



Skerries Parish Bulletin

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4th Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 7:10-14, Psalm 23:1-6, St Paul to Romans 1:1-7, Gospel Matthew 1:18-25.

In today's Liturgy we have examples of the coming of Jesus. In the 1st Reading Isaiah tells us about the sign, "the maiden is with child and will soon give birth to a son whom she will call Immanuel, a name which means "God-is-with-us"

Let the Lord enter! He is the King of Glory

St Paul in the 2nd Reading speaks of the Good News. The Son of God was a descendant of David. Jesus, was proclaimed Son of God in all his power through his resurrection from the dead. Through him we receive grace to further our faith in all we do and say.

As we approach Christmas, in the midst of all the rushing and preparations let us just stop and take a moment and reflect. If we truly believe in the birth of Jesus then we are assured that God is with us, in times of sorrow as well as our joy. Count our blessings and give thanks for all that life has given us.

Church Readers

Christmas Mass Arrangements

Saturday 24th December – Christmas Eve: Vigil Mass for Christmas Day at 6.00pm and 8.00pm.

Sunday 25th December – Christmas Day: Mass at 9.30am and 11.00 am.

Monday 26th – St Stephen's Day, Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph: Mass at 11.00am.

Join us for our Christmas celebrations either in person or via webcam and parish radio.

Reconciliation Service in Skerries: Monday 19th December 7.30pm.

Our Sympathy is extended to the families of Vera



Morris, Strand St., Elizabeth (Betty) Moles, Mourne View, and Noel Bowler, Foxgrove, who died recently. May they Rest in Peace.

Mass Intentions

- ✦ **Sat 17th 10.00am:** Mary Smyth (MM), Dolores Doorty, Sean and Moira Kelly and deceased members of the Kelly family, Margaret Horan, Bert and Hughie Horan (rem).
Acknowledgement Mass for Pauline Treleaven.
- ✦ **6.00pm:** Maura Hughes, Bernie Morris, Dessie and Maureen Delemere, Paul Holland, Maurice Mullins, Bernie O'Connor, Katie and James McGirl, George and May Tolan, Dick O'Connell.
- ✦ **Sun 18th 9.30am:** Phil Duggan (1st A). Liz (Elizabeth) Rice, Bernie Rice Byrne, Fanchea Rice, Esther Carmel McDonagh, Basil, Frances and Paul Emmerson, Charles O'Loughlin, Annie and Patrick Leonard.
- ✦ **11.00am:** William Flanagan, Swanee Martin, Mary Carabini, Catherine Harper, Maureen Hayes, Richard and Una Murtagh, Mary Rochford, Margaret McNally.

- ✦ **Monday 19th 10.00am:** Mass Card Intentions.
- ✦ **Tuesday 20th 10.00am:** Desmond McGirl, Jean Treleaven, Thomas and Anna Jones, Geraldine and Frank Cullinane (rem), James and Margaret Keelan.
- ✦ **Wednesday 21st 10.00am:** Margaret, Thomas and Joseph Flaherty, Joan Smyth (BR), Bernadette Mooney, Sean Horan, Special Intention, Deceased members of the O'Halloran family, John Cahalane.
- ✦ **Friday 23rd 10.00am:** Mona and Padraig Potter, Walter and Kitty Howlett and family, Paddy, May, James and Edie McMahan, Billy Ryan, Terry Tolan, Paddy, Máire and John Hughes (rem), Tomas and Pauline Lucas, Mary McCormack.
- ✦ **Saturday 24th 10.00am:** Anna McMahan (1st A), Cora and Mick Cannon, Esther Kelly, Harry, Henry and Florence Gavin (rem), Dennis Heraghty, Mary Burke (rem), Charles, Eva and Caitriona McGinty (rem) and the McGinty family, John Power (rem).
- ✦ **6.00pm:** Christmas Mass Card Intentions.
- ✦ **8.00pm:** Christmas Mass Card Intentions.
- ✦ **Sunday 25th 9.30am:** Christmas Mass Card Intentions.
- ✦ **11.00am:** Christmas Mass Card Intentions.

Feastdays

20th Dec – St Fachanan,
25th Dec – Christmas Day.

The Heritage Singers, Balrothery are hosting their Christmas Concert in the Heritage Centre on Sunday December 18th at 8pm sharp. Entrance is €8 cash at the door. Light refreshments served afterwards.

Candles of Friendship for Ukraine



On Christmas Eve **Skerries Town Twinning** will light a special candle to shine a light of friendship across Europe for the people of Ukraine and all people

in areas of conflict. Identical candles will be lit in Canton de Guichen (France), Srem (Poland) and Lviv (Ukraine). This Skerries initiative is inspired by the old Irish tradition of lighting a candle on Christmas Eve and is being adopted by other twinning groups across Europe from Scandanavia to Iberia. Skerries Town Twinning invites the people of Skerries to support this initiative by lighting their own candle on Christmas Eve.

30 Years Ago in the Parish

- Welcome to Vincent Leonard, Kevin Lumsden, Kyle Murray and Roisin Traynor who were baptised recently
- Skerries Community Centre was staging a Photographic Exhibition of their 10 years activities
- Marian Musical & Dramatic Society was gearing up for their February production of The Mikado and needed a Stage Manager and help with stage construction
- Skerries Town Twinning was interested in contacting young Skerries athletes/sports enthusiasts (12-16 years) for a trip to the Canton of Guichen in early July
- Skerries 65 Club thanked all those who had helped to make their Christmas party such a success
- Skerries Athletic Club welcomed home Eva Flood and Ken O'Shea, club members on scholarship in the United States

Thank you: Christmas lights 2022



Many thanks to the community and businesses who have donated to our Christmas lights appeal this year. We wish to acknowledge and thank Fingal County Council for the tree at Floraville

and their generous donation. A special mention and huge thanks and appreciation goes to Dwyer Electrical, Mick, Alan and Louis and their fabulous crew who went above and beyond to get the installation just right and perfect. A special mention also goes to Brian Templeton and Alumina Lighting for all his expertise in working out the logistics of what was required to light every tree to perfection.

We hope we have fulfilled our promise to bring Skerries back to its festive glory and could not have done it without the help of each and every person who made a donation, big or small.

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Go raibh míle maith agat.

Skerries Chamber of Commerce Committee

Used Postage Stamps



Irish Guide Dogs
for the blind

A reminder that used postage stamps can be left into Skerries Temporary Library, Church Street. Please leave a trim of 1/4 inch all around the stamp. The Guide Dogs Association is most grateful for them.

Skerries Harps GAA Club



At our AGM on 1st December, the principal officers elected were: Chairman Martin Kenny, Secretary Ger Dillon, Treasurer Eileen McGinnis and PRO Joanne Kenny.

Membership fees for 2023 are due following the AGM and we hope to welcome back all with new members especially welcome.

We had 4 players nominated for the Dublin Senior football development squads last week but unfortunately the games fell foul of the weather. Congrats boys!

See Facebook page re Club Shop opening times for those last minute stocking fillers and vouchers.

On St Stephen's Day from 11am we run our annual Charity football and hurling/camogie blitz with all proceeds going to St Vincent de Paul Society.

Christmas Draw tickets 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 at 7 pm.

Christmas Tree Collection tags now on sale. Trees will be collected Sat 8 January. Buy your tag online – see website under Buy Online, or from tree supplier. Proceeds towards Feile 2023 teams.

Zingo result for 11 Dec: 5, 4, 1, 2, 7, 3, 6. No winners. Jackpot now €2,800 – a nice Christmas present. Join Online or by weekly envelope. Draw held in Clubhouse on Sunday evening. For all club news follow our Facebook page or see www.skerriesharps.ie

Acknowledgements

The family of the late Pauline Treleaven (Cronin) would like to extend their heartfelt thanks to all the relatives, friends and neighbours who supported and sympathised with them during the recent sad loss of Pauline; a loving wife, mother, nana and friend. A special thank you to the paramedics and staff of Altnagelvin Hospital for their care and support, Fr. Melvyn for his help and kind words, Lannon's Funeral Home and the staff of Joe Mays and Nealons for their kind consideration.

Broken hearts can never be mended but the care and affection shown by so many people will never be forgotten, just as Pauline will never be forgotten.

A special Mass was offered on Saturday 17th at 10.00am in thanks to all those who helped carry the family through such difficult times.