



Skerries Parish Bulletin

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15th-22nd January, 2023

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Isaiah 49:3, 5-6; 1 Corinthians 1:1-3; Gospel: John 1:29-34



In today's Gospel John invites us to look at Jesus. He calls Jesus the "Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world". We hear these words every time we attend Mass. John directs us to Jesus, who has a life-giving message for us.

At Mass Jesus speaks to us. He offers Himself as the spotless victim – the Lamb whose sacrifice takes away our sins, soothes our worried minds and calms our spirits. Today the world is weighted in favour of sin. We need to hear that there is another way and that way is a person, Jesus Christ. We must enter into a life-giving relationship with Jesus. Jesus wants us to know him and the Father who sent Him. Our Baptism initiated us into this relationship, but it is up to us to nourish it through prayer, the Eucharist and our loving service of one another.

Maybe this week you could thank God for all those whose example and advice pointed you in the direction of a fuller life with Jesus at its centre.

Holy Faith Sisters

Anniversary/Special Intentions



Sat. 14th 10am.: Anne Conlan
6pm: Tommy Ryan, Richard Shanley,
John Galvin, Eileen & Ted Williams, Tom

Tolan, the Brennan family

Sun. 15th 9.30am David & Margaret Noonan,

James

& Margaret Clerkin (rem), Sean O'Brien
11am : Margaret Ryan (MM), Mary Leonard (1st A),
Jack Leonard, Rosemary Daly, Sean McDermott,
Annie Power, Carmel Nealon, John Flanagan

Mon. 16th 10am Mass Card Intentions

Wed. 18th 10am Noel McDonough, Hughie
Hammond

Fri. 20th 10am: Rose Harrison, John & Richard
Harrison (rem), Liam Matthews and decd. members
of Matthews family

Sat. 21st 6pm: Margaret & Brendan Branagan,
John & Eithne Everard, Fran Carabini, Collette
McNally (rec. decd), Laurence & Sheila McNally,
Hugh O'Boyle, Harry, John & Gerry Grimes

Sun. 22nd 11am: Gloria McCormack (1st A), Oonagh
Beglan (MM), Malachy & Theresa Murray & decd
mbrs of the Murray and Grimley families

FEASTDAYS

16th JAN – ST FURSA ,

17th JAN - ST ANTHONY

21st JAN – ST AGNES

Our Sympathy is expressed to



the families and friends of Terry
Friel, Milverton and Maura Davey,
Sherlock Park, both of whose

deaths took place during the past week. May
they rest in peace.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

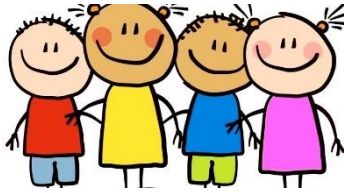
We are extremely grateful and humbled once again by the response from you, the people of Skerries, to our Annual Christmas Appeal. Each donation, regardless of size, is very much appreciated. This year again exceeded all previous years with requests for help. We do not see this will change in any way in the near future. Demands on people's resources continue to increase daily. Fuel costs have now been added to their burden. **We could not do what we do without your contributions.** These funds sustain us throughout the year and enable us to respond to people's needs. Poverty comes in many shapes and forms and is not necessarily confined to low-income earners. We would please reiterate that we are there for **EVERYONE**. We deal with all requests in a **confidential** manner. Do not let pride discourage you from asking for help privately.

Thank you to Fr Melvin and his team in the Parish Office for your support during the year. May you and your families stay safe, and we live in hope for a better year. St Vincent De Paul Contact - 01 8848200

Parish Office Closure

Due to work being carried out on the floor in the Parish Office the office **will be closed on Monday 16th January 2023**. It will reopen as usual on Wednesday 18th January

A Reminder - Enrolment for Sacraments



If you have a child intending to celebrate either the sacrament of First Penance/First Holy Communion or

Confirmation this year you must enrol them for the sacrament. You can find the enrolment form on the parish website and when returning/emailing it to the parish office, you must attach a copy/photo of the baptism certificate. Please remember that you cannot celebrate these sacraments without this enrolment taking place.

Holy Communion Bridge Mass, 15th January 2023

Children intending to celebrate their First Holy Communion this year are reminded to attend the next Bridge Mass, today Sunday 15th, at 11am. This Bridge Programme is our Parish preparation programme for our children, so they are required to attend these Masses. Parents/guardians are always welcome.

Confirmation Ritual Confirmation Preparation

Children in 6th class, who intend to celebrate the sacrament of Confirmation this year, are reminded the **1st Ritual** will take place on Wed. 18th Jan., at 7.30 pm in the Church. This is our parish preparation programme for the sacrament of Confirmation and all children are required to attend. Parents/guardians are welcome to come along too.

A date for your diary -

Cabin Fever - a local band will be playing hits from the 80's, 90's and 00's, on Sun. 5th February 2023 (new bank holiday weekend), in Skerries Harps Clubhouse at 8 p.m.

For tickets, €10 each, please contact: 087 6862981

Plus there will be a Raffle on the night ! All proceeds go to Skerries Youth Support Services. SYSS offers free counselling for any person aged 12-24 who is experiencing challenges to their mental health. Please call 089 6167222 to arrange an appointment

Ocean Book Club

The book club group resumes tomorrow Monday 16th in the Coast Inn at 7.30 p.m.. We welcome any new readers who would like to join our group. We meet twice monthly, reading one title per month. Why not give it a try ?

Skerries Ladies Bowls

It's back to Monday morning competition tomorrow, 16th January. Sign up before 10.30 a.m., so that matches can get going on time.



SKERRIES HARPS GAA CLUB

Great to see Greg, Adam and Killian get a run with the Dubs v Wicklow, with Greg named Player of the Match. Jack and Stephen Smith played for Westmeath v Louth.

Congrats to Hannah McGinnis who has retained her place on the Dublin Minor ladies' squad.

Skerries Harps Juvenile Academy returns on Saturday 28 January at 10 a.m. Open to boys and girls aged 4 years+ .Register @ <https://skerriesharps.clubzap.com/prod.../8970/purchases/new>

Ireland Lights Up/My Life Challenge from 11th January - 15th February 2023 - we're asking our members & supporters to hit our 4,000km target (that's roughly the distance around Ireland!) to be entered into an O'Neill's Prize Draw. Everyone is welcome to get involved - friends, family and community members, you don't have to be a member of the club -- Simply join on MyLife and help our club to hit that 4,000km target! To sign up go to below link and join the Skerries Harps team <https://web.mylife.irishlife.ie/signup>

Zingo result for 8 Jan. 2, 1, 7, 3, 4, 5, 6. No winners. Jackpot now €1,300. Draw held in Clubhouse on Sunday evenings with Free Draw for Spot Prizes. See www.skerriesharps.ie

A reminder that Membership Fees are due for 2023 – full details on website.



Don't forget !

Used Postage Stamps can be left into Skerries
Temporary Library, Church Street, beside
SuperValu. Please leave a trim or 1/4 inch/

2cm all round the stamp . The Guide Dogs Assoc.
appreciate receiving the stamps, which provide
them with income to carry on their important work.