



# Skerries Parish Bulletin

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## LOYAL SUBJECTS

We had more attention than usual given this year to monarchy with the coronation of a new English king. The event reminded us quite clearly that just as important as the monarch are his subjects – as the song says, “You can’t have one without the other”. The loyalty of subjects ensures the success of the monarchy – or not. In our Scripture passages today, certain aspects of the monarchy of Jesus, Christ the King are depicted. Ezekiel portrays the kind, protective father of his people, echoed in the Psalm. The all-glorious, all-conquering monarch is described by St. Paul and in St. Matthew, we encounter the supremely powerful monarch, the arbiter of life and death.

It is quite likely that our attention will be mainly on the Gospel passage, on what we have to do in order to please the King. This assumes that we are powerful, “on the king’s side”, the ‘doers’. Yes, we are being loyal by carrying out orders. But what if we, instead of being the ‘doers’, are actually the ‘done to’? How do we feel about that? If I am emotionally hungry, feel an outsider, am a prisoner of addiction or fear, lack the security of home, am dependent for care, the victim of a scam..... what then? Does my loyalty to the king continue? Am I just as loyal in receiving as in giving? Is it more important to be a generous giver than a gracious receiver? We are talking here about Christ the King, of course, but in another twist, the Supreme Monarch of Life depends even more on the loyalty of his subjects than his worldly counterparts. How loyal am I? Our lives, all of us, are a mixture of having and not having. Am I happy to accept that without reservation? Can I see that the power of the King is reflected in givers and receivers alike?

The lovely “Servant’s Song” puts it like this;

‘Won’t you let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you;

Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant too.’

**Skerries Church Choir**

### ANNIVERSARY / SPECIAL INTENTION MASSES

- ✠ **Sat 25<sup>th</sup> 10am:** Richard Harrison, the O’Shea, Clifford, Bowditch, O’Reilly & Isaac families  
**6pm:** Mary Woodcock, Deceased members of the McMahon and Crowley families, Irene Murphy, William & Frances Tanner, Raisa (Babi) Shutko, David McIlwaine, Sean Darcy
- ✠ **Sun 26<sup>th</sup> 9.30am:** Derek McGonagle, Marie McGeough  
**11am:** William Power, Liam & Mary Cody, Chrissie McGealy, Michael Reburn, Patrick (Pat) Harford, The Ruane, Dixon & Browne families, Karen McDonald Hodson
- ✠ **Mon 27<sup>th</sup> 10am:** Mass Card Intentions
- ✠ **Tues 28<sup>th</sup> 10am:** Bernie Keeling
- ✠ **Wed 29<sup>th</sup> 10am:** Maeve, Gretta, Ellen, Tom & decd mbrs of the Palmer family, Eamonn Smith
- ✠ **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> 10am:** Altar List – First Friday
- ✠ **Sat 2<sup>nd</sup> 6pm:** Nancy Thornton (MM), Patricia (Pat) Cashen (1<sup>st</sup> A), Eileen & Maureen Murphy & decd mbrs of the Murphy family, Claire & Barry Mason

- ✠ **Sun 3<sup>rd</sup> 9.30am:** Bernard & Mary Ann Moles  
**11am:** Thomas Flanagan, Agatha Greene, Des, Tom & Nell O’Leary

Friday 1st December is the **1st Friday of the month**. The 10am Mass will be offered for our deceased loved ones on the Altar List of the Dead. The **Padre Pio Mass** will be celebrated on Friday 1st December @ 7.30 pm.

### OUR SYMPATHY

To the families of who those who died recently: Anne McCann, Kellys Bay, Rita O’Boyle, Shenick Ave. & David Martin, Shallock Hill. May they Rest in Peace.

### FEASTDAYS

27th Nov: St. Fergal  
30<sup>th</sup> Nov: St. Andrew, Apostle  
2<sup>nd</sup> Dec: First evening prayer of Advent  
3<sup>rd</sup> Dec: First Sunday of Advent

**St. Vincent de Paul Annual Christmas Appeal** takes place over the weekend of 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> December. Your generosity is much appreciated.



### CHRISTMAS MASS CARDS

Christmas Mass cards are available in the Parish Office. As in previous years proceeds from the sale of the Christmas Mass Cards will go to The Capuchin Homeless Day Centre in Dublin.

### PIONEER ASSOCIATION

Would you like to take this short term pledge in honour of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, to abstain from all intoxication drink for Advent for the Holy Souls in Purgatory? Representatives from the Pioneer Association will be available at the rear of the church to help you with the Advent pledge and the 2024 calendars. The calendars are also available in the parish office. Thanking you for your support.

### SKERRIES THEATRE GROUP

**"Don't Dress for Dinner"** is a comedy / farce by Marc Camoletti adapted by Robin Hawdon.

Venue : The Little Theatre

Dates : Wed 6th - Sat 9th Dec

and Wed 13th - Sat 16th Dec

Tickets will be available in Greg Reddins.

Phone Bookings - 0851342999

All proceeds from the **Opening Night** will be in aid of **Skerries Youth Support Services**

**(SYSS)** who provide FREE confidential Counselling for young people in Skerries.

*Tickets only for the Opening Night supporting*

*SYSS are available by text to -0872255399*

**OR 0872672258**

### USED POSTAGE STAMPS

can be left into Skerries temporary Library beside SuperValu Church St.. Please leave a 1/4" trim around the stamps. The **Guide Dogs Association** are most grateful for the stamps

### TOTUS TUUS MAGAZINE

This is a Catholic magazine, full of articles from Irish priests and laity, which aims to highlight the beauty and joy of our faith. It is going into its 7th year and is run by donations. If you haven't come across it and would like a free copy please contact Fiona Kiely on 086 8760058.

### SKERRIES BOWLS

Some good results this week - Skerries Vets won 5-1 against Ierne and Div. 1 of Winter League team got full points at home against Bray. Indoor bowls continues each Thursday

from 2.30 p.m.. An ideal way to stay fit over the winter.

### SKERRIES COMMUNITY CHOIR

**Christmas concert** is on Thursday 14th & Friday 15th December at 8.00 pm in Holmpatrick Church, Skerries. Admission €10 payable at the door. All are very welcome.

### SKERRIES HARPS GAA CLUB

Under 16 girls won the Shield final v St Margarets. Under 15 girls, Under 13 girls and Under 14 camogie teams all lost their finals and Minor B footballers lost their championship semi-final. The Senior football league Div.1 playoff v Raheny has been deferred to Thurs 7 Dec in Skerries, under lights at 7.30pm, Sat 25 Nov. Under 21 football championship v St Annes, away at 2.30pm.

Sun 26 Nov. Under 21 Camogie v CBC, in

Skerries at 10.30am. Juvenile Academy continues on Saturday morning at 10 a.m – weather permitting. Club Shop open for sports equipment and club leisure wear.

Order now for Christmas.

Sat 25 Nov. Annual Juvenile Presentation evening in Community Centre at 5 p.m.

Lyndsey Davey is travelling to Kenya this month as part of the Warriors For Humanity Plant the Planet Initiative. The goal is to plant 1 million trees! Link to donate to Lyndsey fundraiser is at

<https://www.idonate.ie/fundraiser/lyndseydavey>

Club Annual General Meeting has been fixed for Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November at 8pm. All

Members are encouraged to attend. New

members welcome. Zingo for 19 Nov .7, 3, 6, 1, 5, 2, 4. No winners - Jackpot now €5,100.

Draw in Clubhouse on Sunday evening with

Free draw for Spot prizes. Join online at

[www.skerriesharps.ie/zingo](http://www.skerriesharps.ie/zingo)

### LIVING WELL

is a free group programme for adults living with any long term or chronic condition. It takes

place over seven weekly workshops on zoom.

You will develop skills and confidence to live

well and you will meet people who live with

similar conditions and learn from each other's

experiences. Each person who takes part

gets a book about self-management.

Please contact Louise on 087-780-5199

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