



Skerries Parish Bulletin

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4th – 11th December 2022

Second Sunday of Advent

Readings: Isaiah 1:1-10, Psalm 72, Romans 5: 4-9, Gospel Matthew 13: 1 -12 .

As the journey of Advent continues we prepare to celebrate the birth of Christ. Today's liturgy tells that a new king and a very different kingdom is at hand.

The Lord of today's gospel is the King whom Isaiah prophesied in today's first reading - 'a root from the stump of Jesse.' He will be the Messiah who will rule with justice, not only over Israel but to the ends of the earth. St Paul in the second reading asks that we glorify God together, that we welcome one another just as Christ has welcomed us. John the Baptist appears in the tradition of the great prophets of Israel preaching repentance and reform. John quotes the prophet Isaiah. They both tell us that repentance and reform are good news to those who seek the healing forgiveness of God's love.



John's preaching of the coming of the Lord is a key theme of the Advent season. As John's message prepared the way for Jesus in the first century we too are called to prepare ourselves for Jesus' coming. John asked for more than repentance, he also asked 'to bear fruit worthy of repentance.'

God of life abundant, may your advent call to life and love, hope and conversion touch us again and draw us closer to you.

Bible Study Group

MASS INTENTIONS

- ✦ **Sat 3rd 10am:** Irene Murphy
- ✦ **6pm:** Cyril McGloughlin, Laurence Daly, John Carr (RD), Barry & Claire Mason
- ✦ **Sun 4th 9.30am:** Bernard & Mary Ann Moles, Eileen & Maureen Murphy & deceased members of the Murphy family, Francis Ryan (BR), Vincent & Joan Woodlock (Rem)
- ✦ **11am:** Thomas Flanagan, Vincent & Joan Woodlock (Rem), Finian Murray (BR)
- ✦ **Mon 5th 10am:** Mass Card Intentions
- ✦ **Tues 6th 10am:** Noeleen Beggs-Taaffe (BR)
- ✦ **Wed 7th 10am:** Joseph Lalor (1st A), John & Mary Minogue, P.J. Minogue
- ✦ **Fri 9th 10am:** Deceased members of the Jenkinson family, Dick Fanning (BR), Martin Archbold, Lily McMahon
- ✦ **Sat 10th 10am:** Harry Gavin, Oliver Donnelly, Thanksgiving Mass
- ✦ **6pm:** Tony, Liam & Jos Shields, Anne Marjoram, Teresa Gaffney, Oliver Donnelly, Denis Duggan (Rem)
- ✦ **Sun 11th 9.30am:** Tom McDonald, Michael, Eileen, Brendan & Helen Redden, Patsy & Thomas Hand & family, William & Frances Tanner, Michael Duggan, Rosie & Gerry

Hoare, Emily Crowley & deceased members of the Nolan & Crowley families.

- ✦ **11am:** Marie Richardson (MM), Hilda Simpson (MM), Pat Hynes, Betty Graham, Con McMahon & the McMahon family, Colm Denis, Des, Tom & Nell O'Leary, Binnie Lannon

FEASTDAYS

- 7th December – St Ambrose
- 8th December – The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- 10th December – Our Lady of Loreto

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to the boys and girls of 2nd and 6th classes in our schools who have celebrated their Commitment Ceremony in preparation for receiving the sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation later this school year. These ceremonies took place during recent weekend Masses. We in the parish community support you and your families with our prayers on this journey.

SKERRIES SEA SHARPS

Christmas Concert takes place this evening 4th December in the Church at 7pm.

SKERRIES COMMUNITY CHOIR



After two years of absence the Choir is back in Holmpatrick Church on Thursday next 8th and Friday 9th with their seasonal

blend of Christmas music and poetry. Tickets available from Skerries Bookshop or at the door, €10.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL ANNUAL CHRISTMAS APPEAL – 10TH / 11TH DECEMBER

The response to last year's Christmas Appeal by the people of Skerries, was once again, remarkable. Your generosity is what sustains us from one year to the next. We basically could not function without your contributions. As we always say " *We do what we can because you give what you can.*" The Appeal this year takes place on the weekend of 10/11th December at all Masses.

Donations can be made on line to - IBAN IE19AIBK93224809851094 & BIC AIBKIE2D. Blue Envelopes will also be left in the Parish Office. Donations can also be given to any member of the Conference. Thank you.

FREE HOME ENERGY SAVING KIT

This kit allows you to identify common household issues such as lack of insulation, poor ventilation and appliances which drive up your electricity bills. The kit is easy to use and free to borrow with your Library ticket from Skerries Library.

30 YEARS AGO IN THE PARISH

- The united Choirs of the Parish were offering an evening of Christmas music in the Church
- The Ministers of the Eucharist were having a day of reflection
- St. Patrick's Sen School was looking for a new school secretary and librarian
- Skerries Historical Society was presenting a paper on Rev. Anthony Tanner, Minister of Holmpatrick, 1697-1741
- An evening of Barbershop music was being organised in Skerries Sailing Club
- As part of their 10th anniversary celebrations Skerries Community Centre was holding a free draw for all adults and students who use their facilities
- Skerries Harps had a vacancy for a Caretaker

CROSSCARE CHRISTMAS FOOD POVERTY APPEAL

This Christmas, Crosscare are asking for help for the Food Poverty Service, where Crosscare supports families who find it hard to provide nutritious food. Sadly, almost 800 families including 1,000 children, have needed help from the Service and demand is likely to increase in the coming months. Crosscare ensures they have a good supply of food while at the same time looking at all the issues that may have brought them into food poverty. If you can, please donate online at www.crosscare.ie or call 01 8360011 or send a cheque or postal order to Crosscare Christmas Appeal, 2 Saint Mary's Place North, Dublin D07 Y768. Envelopes will also be made available in all Parish Churches.

UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC CHAPLAINCY

Fr Vasyl Kornitsky is Chaplain to the Ukrainian community and curate in Donnycarney Parish. He can be contacted at 086 2359561 or at ugccie@gmail.com. Ukrainian Mass (Divine Liturgy of St John Chrysostom, Byzantine rite) is held every Sunday at 1pm in Our Lady of Consolation Church, Donnycarney.

SKERRIES HARPS GAA CLUB



Commiserations to Under 17 Footballers defeated in the Minor Championship Final after extra time. This completes a very busy playing season with over 860 games played in 2022 in the 4 codes at Adult and Juvenile level and 13 players achieving Inter-County honours (Adult/Under 20/Minor). We also saw the addition of the Skills Wall and Players Gym to our facilities. Juvenile Academy finished up this week with a visit from Santa. Club Shop open Thursday evenings – now taking Christmas orders. Tickets for Christmas Draw on sale on website and Clubzap app, in Club Shop and from Club reps. Lots of prizes (including Cash). All prizes sourced locally. Draw on Sunday 18 December. Christmas Tree Collection tags now on sale. Trees will be collected Sat 8 January. Buy your tag online – see website under Buy Online. Proceeds towards Feile 2023 teams. Zingo result for 27 Nov: 6, 4, 1, 2, 7, 5, 3. Dividend €250 won by Denise Emmett. Jackpot now €2,600 – a nice Christmas present. Draw held in Clubhouse on Sunday evening. For all club news follow our Facebook page or see www.skerriesharps.ie.

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