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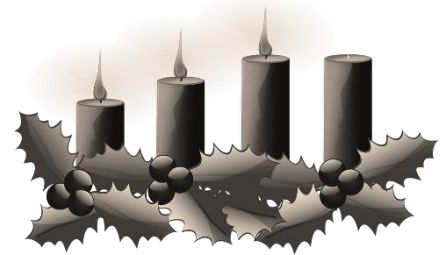
11th – 18th December 2022

Gaudate Sunday – The Gift of Joy

1st Reading: Isaiah: 35:1-6a,10. Psalm 145. 2nd Reading: Letter of St James 5: 7-10.

Gospel: Matthew 11:2-11.

God's Word is forever breathing new life into our lives and into our world. To-day let us listen/read that Word as if it were addressed to us personally. The Readings invite us to rejoice in the Lord always, to rejoice in our humanity and in creation, and to do so with courage, patience and faith. What is this joy that we are encouraged to experience? It is an inner joy, a sense of being at peace with whatever situation in which we find ourselves, be it sad or happy, knowing that God is with us.



As we say the Advent prayer Come Lord Jesus, let us imagine the Breath of God filling us with the gift of joy, warming our hearts with love for ourselves, for others and for the whole of creation.

May we be surprised by joy this week!

Holy Faith Sisters

MASS INTENTIONS

- ✦ **Sat 10th 10am:** James (Jim) Grimes 1st A, Harry Gavin, Oliver Donnelly, Thanksgiving Mass, Mathias & Catherine (Katie) Grimes (rem), Esther, Bartle, John & Christy Grimes (rem), Noel Tallon & Marina Grimes née Cronin (rem)
- ✦ **6pm:** Áine Keogh (MM), Tony, Liam & Jos Shields, Anne Marjoram, Teresa Gaffney, Oliver Donnelly, Denis Duggan (rem), Johnny Brady, Molly & John Byrne
- ✦ **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 Nolan & Crowley families
- ✦ **11am:** Marie Richardson (MM), Hilda Simpson (MM), Binnie Lannon, Pat Hynes, Betty Graham, Con McMahon & the McMahon family, Colm Denis, Des, Tom & Nell O'Leary
- ✦ **Mon 12th 10am:** Mass Card Intentions
- ✦ **Tues 13th 10am:** Charles Clarke & family, Margaret Horan
- ✦ **Wed 14th 10am:** Terry Murphy, John & Maureen Martin, Fr Jim Martin, Ronnie O'Loughlin
- ✦ **Fri 16th 10am:** Margaret McAuley, Rena McGrath, Vera Leonard, Joseph Branagan,

Katherine & Patrick Flaherty, Patrick & Martha Ruddy

- ✦ **Sat 17th 10am:** Dolores Doorty, Sean & Moira Kelly & deceased members of the Kelly family, Margaret Horan, Bert & Hughie Horan (rem)
- ✦ **6pm:** Maura Hughes, Bernie Morris, Dessie & Maureen Delemere, Paul Holland, Maurice Mullins, Bernie O'Connor, Katie & James McGirl, George & May Tolan
- ✦ **Sun 18th 9.30am:** Phil Duggan (1st A). Liz (Elizabeth) Rice, Bernie Rice Byrne, Fanchea Rice, Esther Carmel McDonagh, Basil, Frances & Anne Emmerson, Charles O'Loughlin, Annie & Patrick Leonard
- ✦ **11am:** William Flanagan, Swanee Martin, Mary Carabini, Catherine Harper, Maureen Hayes, Richard & Una Murtagh, Mary Rochford, Margaret McNally

OUR SYMPATHY

To the family of Patricia (Pat) Cashen who died recently. May she Rest in Peace.

DISTRIBUTION OF CHRISTMAS SERVICES TIMETABLE

Envelopes are available for collection in the Parish Office this weekend after all Masses. We would be most grateful for your help with the distribution by taking envelopes for your road or surrounding area. Many thanks for your help

WE WELCOME

Rose Willow Dunphy, Luke David Casey, Edward James Garrett and Isla Rose Dowling who were recently baptised into our parish family.



ST VINCENT DE PAUL ANNUAL CHRISTMAS APPEAL

Just a reminder that our annual appeal takes place this weekend 10th and 11th December. Thank you for your continued generosity.

HALLELUJAH CHRISTMAS' CONCERT IN THE CHURCH

On *Thursday 15th December at 7 pm* Kenneth O'Regan (Skerries) & Barbara Gilroy will present 'Hallelujah Christmas' – a Christmas concert for all the family. Doors open 6.30 pm - tickets available in the Parish office and online from Eventbrite.

LIVING WATER PRAYER GROUP

will meet on Wednesday 14th December at 8pm in No 42 Strand Street - directly across the road from front door of St Patrick's Church.

All are welcome.

SKERRIES COMMUNITY CHOIR

Many thanks to all who attended the two nights of their Christmas concert in Holmpatrick Church last week - proceeds to the Church restoration fund. Wishing you all a Happy Christmas !

ACTIVE RETIREMENT CLUB

There will be no club on Monday as many of our members are away. Tea Dance Hills Cricket club 3.30pm on Sunday; Christmas Party at Skerries Golf Club Friday 16th December at 5pm for dinner, dance and raffle.

OCEAN BOOK CLUB

has taken their Christmas break and wishes all the members a very Happy Christmas, with lots of interesting reading.



SKERRIES HISTORICAL SOCIETY

are having their Christmas Miscellany of Wine, Mince Pies and Crack in the Bowling Club on Tuesday, 13 December at 8.15pm. All are welcome.

SKERRIES HARPS GAA CLUB

All good things come to an end – and so it is with Lyndsey Davey's Dublin football career.

What a player Lyndsey Davey was for Dublin over the years! She won 5 All Ireland SFC, 13 Leinster SFC, 5 All Stars, 4 NFL Titles and will go down as one of Dublin's greatest ever players. Thanks for the memories Lyndsey and we hope you continue your good work with Skerries Harps ladies teams.

Check our Facebook page re Club Shop opening times for those last minute stocking fillers. Christmas Draw tickets on sale on website and Clubzap app, in Club Shop and from Club reps. Lots of prizes (including Cash). Draw on Sunday 18 December. Christmas Tree Collection tags now on sale. Trees will be collected Sat 8 January. Buy your tag online. Zingo result for 4 Dec: 4, 7, 2, 5, 6, 1, 3. No winners. Jackpot now €2,700 – a nice Christmas present! For all club news follow our Facebook page or see www.skerriesharps.ie

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Marie Richardson - Lorraine, Stephen, Alan, Tracy and families were overwhelmed by the level of support they received on the loss of their Mam and Grandma. They would like to express their sincere gratitude to everyone who visited Marie's house, Mass and burial, sent Mass cards and online condolences. They are truly grateful to everyone. We would especially like to thank Fr. Melvyn for his guidance and beautiful Mass and who also visited Mammy in her home to give her the sacrament of the sick and holy communion; the organist and singer who sang so beautifully at the Mass; Doctor Seamus Mulholland who cared for Mammy during her many spells of illness; all of Mam's carers from Comfort Keepers who looked after her for the past couple of years with such dignity and kindness; the Nurses and Doctors in the Mater Private and Beaumont hospital during her many stays; the Community Nurses, the Occupational Therapists and physiotherapists who cared for Mammy in her home; the staff in All Care pharmacy; Antoinette Attley who looked after Mam's hair for many years and continued doing so in her home; Marie Sheerin and Edel O'Connor who brought holy communion to Mam. We would like to thank Joey Lannon and his team in Lannon's Funeral Directors for their guidance and professionalism throughout. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered for the intentions of everyone.

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