all their support and help.

Please accept this acknowledgement as a token of our heartfelt gratitude.

ANNA MCMAHON

AnneMarie, Mary and Paul wish to thank most sincerely all who sympathised with them on the sad loss of their dear mother Anna, those who attended the funeral Mass, sent Mass cards and messages of condolence.

Sincere thanks to Rush Nursling Home for their kindness and care.

A special word of thanks to Fr.Melvyn and Karl Duff funeral directors for all their help and support. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered for all your intentions.