



Skerries Parish Bulletin

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31 Dec - 7 Jan 2023

Feast of the Holy Family

Ecclesiasticus 3:2-6, 12-14. Psalm 127:1-5. Colossians 3:12-21, Luke 2:22-40



In today's readings from Ecclesiasticus we read of the honour that should exist in the family. Children should honour their father and mother. Children should respect and support their father, not just as they grow in the family, but all through the life of their father.

In the Psalm, there is a powerful reminder to husbands and children:

Your wife like a fruitful vine in the heart of your house;
your children like shoots of the olive, around your table.

St. Paul reminds us all that we are chosen by God and therefore should live good lives, show compassion, be kind and humble, gentle and patient, bearing in mind to forgive each other in times of difference.

Lord bless our family and may we live in peace and show our love for one another in times of difficulty and stress.

Church Readers

ANNIVERSARY / SPECIAL INTENTION MASSES

- ✠ **Sat 30th 6pm:** Dolores Ferguson (1st A) & Tom Ferguson, Bill & Rita McMahon, John Mansfield, Josephine Jordan, Alan Wilde
- ✠ **Sun 31st 9.30am:** James Clarke, Evelyn Marshall, Mary McGirl, Desmond McGirl Jnr. & Desmond McGirl Snr.
- ✠ **Sun 31st 11am:** William Flanagan, Margaret Browne, John Nealon, Irene Nealon-Meinzolt, Kay & John Mulhere, Leo & Rosaleen Doolin, James & Katie McGirl
- ✠ **Tues Jan 2nd 10am:** Mary Dolan, Mike Gavin, Arthur Patrick Farrell, Margaret Farrell (1st A)
- ✠ **Wed Jan 3rd 10am:** James Larkin, Dessie Delemere, Special intention
- ✠ **Sat Jan 6th 10am:** Brigid McDonagh, Ann Murphy, Tess Goggin, Charlie Donnelly, Brendan Garland
- ✠ **Sat Jan 6th 6pm:** George & May Tolan, William McGarry, Dolores O'Byrne, William Nugent, Special Intention
- ✠ **Sun Jan 7th 9.30am:** Pearse Thornton, Jim Slattery, Margie O'Brien, Matthew Farrell, Leo Bolton (MM), Sasha Sjercek
- ✠ **Sun Jan 7th 11am:** Sonny Rogan, Ann McEvoy, Nicolas Harford, Nancy Walls, Terence Friel (1st A), Peggy & Patrick McCormack, Declan O'Byrne

OUR SYMPATHY

To the families of those who died recently: Margaret (Phyllis) Dardis, Mill Hill, Dessie Lumsden, Sherlock Park and Sean McConnell, Barnageeragh Cove. May they Rest in Peace

FEASTDAY

Monday Jan 1st 11am: Mary Mother of God
Tuesday Jan 2nd 10am: St. Basil & St. Gregory
Saturday Jan 6th 10am: Holy Day - Feast of Epiphany

Friday Jan 5th 10am: First Friday Mass
Padre Pio Mass at 7.30pm

SKERRIES BOWLS

Many thanks to all who organised the Christmas Fun morning. Great fun with prizes galore, mulled wine and lots of good things to eat. Don't forget to hurry down on New Year's morning for the Annual roll-up for the Club President's bottle of bubbles 12 noon, one bowl each member. A Very Happy New Year to all members, present and past.

PARISH OFFICE

Reopens on Wednesday Jan 3rd.
Normal opening hours 9am-1pm

30 YEARS AGO IN THE PARISH

St. Vincent de Paul Society thanked all the schools, groups, clubs and individuals who had organised special collections for the Society. Special Mention was given to those who had prepared the Church and had done the flowers for the Christmas celebrations.

Well done to the local medal winners at the recent Indoor Athletics meeting in Aughrim Street.

Congratulations to John O'Leary on winning his third Bank of Ireland All Star Award.

The Marian Society was holding auditions shortly for their Spring production of Brian Friel's "Dancing at Lughnasa."

Car key, house keys and a 6 month old kitten all featured in the lost section of the bulletin.

SKERRIES HARPS GAA CLUB

The Dublin and Wicklow development squads played a game in Skerries on Tues night 19 Dec with Killian McGinnis, Ethan Dunne and Eoin Wilde representing Skerries Harps.

Thanks to all who supported the Charity games on St Stephens Day – especially to all the players who turned out. Thanks also to Country Crest (Ballymaguire Foods) who sponsored the post-match refreshments. All proceeds go to local branch of St Vincent de Paul society.

THANK YOU !

As we mark the turning of another year and head into 2024, the members of the Parish Bulletin would like to thank a number of people who make it possible for the bulletin to come to you each weekend. Firstly, thank you to Fr. Melvyn for his contributions and support; to Claireanne and Eithne in the Parish Office; to the group of parishioners who provide the commentary on the readings each weekend; to the regular contributors who let us know what is happening in their clubs and organisations; to Skerries Historical Society who provide us with an archive for all the bulletins during the year. There is an unbroken set of volumes from the very first bulletin to the present day, which will, we hope, provide a history of our parish in years to come. And lastly, to you, our readers who so often let us know how much you value the bulletin. Every good wish for 2024
Annette, Geraldine, Kathleen, Máire, Mary & Nora.



*Here's to the blessing
of the year,
Here's to the friends
we hold so dear,
To peace on earth,
both far and near.*

