



# Skerries Parish Bulletin

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3<sup>rd</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> December, 2023

## First Sunday of Advent

Advent A Time to Prepare

Isaiah 63:16-7; 64:3-8; Psalm 80:1 Corinthians 1:3-9; Mark 13:33-37

*'Yet, O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay, you the potter; we are all the work of your hand'*  
Isaiah 64:8

God, our loving father, when we are absent from you and when you seem absent to us, come again, be close to us, and let us know your presence and action in our lives.

*'God will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus'*  
1 Corinthians 1:8

Faithful God, stay with us on the journey. We try to be faithful just as you are faithful, so that on the day of the Second Coming of Christ you may welcome us into fellowship with all the saints.

*'What I say to you I say to all: Keep awake'*  
Mark 3:37

God, wake us up from the slumber of everyday life. Form us into watchful people, that at the advent of your Son,  
he may find us doing what is right, mindful of your command.

## Scripture Group

### MASS ANNIVERSARIES/INTENTIONS

**Sat. Dec 2<sup>nd</sup> 10am:** Justin O'Reilly (RD), Margaret Farrell (BR), May Lynch (RD) & Special Intention

**6pm:** Nancy Thornton (MM), Mary Nugent (MM), Patricia (Pat) Cashen (1<sup>st</sup> A), Eileen & Maureen Murphy and deceased members of the Murphy family, Claire & Barry Mason

**Sun. 3<sup>rd</sup>:** 9.30am: Bernard & Mary Ann Moles, Ina Woods and deceased members of the Woods family, Finian Murray (BR), Special Intention

**11am:** Georgina Farrell (MM), Thomas Flanagan, Agatha Greene, Des, Tom & Nell O'Leary

**Mon. 4<sup>th</sup> 10am:** Mass Card Intentions

**Tues. 5<sup>th</sup> 10am:** Jo Doyle

**Weds. 6<sup>th</sup> 10am:** Rena & Sam Condrot, Ailish Guinan

**Fri. 8<sup>th</sup> 10am:** Martin Archbold

**Sat. 9<sup>th</sup> 10am:** Decd. members of the Jenkinson family, Margaret Horan, Christina Murtagh

**6pm** Margaret McNally, Teresa Gaffney, Liam, Tony, Nicky & Jos Shiels, Brendan Shiels, (RD), NZ., Anne Marjarem, Sheila & Paddy Brady

**Sun. 10<sup>th</sup> Dec** 9.30am: John, Maureen & Fr Jim Martin, Patsy & Thomas Hand & decd.members

of the Hand family, Michael Duggan, Phil Walls, decd. members of Skerries Harps, Michael & Eileen Redden

**11am:** Colm Dennis, Rosie & Gerry Hoare, Emily Crowley and deceased members of the Nolan and Crowley families, Joe Lalor, Pat Hynes, Kathleen Quinn



**Deepest Sympathy** is extended to the families of Aisling Kennedy, Ballygossan Park,

Ursula Gorman, Greenlawns, Stacie Bailey, Skerries/Bettystown, whose deaths occurred recently. May they Rest in Peace.



**WE WELCOME** Sean Matthew Dunne, Cillian Grant, Riley Kelly and Codi Kelly, recently baptised into our parish family

**Feast Days:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec – First evening prayer of Advent, 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec – First Sunday of Advent, 7<sup>th</sup> Dec – St Ambrose  
8<sup>th</sup> Dec – The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Mass for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary will be celebrated at 10am on Friday morning.

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Bridge Mass - 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Advent - 10<sup>th</sup>**

**December** Our next Bridge Mass for all boys & Girls who intend to celebrate sacraments of 1<sup>st</sup> Penance & Holy Communion this year takes place next Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December. These Masses are part of our parish programme of preparation and the girls & boys are expected to attend them. Next Sunday is special as traditionally we bless the baby Jesus figure you may use in the crib in your home. All boys and girls are invited to **bring their 'baby Jesus' to this Bridge Mass** to have it blessed as we prepare for his birth this Christmas.

### **St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal**

The annual Christmas Appeal for St. Vincent de Paul takes place at all Masses next weekend 9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup> December. This collection replaces the usual second collection for Share. Your generosity is much appreciated.

### **Hallelujah Christmas' Concert**

This concert will take place once again this year on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December @ 7 pm in the church. Kenneth O'Regan (Skerries) & guests will present this concert for all the family. Tickets available in the Parish Office and online from Eventbrite.

### **.Skerries Theatre Group's next production. "Don't Dress for Dinner"**

Venue : The Little Theatre, Skerries.  
Dates : Weds 6<sup>th</sup> - Sat 9<sup>th</sup> December  
and Weds 13<sup>th</sup> - Sat 16<sup>th</sup> December (8 performances in total).

Tickets are available in Greg Reddins, Strand Street, Skerries. Phone - 0851342999

Opening Night Dec 6<sup>th</sup>. 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 for opening night, text 0872255399, or 0872672258

**Envelopes for Christmas 2023** will be available for collection in the glass area of the church on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December between 3.00 – 4.30pm, and Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December in the Parish Office after 10am Mass and between 3 – 4pm, also in Parish Office. Your help in distributing the Christmas Envelopes will be very much appreciated. Thank you.

### **GAA**

Under 21 footballers have qualified for the Championship final v St Judes on 9 Dec and our two Under 16 teams have also qualified for their finals - also on Saturday 9 Dec.

Thurs 7 Dec Senior football league Div.1 playoff v Raheny in Skerries at 7.30 p.m

Tickets for our BIG Christmas Draw now on sale. Prizes sourced locally by our teams include Hampers, Vouchers and a top prize of €1,000 cash. Draw on Sunday 17 December.

Juvenile Academy on Saturday morning at 10 a.m – weather permitting. Club Shop open for sports equipment and club leisure wear. Order now for Christmas. Thanks to all who have supported Lyndsey Davey who 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 Bar is open during the week for Champions League fixtures - check Social media page.

Zingo result for Sun 26<sup>th</sup> November: 7, 2, 3, 4, 1, 6, 5. We had no winner of the jackpot or dividend this week. Next week's Jackpot is €5200, Dividend €450. Thanks to all who support the Zingo every week. Draw in Clubhouse on Sunday evening with Free draw for Spot prizes. Join online at [www.skerriesharps.ie/zingo](http://www.skerriesharps.ie/zingo)

**Short-Term Pledge** for the duration of 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 documentation of the Advent Pledge. The 2024 calendar will also be available to purchase.

### **Acknowledgement: Georgina Farrell.**

Danny, Lorraine, Fiona, Gina & Pamela wish to thank most sincerely their family, neighbours and friends who supported them in their recent sad loss. Thank you to all who visited the house and funeral parlour and left messages and attended the funeral Mass in person and virtually. Thank you to Fr Melvyn for all his support and the funeral Mass celebration and thanks also to the team at Lannon Funeral Directors.