



Skerries Parish Bulletin

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10th-17th December, 2023

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT Is 40:1-5,9-11. 2 PT 3:8-14. Matt. 1:1-8

This Sunday's Advent Readings introduce us to two great figures of Advent, Isaiah and John the Baptist. Isaiah prophesied that John would be the "voice in the wilderness" preparing his listeners for a new beginning born out of the experience of wilderness. This Advent image of wilderness invites us to explore our own wilderness. We're asked to prepare the way of the Lord in our family, our parish and wider community. We're invited to pause awhile in order to nourish the life within us, to be people of hope and to make the most of this waiting time. We are called to repent and renew our lives in God's love. John is inviting his listeners to make a break with the past and to have a change of heart.

In the Reading from Peter we are told that "the Lord is patient with us, not wanting any to perish but all to come to repentance" so this week let us move away from the noise and lights of the Shopping Centres and still our minds and open our minds and hearts to God's call. Maybe we could cut down on the time spent on the Internet, phone, TV etc. so as to enter more deeply into the spirit of Advent.

Holy Faith Sisters

Anniversaries/Intentions

Sat 9th: 10am: Decd members of the Jenkinson family, Margaret Horan, Christina Murtagh, Harry Gavin, John Fenelon, Mike Rambaran, Michael & Bridget O'Reilly (rem) and the O'Reilly family

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

Sun 10th: 9.30am: John, Maureen & Fr Jim Martin, Patsy & Thomas Hand and 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 & dec d members of the Nolan & Crowley families, Joe Lalor, Pat Hynes, Kathleen Quinn

Mon 11th: 10am: Mass Card Intentions

Tues 12th: 10am: Betty Moles (1st A), Seamus Reilly, Bernard & Michael Moles (Rem), Mary & John Byrne

Weds 13th: 10am: Kieran Martin (1st A), Margaret Horan, Joan Smyth (BR), Eileen & Matthew Hillan (Rem), Marie Mazur (Rem), Frederick (Fred) Jones (BR), Bailey Duffy (RD)

Fri 15th: 10am: Joseph Branagan, Grace McGlynn, John Connelly, Terry Murphy

Sat 16th: 10am: Rena McGrath, Margaret McAuley, Thomas & Anna Jones

6pm: Anne McCann (MM), Rita O'Boyle (MM)

Oonagh Beglen (1st A), Maureen & Dessie Delemere, Bernie Morris, Paul Holland, Patrick & Catherine Flaherty, Esther Carmel McDonagh

Sun 17th: 9.30am: Amelia Tonon, Tom McDonald, Phil Duggan, Charles O'Loughlin, Annie & Patrick Leonard, Basil & Frances Emmerson

11am: Margaret Ryan (1st A), Jean Treleaven, Cathriona Harper, Dolores Doorty, Mary Rochford, Bernie O'Connor, Bernie, Liz & Franchea Rice, Sabina Lannon



WE WELCOME Brandon Campbell McLoughlin, Fiadh Grace Esther Maypothor and Liadan Eileen Tobin, baptised recently into our Parish family

Feast Days:

10th Dec – 2nd Sunday of Advent,
12th Dec – St Finnian, 12th Dec – St Lucy,
14th Dec – St John of the Cross,
17th Dec – 3rd Sunday of Advent

St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal

The annual Christmas Appeal for St. Vincent de Paul takes place at all Masses this weekend 9th/10th 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 15th 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 13th - Sat 16th December
Tickets are available in Greg Reddins, Strand Street, Skerries. Phone - 0851342999

The Skerries Primary School History Project,

Tuesday 12 December, 8.15pm, Skerries Historical Society by Bernadette McKenna. To mark the 75th Anniversary of Skerries Historical Society a Primary Schools History Project was undertaken. All five primary schools participated. Senior pupils interviewed a Grandparent about a significant childhood memory. Over 130 responses were received. The findings will be presented at the meeting on Dec 12th and a number of pupils will read their stories.

8:15pm in Skerries Bowling Club

Hills Cricket Club Tea Dance Sun 10th with refreshments and Martin Byrne. 3.30-6. All welcome.

Skerries Forget Me Not Café

Meets again on Wednesday 13th December from 11am-1pm in Skerries Harps GAA Club. Open to all living with dementia, their families, carers and friends to meet others on a similar journey and to learn about dementia services in the area. Phone or text 083 1192972.



Skerries Ladies Bowls Club

Get your best Christmas jumper out and join in the Fun morning on Monday week, 18th. Lots of prizes, mince pies and mulled wine! Bring a small wrapped gift for a Kris Kindle. Well done to the ladies who played this week in the Vets leagues on Wednesday - both teams had good wins.



GAA Skerries Harps GAA Club

A busy end to our playing season with Senior footballers playoff v Raheny on Thurs night last, the Under 16 B team final on Friday night v Plunketts and 2 finals on Saturday 9 Dec – Under 16 A play N.Mearnog, away and Under 21's play St Judes away.

Monday 11 Dec. Under 21 Camogie final v CBC in Abbotstown complex at 8.15 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. Tickets are €5 and are available online or from Clubhouse

Juvenile Academy finished up last Saturday morning and will resume in January. Congrats to all our Juveniles who picked up awards at our presentation evening on 25 Nov and thanks to all our volunteers who marked the season at our Thank You Night in the Club later that night.

We welcome the Forget Me Not cafe to the club - for people living with dementia, their families and friends - on Wed 13 Dec at 11 am

Look out for our annual Christmas festivities – our Charity games on St Stephens Day, our Charity Christmas Golf outing and our Christmas Tree collection service. Check our Social Media pages.

Zingo result for Sun 3 Dec. 2, 7, 3, 5, 6, 1, 4. Dividend €450 won by Lily and ricky Kenny. Jackpot now €5,300. Draw in Club on Sunday evening at 6 p.m with Free draw for Spot prizes. Join Zingo online at www.skerriesharps.ie/zingo

Acknowledgement: Mary Nugent

The Nugent family wish to thank family, neighbours and friends who supported them in their recent sad loss. Thanks to all who visited the house and funeral parlour, left cards and messages and who attended the funeral Mass in person and by web. Thanks to Ann for all her help and advice and to Joey Lannon and his team. Special thanks to the staff in Rush Nursing Home for their care and Fr Gary for saying the Mass, as a special friend to Mary and the family.