



# Skerries Parish Bulletin

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## THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT

**Zephaniah 3:14-18; Phil 4: 4-7 Luke: 10-18**

The third Sunday of Advent is known as “Rejoicing Sunday” and this theme is expressed in all of today’s Readings.

The passage from Zephaniah is a hopeful passage. It looks forward to a time of rejoicing when the Lord will be in the midst of His people and they are renewed by the saving love of God.

In the second Reading St. Paul exhorts the people to rejoice and be happy. He advises them to trust that God will hear their prayer, so they must be thankful.

The Gospel tells of John the Baptist’s role as preacher of repentance. He encourages his questioners in a direct way to be “other-centred” rather than “self-centred” Choices have to be made and that choice is “joy”.

John preached in such a way that hearts and minds were opened to hear the message of Jesus when He arrived. We are called to joy because God, in the form of a little child, will come to save us.

Christmas can bring out the best in us. We know many poor and deprived people here in our own country and abroad. Their poverty is caused by the greed of others. Let us respond generously to the various appeals for donations this Advent.

Pray that the season of Advent will transform you into a forgiving, healing, generous and joyful person.

Holy Faith Sisters

### ANNIVERSARY / SPECIAL INTENTIONS MASSES

- ✦ **Sat 14<sup>th</sup> 10am:** Margaret, Bert & Hughie Horan, Anne Kelly, Thomas Jones, John Connelly, Veronica (Ronnie) O’Loughlen.
- ✦ **Sat 14<sup>th</sup> 6pm:** Dessie & Maureen Delemere, Bernie Morris, Katherine & Patrick Flaherty, Sabina Lannon, Terry Murphy, Mark Comey.
- ✦ **Sun 15<sup>th</sup> 9.30am:** Basil & Frances Emmerson, Margaret Ryan, John & Moira Kelly and deceased family members, Billy Ryan, Fred Jones (BR) & Jones family.
- ✦ **Sun 15<sup>th</sup> 11am:** Margaret McAuley, Rena McGrath, Mary Rochford, Tom McDonald, Bernie, Liz & Fanchea Rice, Bernadette (Bernie) O’Connor.
- ✦ **Mon 16<sup>th</sup> 10am:** Mass Card Intentions.
- ✦ **Tue 17<sup>th</sup> 10am:** Dolores Doorty, Noel Duff (BR), Anna Jones.
- ✦ **Wed 18<sup>th</sup> 10am:** Joan Smyth (BR), Esther Carmel McDonagh.
- ✦ **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> 10am:** Decd mbrs of the Hughes & Byrne families. Dessie & Desmond McGirl, Annie & Patrick Leonard.
- ✦ **Sat 21<sup>st</sup> 10am:** Eileen, Joe & Joseph Beatty, Dick Rankin & family, Special Intention, Kathleen & Bernard Leonard, Rosemary Leonard, Mary Keenhan.
- ✦ **Sat 21<sup>st</sup> 6pm:** Paul Holland, Joseph, Margaret & Thomas Flaherty, Oonagh

Beglan, Margaret McNally, Kevin Farrell, Laurence Daly, Terry Tolan.

- ✦ **Sun 22<sup>nd</sup> 9.30am:** Anthony O’Leary (1<sup>st</sup> A), Desmond (Dessie) Lumsden (1<sup>st</sup> A), Swanee Martin, Christopher (Kit) Reid, Phil Duggan, Sean Horan.

- ✦ **Sun 22<sup>nd</sup> 11am:** Mona & Pdraig Potter, Catriona Harper, Jean Treleaven, Edie McMahan, Walter & Kitty Howlett, May & Paddy McMahan, Maureen Hayes.

### OUR SYMPATHY

To the families of Jimmy Boylan, Dublin Road, Sinead Neeves, Thomas Hand Street & Susan Butler late of Shallock Hill who died recently. May they Rest in Peace.

### FEASTDAYS

14<sup>th</sup> December – St. John of the Cross  
18<sup>th</sup> December – St. Flannan  
20<sup>th</sup> December St. Fachanan

### THE HERITAGE SINGERS

Present their Christmas Concert on Sunday **15<sup>th</sup> December** at **7.30pm** in the Heritage Centre, Balrothery. Refreshments will be served.

### HALLELUJAH CHRISTMAS CONCERT

A concert for all the family – Wednesday **18<sup>th</sup> December** at **7pm**. Tickets available in the Parish office and online from Eventbrite.

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**THE SEASON OF ADVENT – PREPARATION FOR CHRISTMAS - EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

We continue our preparation during the season of Advent with exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the church on Tuesday from 3 pm to 5 pm. This is an opportunity to spend some time in silent prayer/adoration in preparation for Christmas.

**DATES TO NOTE**

**17<sup>th</sup> December** - St. Patrick's JNS nativity play at **1.30pm**, St. Patrick's SNS Christmas Concert at **7pm**. **Hallelujah Concert – 18<sup>th</sup> Dec at 7pm.**

**CHRISTMAS TIMETABLE 2024**

Envelopes with the timetable for Christmas celebrations and Christmas Dues are available on the tables throughout the church. We look forward to you joining us in our Christmas celebrations this year. You might note the following:

**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Eve**

Vigil Masses for Christmas Day – 6pm & 8pm

**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Day**

Mass at 9.30 am & 11.00 am

**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> December St. Stephen's Day**

Mass at 11.00am

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> & Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> December 2024**

Morning Mass at 11.00 am

**Reconciliation Services**

**Mon 16<sup>th</sup> December- Skerries 7.30pm**

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> Dec – Rush Confession is available in Rush this weekend after all Masses

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December - Lusk 7.30 pm

**CHRISTMAS MASS CARDS**

Are still available from the Parish Office - all proceeds go the Capuchin Centre for the Homeless in Dublin.

**THANK YOU**

Thank you from the St. Vincent de Paul to all those who contributed so generously at last weekend's Masses.

**BRIDGE MASS**

Well done to all the children who will be making their First Holy Communion next May, who attended their Bridge Mass last weekend and to all those who brought their crib Infant Jesus for blessing.

**THANK YOU**

Thank you from Skerries Community Choir to all those who came to their two nights of Christmas Music last week. There was a great response to their chosen charity, the Irish Motor Neuron Disease Association.

**SKERRIES LADIES BOWLS**

A reminder that tomorrow morning 16<sup>th</sup> is Christmas party morning - wear your Santa hats, and don't forget a plate. We will have a short roll-up from 11 and then goodies afterwards plus announcement of winners of the Autumn Monday morning competition. Proceeds from the monies collected are going to the Gaza Paediatric Unit. Don't forget a little Kris prezzie, just to add to the fun!

**SKERRIES HARPS GAA CLUB**

Elected at our AGM: Chairman Martin Kenny; Secretary Ger Dillon; Treasurer Eileen McGinnis.

The club welcomes new members – male and female, both playing and non-playing.

We extend our sympathy to the Boylan family on the passing of our former Chairman, Trustee and lifelong supporter Jimmy Boylan. Ar dheis De go raibh a anam.

Zingo for 8 Dec. 3, 1, 4, 6, 5, 7. 2. No winner. Jackpot now €5,600 – a nice Christmas present. Draw every Sunday 6pm. Congrats to recent Dividend winner Tony O'Brien who won €500.

Christmas Bingo on Monday 16 December at 8 p.m. in the Clubhouse, with Jackpot of €1,200 and lots of festive Spot Prizes. Ho Ho Ho!