



Skerries Parish Bulletin

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Baptism of the Lord

First Reading: Isaiah 42: 1 - 4.

'Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon Him.'

Psalm: 29: 'May the Lord give strength to His people! May the Lord bless His people with peace'

Second Reading: Acts 19:34-38.

'God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power'

Gospel: Matthew 3:13-17.

'This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased'

The first reading from Isaiah tells of the qualities of justice and compassion that God's chosen one will bring to the earth. He will come as a servant leader endowed with the spirit of God. In The Acts of the Apostles Peter teaches the early church that the Good News proclaimed by Jesus is not just for the chosen few but also for all people who love God. The Psalm proclaims the glory of God in creation and tells us the Lord will bless His people with peace.

The Gospel tells how Jesus is baptised by John in the Jordan River. With humility, Jesus shows us the path to truth by entering into the waters of baptism. The Holy Spirit descends on Jesus as God proclaims that Jesus is His beloved Son. There is a dynamic relationship of eternal creation and self-giving love.

As Christians baptised in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit we are called to follow Jesus as we pray. Let us joyfully remember our baptismal promises so that we may follow Jesus.

God, creator of everything and everyone, lover of all humanity, without partiality or distinction, help us to live according to the good news of Jesus.

Scripture Group

MASS INTENTIONS

- ✦ **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), Dolores O'Byrne, Bertie Martin, Matt Gaffney (rem)
- ✦ **Sun 8th 9.30am:** Pearse Thornton, Jim Slattery, Tommy Costello, Special Intention
- ✦ **Sun 8th 11am:** Nancy Walls, Nicholas Harford & the Harford family, Declan O'Byrne
- ✦ **Mon 9th 10am:** Mass Card intentions
- ✦ **Tues 10th 10am:** Mandy O'Connor
- ✦ **Wed 11th 10am:** Elizabeth Moles (MM), Michael & Bernard Moles, Belle, Tom & Michael McCourt
- ✦ **Fri 13th 10am:** Eileen Connolly (10th A)
- ✦ **Sat 14th 10am:** Anne Conlan
- ✦ **Sat 14th 6pm:** Tommy Ryan, Richard Shanley, John Galvin, Eileen & Ted Williams, Tom Tolan, Brennan family (rem)
- ✦ **Sun 15th 9.30am:** David & Margaret Noonan (rem), James & Margaret Clerkin (rem), Sean O'Brien

- ✦ **Sun 15th 11am:** Mary Leonard (1st A), Jack Leonard, Rosemary Daly, Sean McDermott, Annie Power, Carmel Nealon.

BRIDGE MASS

The children preparing to receive their 1st Holy Communion this year will celebrate their next Bridge Mass next **Sunday 15th January at 11am.**

1ST CONFIRMATION RITUAL

The children preparing to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation this year are reminded to attend the **1st Ritual on Wednesday night 18th January at 7.30pm.** All children who wish to celebrate the sacrament of Confirmation are required to attend and parents/guardians are also invited.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity will be observed from the **18th- 25th January 2023.** Its inauguration in Dublin will take place at an Interdenominational Service in Christ Church Cathedral on **Wednesday 18th January at 8pm.** The Very Reverend Paul Canon O'Driscoll PP, Parish of the Travelling People will preach the sermon. The theme this year is "Be-Longing: Praying for Unity amidst injustice".

FEASTDAYS

8th January – Baptism of the Lord.

PARISH SECRETARY/VACANCY

There is currently a vacancy for a Parish Secretary at St. Monica's Church, Edenmore, and St Benedict's Parish, Grange Park.

Visit <https://dublindiocese.ie/vacancies/> for more information.

The closing date is **January 17th**.

BACK TO SCHOOL

Good luck to all students in our Parish who made their way back to school last Thursday. Hope they have a healthy term and have lots of fun at the same time!

WEEKLY EZINE

Sharing the Good News is the newsletter of the Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference. If you would like to receive this weekly ezine, you can do so at <https://catholicnews.ie/newsletter/>. You are encouraged to invite others to do so too. Send articles and photographs for use in *Sharing the Good News* to info@catholicbishops.ie.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

The Irish Hospice Foundation provides a free Bereavement Support Line. This National Free Phone Service is available from **10am to 1pm, Monday to Friday**, by calling **1800 807077**.

Visit www.hospicefoundation.ie for more information.

AWARE SUPPORT & SELF CARE GROUPS

If you or those with whom you work wish to connect with people in relation to your mental well-being, consider using Aware's phone-in and Zoom support and self-care groups, support line or support mail. For more information, visit www.aware.ie.

ACTIVE RETIREMENT CLUB

Happy New Year to all. Please note: Tea Dance at The Hills Cricket Club this weekend **Sun 8th Jan at 3.30pm**. Refreshments served.

SKERRIES COMMUNITY CHOIR

♪♪ The Choir will resume for their Spring season on **Thursday next 12th January** in Skerries Rugby Club. Why not come along... they say singing is good for the mind and soul!

SKERRIES HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Skerries Historical Society will present extracts from the Billy Bloodsmith papers on **Tuesday, 10 January 2023** in The Bowling Club at **8.15 pm**. All are welcome.

SKERRIES MEN'S SHED

Wishes all our members and friends a Happy New Year. The shed is located behind Skerries Mills. Anybody interested in getting involved is welcome to visit the shed on **Tuesdays from 10.30am to 12.00noon** or contact Brendan at 087 6181244. We are also on Facebook.

SKERRIES LADIES BOWLING CLUB

If you've made a resolution to be more active in the New Year, why not come along and try bowls - a fun way to stay fit and make friends. Ladies morning is **Mondays at 10.30am** at the Clubhouse green, beside SuperValu Car Park.

SKERRIES HARPS GAA CLUB

Congratulations to Cillian Emmett on his selection on the Dublin Minor Football Panel for 2023.... a fantastic achievement for Cillian who has worked hard to regain fitness after injury in 2021.

Skerries Harps Annual Charity Golf outing took place in Skerries GC on Fri 30th Dec. Thanks to the 62 players who turned out for the event in aid of SVP. Congratulations to Derek Trumper, winning with a score of 29 pts. Following the presentation of prizes Paul Murray presented Cait O Donoghue from the local St. Vincent De Paul branch with a cheque for **€3,800**, the proceeds from both the Golf outing and the hugely successful and well supported Charity Football, Hurling & Camogie blitz held at the club on St. Stephen's Day. Thanks to all our members & supporters for their continued support of our charity events, a vital part of our community engagement.

Thanks also to all who supported our Christmas Tree Collection, post Christmas. All proceeds raised go to supporting our boys and girls Féile teams for 2023.

A reminder that Membership Fees are due for 2023 – full details on www.skerriesharps.ie

LOST & FOUND

A necklace with the initial R was found in the church on Christmas Eve. Please contact the parish office on 01 8106771 or email info@stpatricksskerries.ie