



# Skerries Parish Bulletin

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## Our Christmas Feast – God-is-with-us

*'The Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory... From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace.'*



This is the Gospel for Christmas morning. It invites us to move from reflecting upon the baby in the manger to reflecting on the depth of the mystery of Christmas: Jesus Christ in his birth, life, death, and resurrection. The eternal Word of God becomes flesh like us, fully human. He reveals to us the true nature of God that 'God is love.' We may ask ourselves the question 'Why'? As Christians we are called to reflect in as full a way as we can the special relationship God has with us. Built on this, we are also asked to reflect the relationship that we have with God even to a life beyond our present one.

The child in the manger brings his light to shine on us and all the parts of our lives that may be in shadow or shaded for some reason or other. We reflect that same light to others most especially at this time of year. God has come among us – our Emmanuel – God-with-us - now and always.

*Blessings of Christmas peace and joy on one and all.*

*Fr. Melvyn*

**Monday 26<sup>th</sup> December – St Stephen's Day,** Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph: **Mass at 11.00am.**

**Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> to Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> December:** Morning Mass at 11.00am.

### Mass Intentions

- ✦ **Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> 10.00am:** Anna McMahon (1<sup>st</sup> 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 25<sup>th</sup> 9.30am:** Christmas Mass Card Intentions.
- ✦ **11.00am:** Christmas Mass Card Intentions.
- ✦ **Monday 26<sup>th</sup> 11.00am:** Cora and Mick Cannon, John and Joan Mulvihill, Stephen and Kathleen Appley, Brian and Robert Beggs, Rose, Pat and Finian Murray (rem), Una and Richard Murtagh, Maisie Grimes, Kieran Martin (RD).
- ✦ **Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> 11.00am:** Richard and May Branagan, Maurice Mullins, Mary McGirl, Francis and Lily Corr (rem). Frank and Seamus Corr (rem), James Smith (rem), Tom Ferguson.

- ✦ **Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> 11.00am:** Richard Fanning and family, Eileen and Larry Cummins, Ivan Heenev, The Sarsfield family (rem), The Healy family, Ballyhavil (rem), The Derham family, Milverton (rem), Tony Begley (RD), Freddie Keogh (rem), Rose Sheridan (BR).
- ✦ **Friday 30<sup>th</sup> 11.00am:** Leo and Rosaleen Doolin (rem), Ann Murray, Margaret Morgan (nee McDowell), The Davis Family (rem), The Donnelly family (rem), Alf Coleman, Patrick Harford.
- ✦ **Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> 11.00am:** Margaret Browne, Charles Donnelly, John Nealon, Ken Drumm Snr. (rem), Ken Drumm Jnr. (rem).
- ✦ **6.00pm:** Alan Wilde (1<sup>st</sup> A), Bill and Rita McMahon.
- ✦ **Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> January 9.30am:** Evelyn Marshall, Eddie and Marge Moran, Peadar Clerkin (rem), Theresa McMahon (rem), Sasha Szercek (rem).
- ✦ **11.00am:** Kay and John Mulhere, Sonny Rogan, Anne McEvoy, Mollie Smith, Arthur Farrell.

**Our Sympathy** is extended to the families and friends of Margaret Ryan, Holmpatrick, and Oonagh Beglan, Kelly's Bay, who died recently. May they Rest in Peace.

## Feast Days

26<sup>th</sup> Dec: Holy Family & St. Stephen, 27<sup>th</sup> Dec: St John, Apostle, 28<sup>th</sup> Dec: The Holy Innocents.

## Used Postage Stamps



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 Town Twinning



thanks all who participated in our Candles of Friendship for Ukraine initiative. Specially commissioned candles from Skerries were lit in the Canton de Guichen (France), Srem (Poland) and Lviv (Ukraine). Candles were also lit in numerous twinned communities stretching from Scandanavia to Iberia. The candles were lit in a gesture of solidarity and friendship with the people of Ukraine and all people in areas of conflict.

*We wish all our members and friends a very Happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year.*

## 30 Years Ago in the Parish

- Canon Shanahan, Fr. Littleton and Fr. Hayden wished all parishioners a happy and peaceful Christmas and New Year.
- A Parish Calendar had been distributed to all households, along with envelope for Christmas dues.
- Skerries Community Centre was staging a fun Badminton Tournament on 30<sup>th</sup> December to help banish the post-Christmas cobwebs.
- Parishioners were reminded to save used postage stamps - to be dropped into the Library.

**Skerries Men's Shed** wishes all our members and friends a very Happy Christmas and New Year. The shed is located behind Skerries Mills. Anybody interested in getting involved should pop into the shed on Tuesdays from 10.30am to 12.00noon or contact Brendan at 087 6181244. We are also on Facebook.

**Skerries Community Association** together with all its voluntary committees wishes the people of Skerries a very Happy Christmas and New Year.



**A very Happy Christmas from the Bulletin team to all our readers.**

## 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 agaibh.*  
Skerries Chamber of Commerce Committee

## Skerries Harps GAA Club



Our All Stars special kids had a wonderful time last weekend in the Clubhouse, with lots of music, fun and pizza! And a visit from Santa. Thanks to all who make this programme so successful and to all who contributed to a truly amazing night. On St Stephen's Day we run our annual Charity blitz – weather permitting. All proceeds to the St Vincent de Paul Society. Lots of Craic and Good Cheer from 11.00am.

Friday 30<sup>th</sup> we hold our Charity Christmas Golf outing at Skerries GC – again all proceeds go to the local branch of St Vincent de Paul Society. Details re Tee times etc. from Paul Murray. Thanks to all who supported our Christmas Draw – our teams who supplied the prizes, all sourced locally and the many Skerries businesses who chipped in with that bit extra. First prize won by Christopher Hayes, second prize by Anita Collins and third by Niall Brunnock - see list on website. Christmas Tree Collection tags are still available. Trees will be collected on the 8 January and recycled in an environmentally friendly way – see website under Buy Online, or from tree supplier. Proceeds towards Feile 2023 teams.

Zingo result for 18 Dec: 3, 4, 5, 7, 1, 6, 2. Jackpot €2,800 won by Colette McMahon – Congrats. Next draw will be held in Clubhouse on Monday 26 Dec. See [www.skerriesharps.ie](http://www.skerriesharps.ie)  
*We wish all Club members, supporters and sponsors a very Happy Christmas.*