



Skerries Parish Bulletin

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Jesus – God born among us – ‘God with us’



‘The Word was made flesh, He lived among us and we saw His glory.’

These lines from St. John’s gospel, which we proclaim at Christmas, remind us of God’s ever presence with us now and forever. As we look back on this year, who could have imagined the events that have taken place in our world. It’s an understatement that change on such a scale was not seen coming. Politics, war, hunger and climate to name a few. As people of faith, the belief we share of God’s presence with us is easily seen in the name we give God at this time of year – Emmanuel – ‘God-with-us.’

He dispels the darkness with the light of His presence. We too bring that same light to every part of our lives and show it to all we meet and greet over this season. This year has been designated a Holy year, a Jubilee Year, a tradition taken from biblical times when we share in the abundant grace of God. Pope Francis will open the Holy Door in St. Peter’s Basilica in Rome to mark its beginning which will be followed by the opening of Holy Doors in other churches throughout the world. It’s a year of God’s favour, a year that offers us opportunity to renew our hearts and commitment to God’s presence and action in our world through us. May it be a fruitful one – it couldn’t be more timely.

During this past year we have seen and heard of many darkneses but we always have the light within us to bring hope and new possibilities – new light. *‘A light that shines in the dark, a light that darkness could not overpower.’* As we share this special time, we bring the joy and light of ‘God-with-us’ wherever we may go and to whoever we meet.

May the joy and peace of Christmas be with you and yours.

Fr. Melvyn

ANNIVERSARY / SPECIAL INTENTIONS MASSES

- ✦ **Sat 21st 10am:** Eileen, Joe & Joseph Beatty, Dick Rankin & family, Special Intention, Kathleen & Bernard Leonard, Rosemary Leonard, Mary Keenhan.
- ✦ **Sat 21st 6pm:** Paul Holland, Joseph, Margaret & Thomas Flaherty, Oonagh Beglan, Margaret McNally, Kevin Farrell, Laurence Daly, Terry Tolan, Maura Hughes.
- ✦ **Sun 22nd 9.30am:** Anthony O’Leary (1st A), Desmond (Dessie) Lumsden (1st A), Swanee Martin, Christopher (Kit) Reid, Phil Duggan, Sean Horan.
- ✦ **Sun 22nd 11am:** Mona & Padraig Potter, Catriona Harper, Jean Treleaven, Edie McMahon, Walter & Kitty Howlett, May & Paddy McMahon, Maureen Hayes
- ✦ **Mon 23rd 10am:** Mass Care Intentions
- ✦ **Tue 24th 10am:** Mary McCormack, Cora & Mick Cannon, Maura Cleary, Esther Kelly, Tom McManus (BR), Gillian Cantwell (RD), Nancy & Phil Walls.

- ✦ **Christmas Eve 6 & 8pm:** Christmas Mass Cards
- ✦ **Christmas Day 9.30 & 11am:** Christmas Mass Cards
- ✦ **Thurs 26th 11am:** Brian & Robert Beggs, Maurice Mullins, Stephen & Kathleen Attley, John & Joan Mulvihill, Sean Darcy, Pauline McBride, Joan McDonnell (BR & 1st A)
- ✦ **Friday 27th 11am:** Brian Taylor, Ivan Heeney.
- ✦ **Sat 28th 11am:** Larry & Eileen Cummins, Eddie & Marge Moran, Adrian Gallagher.
- ✦ **Sat 28th 6pm:** Thomas Lannon (MM), Alan Wilde.
- ✦ **Sun 29th 9.30am:** Richard Fanning & family, Lily Duff, Paddy Sexton, Patsy & Thomas Hand, Masie Grimes, John Dwyer.
- ✦ **Sun 29th 11am:** William Flanagan, Kay & John Mulhere, Charles Donnelly, Brendan Garland, Rosaleen & Leo Doolin, Tom & Dolores Ferguson.
- ✦ **Mon 30th 10am:** Mass Card Intentions

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- ✦ **Tue 31st 11am:** Margaret Browne, John Nealon & Irene Nealon Meinzolt, Tom Sandhom (RD).
- ✦ **Wed 1st Jan 11am:** Evelyn Marshall.
- ✦ **Friday 3rd 10am:** First Friday – Altar List
- ✦ **Sat 4th 10am:** James Larkin
- ✦ **Sat 4th 6pm:** Kenny Keogh (1st A), Kevin Woodcock, Eileen McCormack, Patrick & Peggy McCormack & members of the McCormack family, William McGarry, Bernadette Roche & deceased members of McLoughlin & Roche families.
- ✦ **Sun 5th 9.30am:** Pearse Thornton
- ✦ **Sun 5th 11am:** Sean Carron (1st A), Anne McEvoy, Sonny Rogan, Ann 'Annie' Murphy, Teresa 'Tess' Goggin, Edward 'Eddo' & Mary Aherne, Bobby & Martha Aherne.

FEASTDAYS

24 Dec – Christmas Eve
 25 Dec – The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ
 26 Dec – St. Stephen
 27 Dec - St. John, Apostle & Evangelist
 28 Dec - The Holy Innocents, Martyrs
 29 Dec – The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph
 1st Jan – Mary, the Holy Mother of God
 2nd Jan – St. Basil

Date to Note:

Friday 3rd Jan – First Friday, Padre Pio Mass at 7.30pm

NOTICES

Found – Set of house and car keys. Cystic Fibrosis Key chain. Found in November. Please phone: 0863302109.

WE WELCOME



new arrivals Sofia Murphy-Conran, Shae Savage & Sofia Donohue Murphy who were recently baptised into our parish family.

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 24th December – Christmas Eve
 Vigil Masses for Christmas Day – 6pm & 8pm
Wednesday 25th December – Christmas Day
 Mass at 9.30 am & 11.00 am

Thursday 26th December - St. Stephen's Day

Mass at 11.00 am

Friday 27th & Saturday 28th December 2024

Morning Mass at 11.00 am

PIONEER CALENDARS 2025

will be on sale at the rear of the church after all Masses this weekend - price €3. Many thanks for all your support throughout the year and may we wish you all a very happy, holy and peaceful Christmas.

NOLLAIG NA MBAN

Monday January 6th 2025 – Nollaig na mBan. An afternoon of music and readings will take place in Skerries Mills Café, 2.30 to 4.30 pm. Donations to St. Vincent de Paul and RNLI. All welcome.

SKERRIES LADIES BOWLS

An enjoyable Christmas party morning was held for all lady members last Monday. Prizewinners for the Monday morning competition were Marguerite McGonagle, Chrissie Peters, Nancy O' Rourke and Mary Clerkin. A donation of €242 was made to the Gaza Paediatric Unit Initiative. Happy Christmas to all.

SKERRIES HARPS GAA CLUB



We wish Seasons Greetings to all our Members, to our Sponsors and Supporters.

St. Stephen's Day Charity Match Series in aid of local branch of St. Vincent de Paul Society – Football at 11am followed by Hurling/Camogie at 12.30. Clubhouse Bar will be open afterwards for "hydration" and post match analysis.

Zingo for 15 Dec. 4, 3, 1, 5, 7, 2. 6. No winner. Jackpot now €5,700. Draw every Sunday at 6 p.m with free in-house raffle. Entry €2 per line or 3 for €5.

Get your Ticket for the Big Christmas Draw, which includes Cash Prizes and vouchers all sourced from local businesses. Draw on **Sunday 22 December at 7pm**. Tickets available online.

Annual Christmas Tree Collection in aid of our Féile teams. We will collect your tree and dispose of it environmentally on **Sat 4 Jan**. Tags now available at usual outlets on Strand Street & Skerries Hardware and online at www.skerriesharps.ie

The Bulletin team wishes all our readers a Happy & Peaceful Christmas. There will be no Bulletin on Sunday 29th, but we will be back in the New Year on 4th/ 5th January.