



Skerries Parish Bulletin

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1st – 8th December 2024

1st Sunday in Advent

Readings:

Jeremiah 33:14-16; Psalm 25 (24); 1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2; Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

This 1st Sunday of Advent marks the beginning of the new liturgical year. This season prepares us for the coming of Jesus at Christmas and at the end of time.

Advent invites us to begin again our personal engagement with the Good News and to welcome Jesus into our Christmas season.

Over the next four weeks our Sunday gospels are carefully chosen from Luke. The other readings help us to historically place Jesus's words as told by Luke.



In the gospel today we hear of God's promise to bring justice with the destruction of evil and the ultimate victory of good. Jesus tells his disciples how we should live rather than worrying what the 2nd coming of God might look like. Before the time of Jesus, we hear how Jeremiah remained hopeful even in times of exile and tremendous difficulties. In the psalm we state our love and faithfulness when we say, "To you, O Lord, I lift my soul". Paul's writing to the early Christians, who like us are living in a hostile world, advises the Thessalonians how to make progress to living in love and faithfulness by concentrating on relationships, holiness and hope. His letter forms a bridge between the prophets and the gospel of Luke.

Today as we look forward to our hopes and resolutions for the coming Christian year we might ask ourselves how we would like to look back on our Christian journey this time next year.

Church Readers

ANNIVERSARY / SPECIAL INTENTION MASSES

- ✦ **Sat 30th 10am:** Ita Roberts, Kathleen Quinn
- ✦ **Sat 30th 6pm:** Mary Woodcock, Irene Murphy, David McIlwaine, Deceased members of the Skerries Harps GAA (Rem), Packie Markey (Rem), Patrick, Marie & John Hughes
- ✦ **Sun 1st 9.30am:** David Davin-Power (MM), Bernard & Mary Ann Moles, Sean, Sarah & Leo Cody, Patrick & Bridgie Connor (BR), Ina Woods & deceased members of the Woods family, Molly Smith
- ✦ **Sun 1st 11am:** Marion Keating (MM), Thomas Flanagan, Des O'Leary, Tom & Nell O'Leary, Michael Reburn, Kathleen Keeley
- ✦ **Mon 2nd 10am:** Mass Card Intentions
- ✦ **Tues 3rd 10am:** Margaret McEvoy, Michael Colgan (Rem), Jo, Larry and Noel Doyle
- ✦ **Wed 4th 10am:** May Colgan, John, Mary and P.J. Minogue
- ✦ **Fri 6th 10am:** First Friday – Altar List
- ✦ **Fri 6th 7.30pm:** Padre Pio Mass
- ✦ **Sat 7th 10am:** Billy & Mill McElwee
- ✦ **Sat 7th 6pm:** Ollie Shiels (1st A), Liam, Tony, Nicky & Jos Shiels, Barry & Claire Mason, Agatha Green, Teresa Gaffney, Anne Marjorem, Michael Duggan

- ✦ **Sun 8th 9.30am:** Martin Archbold, Michael & Eileen Redden, Eileen & Maureen Murphy & deceased members of the Murphy family, John & Maureen Martin, Fr Jim Martin
- ✦ **Sun 8th 11am:** Leo Bolton (1st A), Grace & Michael Lyons, Colm Dennis, Pat Hynes, Michael & Bridget O'Reilly & the O'Reilly family, Marie & Michael Grimes, O'Connor family (Rem)

OUR SYMPATHY

To the families of Carmel Gueret, Skerries Rock and Tom (Thomas) Lannon, Balbriggan Street who died recently. May they Rest in Peace.

WE WELCOME

Kate Mulholland, Nell Hennigan, Sam Gannon, James Garrigan and Michael Shine who were recently baptised into our parish family.



FEASTDAYS

3rd Dec – St Francis Xavier, 6th Dec – First Friday & St Nicholas, 7th Dec – St Ambrose, Mon 9th Dec – Immaculate Conception & Holy Day

FIRST FRIDAY MASS & PADRE PIO MASS

This Friday 6th Dec is the 1st Friday of the month – the 10 o'clock Mass will be offered for the Altar List of the Dead. The Padre Pio Mass will be said at 7.30 pm on Friday concluding with the blessing with the Padre Pio relic.

2ND BRIDGE MASS - BLESSING OF BABY JESUS –

Our next Bridge Mass for all boys & Girls who intend to celebrate sacraments of 1st Penance & Holy Communion this year takes place next Sunday 8th December. 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 next Sunday to have it blessed as we prepare for Jesus' birth this Christmas.

CHRISTMAS TIMETABLE 2024

Envelopes with the timetable for Christmas celebrations will be available in the glass area this Friday 6th December from 3 pm – 4.30 pm & on Saturday 7th December in the Parish Office after 10 am Mass & also after all the 3 weekend Masses. We would be most grateful for your help with the distribution of these envelopes.

CHRISTMAS MASS CARDS are now available from the Parish Office - all proceeds go the Capuchin Centre for the Homeless in Dublin.

MEN'S ROSARY

The next Men's Rosary will be on Saturday 14th December at 3pm in the Church. It is held every second Saturday of the month. Everybody welcome.

SKERRIES COMMUNITY CHOIR

Christmas Concerts: Thursday 5th & Friday 6th December at 8.00 pm in Holmpatrick Church, Skerries. Admission €15, payable at the door. A lovely evening of old favourites and some new Christmas music is promised. Donation will be made to the Irish Motor Neurone Disease Association. Conductor - Annalisa Monticelli, Accompanist - Noreen Gavin. All are welcome.



CHRISTMAS CAROL CONCERT

With Skerries Sea Sharps – Sunday 8th December at 4pm in St Patrick's Church. Conducted by Naoise Whearity, accompanied by Donal Dignam. Tickets €10 available from choir members or at the door.

HALLELUJAH CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Come join us for a magical musical evening filled with all your festive favourites. On Wednesday 18th December at 7pm Kenneth O'Regan (Skerries) and guests will present a concert for all the family in St Patrick's church. Tickets available in the Parish Office and online from Eventbrite.

ACTIVE RETIREMENT CHRISTMAS PARTY

Members' Christmas Party will be on Wed 18th December in Rush Golf club at 6.30pm. €35 per person. Bus will be available.

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.

IRISH BLOOD TRANSFUSION SERVICE

Will be at Skerries Community Centre, Thursday 12th December, 3.45 – 8pm. Check your eligibility at giveblood.ie. Give Blood – Save Lives!

ST VINCENT DE PAUL ANNUAL CHRISTMAS APPEAL

2024 has passed us by in the Blink Of An Eye. It seems like yesterday that we were reaching out to the People of Skerries to support our Annual Christmas Appeal. Each year we use the same words in our appeal "We could not do what we do without your Support"; "Your support is what sustains us from beginning to end"; "Your support allows us to help the people in need". People in all walks of life are being challenged in getting through everyday living - The Elderly; The Employed; The Unemployed; Students; Married Couples; Separated Couples; Single Household Income People; Homeless People. As a Conference we can only commit to short term help. We cannot commit to long term help. We are there for when the Crisis hits and to help in the best way we can. So once again we are appealing to you 'The Good People of Skerries' to support our Annual Christmas Appeal.

No matter how small or large the contribution, it is so very much appreciated. "We Do What We Can Because You Give What You Can". **The appeal takes place on Saturday 7th December & Sunday 8th December at all Masses.** Donations can be made to our Bank Account online - Iban IE19AIBK93224809851094. Bic Code, if needed, AIBKIE2D. Donations can also be made through the Parish Office in the Blue Envelopes provided or to any Conference Member. Head Office Helpline No - 01 8848200.

SKERRIES LADIES BOWLS

Another fine morning meant that Week 7 of our ongoing competition was successfully completed. Many thanks to Linda Plant for organising an update on the use of the club defibrillator last Wednesday. Next Monday, 2nd December, there will be a meeting of all paid-up lady members to discuss a number of issues which need to be addressed and discuss motions for the AGM of the ILBA which will take place shortly. A full attendance is requested for 12.15pm.

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