



Skerries Parish Bulletin

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Crowning Glory

This tremendous feast of Christ the King is nonetheless a complex one. The three Scripture passages illustrate the point. There could hardly be a greater gulf between the images of kingship in Daniel and the Apocalypse and the image portrayed in the Gospel passage.

The immensity of today's feast is bewildering – where do you start? Jesus Christ, the King, is utterly different to the normal idea of king. God yet Man; King yet Servant; Crucified yet Triumphant, he is a complete contradiction, an enigma. His life contained no sense of "ruling". Yet Christ possessed the kingly qualities of magnetism, power and wonder in His quiet, consistent, kind and humble living. People flocked to him, gave up everything to be with him, turned their lives round because of him. Many were directly affected by his power of healing. Who was this man? Jesus in the Gospel story says to Pilate, "I am a king.....I was born for this, I came into the world to bear witness to the truth".



When Pilate put his famous question "What is Truth?" he spoke for all of us. What indeed is Truth? Never was the question more relevant than it is today. Jesus - Christ the King - bore witness all his life to the truth – he said so himself. His life and death are our blueprint for living. That's Christianity. Our challenge is to try to embrace with courage the idea of a Crown of Thorns and the Glory of Crucifixion, certainly distasteful in today's world. In looking at life from this angle, however, we may deepen and enrich how we live and also improve how our living affects others, bearing witness to the truth ourselves. Christ the King shows us the way.

On his recent visit to our parish, the Papal Nuncio said in the course of his homily, "Service is the most eloquent language of Love". We are eternally and unconditionally loved by God. Jesus Christ spoke the Language of Love; we must do the same in an attempt to worship Christ the King.

"Angels, Saints and Nations sing, praised be Jesus Christ our King! Lord of life, earth, sky and sea,
KING OF LOVE ON CALVARY."

Skerries Church Choir.

ANNIVERSARY / SPECIAL INTENTION MASSES

- ✦ **Sat 23rd 10am:** May Lynch (1st A), Mary Smyth, Julia & James Christie
- ✦ **Sat 23rd 6pm:** Sean Ellis (MM) & decd members of the Ellis & Phillips families, Stacie Bailey (1st A), Maureen Delaney, Seamus Sweetman (BR), Tony McDermott, Gerry Nichol (BR), Bridie & John Kelly
- ✦ **Sun 24th 9.30am:** Sadie Garrett, Rita Clinton, Anthony (A) & Michael O'Leary (SI), Dennis Duggan, Special Intentions
- ✦ **Sun 24th 11am:** Gerard Marks (1st A), William Power, John Fenelon, Greta Sweeney (BR), Alicia Fabre & George Pratt, Thomas, Maeve, Gretta & Ellen Palmer & deceased members of the Palmer family
- ✦ **Mon 25th 10am:** Mass Card Intentions

- ✦ **Tues 26th 10am:** Ursula Gorman
- ✦ **Wed 27th 10am:** Chrissie McGealy, Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal
- ✦ **Fri 29th 10am:** Eamonn Smith, Michael, Nancy & Mary Loughrey, Derek McGonagle, Finian Murray (BR), Leo Cody
- ✦ **Sat 30th 10am:** Ita Roberts
- ✦ **Sat 30th 6pm:** Mary Woodcock, Irene Murphy, David McIlwaine, Deceased members of the Skerries Harps GAA (Rem)
- ✦ **Sun 1st 9.30am:** David Davin-Power (MM), Bernard & Mary Ann Moles, Sean, Sarah & Leo Cody, Patrick & Bridgie Connor (BR), Ina Woods & decd members of the family
- ✦ **Sun 1st 11am:** Marion Keating (MM), Thomas Flanagan, Des O'Leary, Tom & Nell O'Leary, Michael Reburn, Kathleen Keeley

OUR SYMPATHY

To the families of Marie O'Rourke, Kelly's Bay Promenade who died recently and Linda Flanagan (RD) New Zealand, late of Skerries. May they Rest in Peace.

FEASTDAYS

23rd Nov: St Columban; 25th Nov: St Colman;
27th Nov: St Fergal; 30th Nov: St Andrew,
Apostle

PTAA ADVENT SHORT-TERM PLEDGE

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 documentation of the Advent Pledge and in the sale of the 2025 calendar. The calendars are available in the parish office. Thanking you for your support.

A BIG WELL DONE

to all the pupils from the Parish schools preparing for their First Penance and First Holy Communion who attended the special Bridge Mass last weekend.

SKERRIES COMMUNITY CHOIR

Christmas Concerts: Thursday 5th & Friday 6th December at 8.00 pm in Holmpatrick Church, Skerries. Admission €15, payable at the door. Donation will be made to the Irish Motor Neurone Disease Association. Conductor - Annalisa Monticelli, Accompanist - Noreen Gavin. All are welcome.



U3A / UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE

Dublin City U3A. Next meeting on Tuesday 26th November 2024 at Pearse Street Library, 11am to 12.15pm. Talk on The History of Dublin Cinemas, Fee €5. New members welcome.

SKERRIES LADIES BOWLING

Our first wet Monday which occurred this week (we have had a lucky run) meant there was no bowls played. However, a warming cuppa and chat replaced play. It is planned to have a meeting of all lady members on Monday 2nd December after play, to discuss a number of pressing items.

GENERAL ELECTION

Statement of Archbishop Farrell

"Let us pray for all those who have offered themselves for election, that they will engage with the public and with each other with respect, and will in turn receive the respect of those they canvas. Let us pray too that our society will vote into office leaders who will govern the people with integrity and wisdom and serve the common good with dedication and commitment." Archbishop Farrell's statement can be found at <https://dublindiocese.ie/general-election-2024/>.

ONLINE ADVENT RETREAT

The Priory Institute is delighted to offer a free-of-charge online retreat, "Keeping Vigil for the Vulnerable God". Four recorded presentations will be available over four Sundays of Advent. Participants can download the Gospels and watch the films whenever suits them. You can register at any time during Advent. Visit www.prioryinstitute.com to register/find out more.

30 YEARS AGO IN THE PARISH

- St. Joseph's Young Priests Society members were planning a special Mass in Clonliffe, with a bus from the church
- Charity Christmas cards were on sale in the Methodist Church each Friday morning
- "Philadelphia Here I Come" was being presented by the Marian Society in the Windmill
- Sharon Shannon and her band held a concert in Community Centre for Aoibhneas Women's Refuge

SKERRIES HARPS GAA CLUB

The Under 21 Hurlers qualified for the Championship Final with a nail-biting win over Whitehall. Congrats to team and mentors. Under 21 Camogie girls defeated Rd Towers, Clondalkin in the Championship. Sat 23 Nov Under 16 Football Championship Final v St Annes, away at 2pm. Support welcome. Juvenile Academy every Saturday at 9.45am. Zingo for 17 Nov. 7, 4, 5, 6, 3, 2. 1. No winner. Jackpot now €5,300. Draw every Sunday 6 pm. Next Bingo is on Monday 25 Nov at 8pm in the Clubhouse, with Jackpot of €1,100. Annual General Meeting will be held on Thurs 28 Nov at 8pm. New members welcome. Tickets now available for Our Big Christmas Draw which includes Cash Prizes and vouchers funded by our teams and all sourced from local businesses. Draw takes place on Sunday, 22 December at 7pm in our Clubhouse.

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