



# Skerries Parish Bulletin

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29<sup>th</sup> January – 5<sup>th</sup> February 2023

## 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Zeph. 2:3;3:12-13 Psalm 145 1 Cor. 1:26-31 Mt. 5:1-12

It's not an easy thing to admit that we need help at any time. We can even sometimes imagine we are in charge of our own destiny! The characteristics of discipleship – kindness, humility, generosity, mercy, peace-making and endurance are given to us in St. Matthew's gospel this Sunday (The Beatitudes). Much as these bring their own rewards in the here and now, they also lead to happiness in the life to come.



Jesus taught on the mountain and gave the Beatitudes as precepts for living the Christian life. They are probably the most counter-cultural message to hear proclaimed. They are certainly not similar to some of the values often championed today like power and control at any cost, devaluing of the human person, violence against the other and having mercy and forgiveness with justice towards one another.

Everybody seeks happiness. May we find that enduring happiness in supporting each other in faith, hope and love.

Fr. Melvyn

### MASS INTENTIONS

- ✦ **Sat 28<sup>th</sup> 10am:** Pauline Hanlon
- ✦ **6pm:** Patrick, Betty & Helen Clarke, Lisa & Philip Dunne, Brigid & John Kelly, Jimmy Keane, Rose & Tom Sheridan, Kevin, Frances & Anne McDonough
- ✦ **Sun 29<sup>th</sup> 9.30am:** Chrissie & Mary Branagan, Patrick & Winifred Russell, Richie Somerville (1<sup>st</sup> A), Special Intention
- ✦ **11am:** Joan Mulvihill née Attley (1<sup>st</sup> A) & John Mulvihill (rem), Denis McKeown, Angela Lynch, Una Cavanagh née Finnegan, Anne & Frank Rogan, Liam McKenna, Bobby, Martha & Mary Aherne
- ✦ **Mon 30<sup>th</sup> 10am:** Mass Card Intentions
- ✦ **Tues 31<sup>st</sup> 10am:** Matt McBride
- ✦ **Wed 1<sup>st</sup> Feb 10am:** Jim Lennox
- ✦ **Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup> 10am:** Blessing of the Candles
- ✦ **Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> 10am:** Louie Toal
- ✦ **7.30pm:** Padre Pio Mass
- ✦ **Sat 4<sup>th</sup> 10am:** Kathleen Whelan (1<sup>st</sup> A)
- ✦ **6pm:** Phyllis Carr (1<sup>st</sup> A), Aidan Francis (1<sup>st</sup> A), James Coleman, Esther Casey, Richard Gaffney
- ✦ **Sun 5<sup>th</sup> 9.30am:** Ken Naughton, Brendan & Loretta Buckley
- ✦ **11am:** Ronnie Fay (1<sup>st</sup> A), Michael McBride, Vincent & Eileen Boyle, Catherine Ruth

### OUR SYMPATHY

To the family of Oliver Davey, St Patrick's Close, who died recently. May he Rest in Peace.



### FEASTDAYS

**30<sup>th</sup> January** – St Aidan, Blessed Margaret Ball and Francis Taylor,  
**1<sup>st</sup> February** – St Brigid's Day,  
**2<sup>nd</sup> February** – Presentation of the Lord - This day is also called 'Candlemas Day' and candles will be blessed as part of our celebration. These blessed candles will then be on sale in the Parish Office for €2 each.  
**3<sup>rd</sup> February** - Feast of St. Blaise and the blessing of throats will take place immediately after 10 am Mass.

### DATES TO NOTE

**3<sup>rd</sup> Feb** – First Friday, Padre Pio Mass, 7.30pm  
**New Bank Holiday** - To mark St. Brigid's Day, our Secondary Patron Saint, a new public holiday occurs on Monday **6<sup>th</sup> February**. Please note morning mass will be at 11am and not the usual time of 10am.

### ACTIVE RETIREMENT CLUB

Club back Monday 30<sup>th</sup> January at 1.45 - 4pm with Bingo. Bowls on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> at 1.30pm. Insurance €20 and Marine Hotel €20 pp. AGM on 13<sup>th</sup> February.

### THE LAUDATE FESTIVAL OF MUSIC 2023

takes place on Tuesday January 31<sup>st</sup> at 7.00 pm in Our Lady of Victories Church, Ballymun Road. Pupils from St. Patrick's Junior & Senior schools are taking part along with some members of our Children's Choir. This is always a very enjoyable evening. All are welcome to attend and admission is free.

### BEANACHTAÌ LÁ FHEILE BRIDE !

We send our good wishes to the Holy Faith Sisters in our community who will celebrate the feast of their patron St. Brigid on Wednesday next 1st February. We thank them for the contribution they make to our parish community.

### 30 YEARS AGO IN THE PARISH

- Parishioners were urged to read the latest Bishops Pastoral Letter on the scourge of Unemployment in Ireland
- St. Patrick's 98th CBSI was celebrating its 21st Birthday in the parish
- Adult Education classes on offer in the Sailing Club included Chinese cookery, Yoga, Art, French, Reflexology, Navigation, Bridge and Social Psychology
- Skerries Town Twinning Association had 46 children signed up for the summer sports trip to Guichen, but seriously lacked adult leaders to accompany them
- Skerries Harps congratulated Barry O'Kane, selected for the Dublin football panel
- The Marian Society's long awaited production of "The Mikado" was getting underway in the Community Centre
- It was proposed to set up a Baseball (and Softball for Juniors) Club in the town, with all equipment supplied

### SKERRIES TWINNING ASSOCIATION

28 friends of the association attended a very enjoyable evening with dinner in the Golf Club last Saturday evening - first time to be able to celebrate together since Covid. A reminder to any musicians (all instruments, ages) that there is an invitation to the Canton of Guichen Music School for a weekend of music making and workshops - all free of charge. Accommodation will be arranged with local families, so all that's needed is your flight and musical instrument!! The suggested date is around St. Patrick's weekend.

Also there is an invitation to any players of Boules from the local Boules club. Dates flexible. For more information for music or boules, contact [skerriestwinning@gmail.com](mailto:skerriestwinning@gmail.com).

### A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

Cabin Fever - a local band will be playing hits from the 80's, 90's and 00's, on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> 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.

### SKERRIES HARPS GAA CLUB



Gormanston Indoor Hurling/Camogie tournament continues on Sunday mornings till 12 Feb with sixteen Juvenile teams from Skerries Harps competing.

See [www.hurlingdc.com](http://www.hurlingdc.com). Juvenile Academy is back on Saturdays at 10 am until 25 March. To register, see link <https://skerriesharps.clubzap.com/pro.../10533/purchases/new> or contact Club GPO for more info -

[Gordon.macanbhaird.gpo.dublin@gaa.ie](mailto:Gordon.macanbhaird.gpo.dublin@gaa.ie). Thanks to all who have signed up for the 2023 Every Step Counts Challenge. - it's not too late to join up - you don't have to be a member of the club. See

<https://web.mylife.irishlife.ie/signup>. Zingo result for 22 Jan. 4, 2, 1, 7, 5, 3, 6. No winners. Jackpot now €1,500. Play online or by envelope available in Club Bar. See

[www.skerriesharps.com/zingo](http://www.skerriesharps.com/zingo). Membership for 2023 is now due - details of renewal and options for new members. can be found via the link:

[https://skerriesharps.clubzap.com/membership\\_signup](https://skerriesharps.clubzap.com/membership_signup). Family discounts & Payment Instalment options are available and can be viewed at above link. Please contact [skerriesharps.registrar@gmail.com](mailto:skerriesharps.registrar@gmail.com) with any queries.

Summer Camp dates: Cul Camp 1: 10 to 14 July; Multi Sports: 24 to 28 July; Cul Camp 2: 14 to 18 August; Acad camp: 21 to 24 August. Registration details will be advised shortly.