



Skerries Parish Bulletin

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A NEW YEAR

This Sunday just happens to be New Year's Day so "Happy New Year"!

The hymns we sing at Mass on Sundays and Feast Days reflect the theme of the Readings. Hymns distil the message into clear, short ideas, set to music, allowing us to sing, listen and think all at the same time! When we sing, we pray twice, we've been told. Prayer was surely never simpler.

The opening hymn this morning, "Christ be our Light", is relatively modern, composed in 1993 by Bernadette Farrell. The tune is simple, the words heartfelt. As we take our first breaths and steps into a new year, let us reflect on the first phrase of the refrain and make it our own profound prayer for this year. The second verse seems particularly relevant to the uncertainty of life in 2023. Perhaps you might join in – even quietly!

"Longing for light, we wait in darkness, longing for truth, we turn to you;
Make us your own, your holy people, Light for the world to see.

Christ be our Light, shine in our hearts, shine in the darkness;
Christ be our light, shine on your Church gathered today.

Longing for peace, our world is troubled, longing for hope, many despair;
Your word alone has power to save us, make us your living voice".

Skerries Church Choir

MASS INTENTIONS

- ✦ **Sat 31st 11am:** Margaret Browne, Charles Donnelly, John Nealon, Ken Drumm Snr. (rem), Ken Drumm Jnr. (rem)
- ✦ **Sat 31st 6pm:** Bill & Rita McMahon, Alan Wilde (1st A)
- ✦ **Sun 1st 9.30 am:** Evelyn Marshall, Eddie & Marge Moran, Peadar Clerkin (rem), Theresa McMahon (rem), Sasha Szercek (rem)
- ✦ **Sun 1st 11am:** Kay & John Mulhere, Sonny Rogan, Anne McEvoy, Mollie Smith, Arthur Farrell
- ✦ **Mon 2nd 11am:** Mass Card Intentions
- ✦ **Tues 3rd 10am:** James Larkin
- ✦ **Wed 4th 10am:** Nicholas Harford, Edmund Mohr
- ✦ **Fri 6th 10am:** Deceased members of the McGowan family, William Nugent
- ✦ **Sat 7th 10am:** Ann Murphy, Margaret & Michael White, Teresa (Tess) Goggin, Bridie & Luke Clogher
- ✦ **Sat 7th 6pm:** Kevin Woodcock, Billy & Milly McElwee, William McGarry, Lily, William & Christy Grimes (rem)
- ✦ **Sun 8th 9.30am:** Pearse Thornton, Jim Slattery
- ✦ **Sun 8th 11am:** Nancy Walls, Nicholas Harford, Declan Byrne.

OUR SYMPATHY



To the family of Kit Reid, Sherlock Park who died recently. May he Rest in Peace.

SCHOOLS REOPEN 2023

Our primary schools will reopen after their Christmas break on **Thursday 5th January 2023**. We wish all our pupils and staff every blessing as they begin a new year together.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Friday 6th January – Feast of the Epiphany & a Holyday of Obligation Mass at 10am only. Friday is also the 1st Friday of the month and at 10am Mass we will also remember those whose names are on the Altar List of the Dead. The Padre Pio Mass will be celebrated on Fri 6th Jan at 7.30pm. Mass on 2nd Jan is at 11am.

FEASTDAYS

1st Jan – Mary, The Holy Mother of God
5th Jan - St. Charles of St. Andrew of Mount Argus.

FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Sunday 8th January – Feast of The Baptism of The Lord.

CHRISTMAS DUES

Envelopes are available throughout the church. Please return them at your convenience.

HAPPY NEW YEAR

As we come to the end of yet another year (our 43rd) the Bulletin team would like to say "Thank You" to a number of people. Firstly, thank you to Fr. Melvyn, Claireanne and Eithne in the office who keep us abreast with Parish news. Another invaluable group of parishioners are those who provide us with our weekly commentary on the readings - the Church Choir, the Scripture Group, Church Readers, the Holy Faith Sisters and of course, Fr. Melvyn himself. We also thank those groups, clubs and organisations in the Parish who still send us their weekly news - keep those emails coming! On behalf of the Bulletin team of editors, Annette, Geraldine, Kathleen, Mary and Nora, we wish each and every reader a very Happy and Healthy New Year.

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). The Lviv candle was lit by local school children. Photographs of the events and a video of the school children can be viewed on our Facebook page (Skerries Town Twinning Association). Candles were also lit in numerous twinned communities stretching from Scandinavia to Iberia. The candles were lit in a gesture of solidarity and friendship with the people of Ukraine and all those in areas of conflict.

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

OCEAN BOOK CLUB

Happy New Year from our readers' group. We will resume our twice monthly meetings on Monday 16th in the Coast at 7.30pm. Why not come and join us? We read a wide range of fiction and non-fiction and have very interesting discussions on the latest reads.

SKERRIES LADIES BOWLS

Happy New Year to all our lady members, past and present. We had a great fun morning just before Christmas - all dressed in our Santa gear followed by seasonal drinks and party food. Many thanks to those who organised this event. A New Year's resolution... why not take up bowling? - A fun way to stay fit and meet new friends. Ladies morning is Mondays at 10.30.

30 YEARS AGO IN THE PARISH

- A heritage survey of Skerries/Lusk/Balbriggan traditional buildings was being undertaken by a group of FAS young people under the guidance of Dublin Heritage Group
- Skerries Town Twinning announced a proposed trip for young sportspeople (12-16 years) for the coming July. It was also planned to welcome a group of 45-50 people from the Canton of Guichen at the end of April
- Marian Musical and Dramatic Society was organising a "Mega Table Quiz" for Jan 6th. Auditions for their next play "Big Maggie" to be held on 4th January.

SKERRIES HARPS GAA CLUB



Well done to Killian McGinnis & Ciaran Murphy who played with Dublin North v Dublin South and to Greg McEneaney and Adam Fearon on the Dublin Development Squad vs Dublin West.

We had over 150 play on St. Stephens Day in the Football & Hurling/Camogie Charity games in aid of SVP for the Michael Scott Cup. An early start didn't deter players & supporters alike and we had a hugely successful mornings entertainment provided by a diverse mix of experienced & younger players! The soup and sambos in the bar after were enjoyed and much appreciated. Thanks to the organising committee, players, supporters, Eimear & Sinead in the club shop and the bar staff for ensuring another enjoyable event. Thanks to all who so generously donated to this important charity event - monies raised will directly help local families.

Christmas Tree Collection tags are still available. Trees collected on Saturday 7th January and recycled in an environmentally friendly way. Buy your tag online – see website under Buy Online, or in Clubhouse. Thanks to the Tree suppliers who facilitate. Proceeds towards Féile 2023 teams.

Zingo result for 26 Dec: 7, 6, 3, 1, 5, 2, 4.
Jackpot now €1,100 Next draw held in Clubhouse on New Years day.

On behalf of Skerries Harps, the Executive Committee wish all Club members, supporters and sponsors a very Happy New Year and lots of success to all Skerries sports clubs in 2023.