



Skerries Parish Bulletin

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Neh 8:2-6, 8-10; 1 Cor 12:12-30; Lk 1:1-4, 4:14-21

'This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen' Sunday of the Word of God

This Sunday has been designated in the church as '*Sunday of the Word of God.*' Each Sunday the Word of God challenges us to a renewal of our lives so that we serve one another with compassion and love.



All of the scripture readings focus our minds and hearts on the central role the Word of God plays in our lives. We are given an insight into how precious and important God's word is to us and how it assists us in putting flesh on the faith that unites us as God's people. A special moment in Jewish religious history is recalled in today's gospel when Jesus as the centre of attention, declares the Lord's year of favour. This year in the church is a Jubilee year - a year of the Lord's favour.

Jesus having read the passage from the prophet Isaiah calmly and deliberately announced '***This text is being fulfilled even as you listen.***' This was a declaration that the salvation promised had arrived and Jesus states he was the long-awaited Messiah which was the fulfilment of Israel's hopes and dreams.

It could be said every year is a year of favour from the Lord and indeed they truly are. We are offered many ways and means each day to bring the Lord's favour to life. We make these words of Jesus our very own and help to fulfil them 'even as we listen.' We share an everyday reality of God's Word taking root in our lives and practically in others as well. We embody the Word in our hearts and spirit and having an open heart we allow the Spirit move us to such actions as bringing good news to others, liberty and new sight to all who are captured by life events. Let us listen and allow the Spirit guide and move us to fulfil the Word of God in our lives – even as we listen this and every day to his Word.

Fr. Melvyn

Anniversary / Special Intention Masses

- ✦ **Saturday 25th 10.00am:** Ann Farrell (1st A), Dorothy Crowley, Tom and Rose Sheridan, Liam Matthews and decd mbrs of the family, William and Hannah Flynn (rem), Special Intention.
- ✦ **6.00pm:** Sinead Neeves (MM), Catherine Guildea (MM), Margaret Branagan, Brendan, Patrick, Elizabeth and Helen Clarke, John and Eithne Everard, Laurence and Sheila McNally, Betty and Peter Boylan.
- ✦ **Sunday 26th 9.30am:** Anne Clinton (MM) Angela and Sean Lynch, Winifred and Patrick Russell, Mary and Patrick O'Neill, James and Dermot Manson, Eileen and Vincent Boyle
- ✦ **11.00am:** Mary (May) Wherity (MM), Joan McDonnell (1st A + BR), Frances Duff, Denis McKeown, Margaret McCarthy, Bobby (A), Martha, Edward 'Eddo' and Mary Aherne (rem).
- ✦ **Monday 27th 10.00am:** Mass Card Intentions
- ✦ **Tuesday 28th 10.00am:** Frances Duff (1st A), Mary Nugent (BR), Angela Dixon, Vincent Peters, Thanksgiving Mass, Nancy Sheilds (RD) Galway
- ✦ **Wednesday 29th 10.00am:** Angela Dixon, Karl Mackle, Nino Greco.
- ✦ **Friday 31st 10.00am:** Matt McBride, Liam McKenna

- ✦ **Saturday 1st 6.00pm:** Michael Conlon, Mary Cawley, Phyllis Carr, Frank and Ann Rogan, Brendan McGuire, Mary Kelly.
- ✦ **Sunday 2nd 9.30am:** Gaye McGirl, Jim Lennox and decd mbrs of the family.
- ✦ **11.00am:** Ronnie Fay, Ellen and Daniel O'Connell, Hughie Hammond & decd mbrs of the family

Our Sympathy is extended to the families and friends of Anne Boylan, Mourne Grove; Catherine Cruise, Mourne View, and Kevin Kelly, Shenick Grove, who died recently. May they Rest in Peace



We Welcome Eve Garvey who was recently baptised into our parish family.

Feast Days

Tuesday 28th Jan. – St. Thomas Aquinas.

Friday 31st Jan. – St. John Bosco.

Saturday 1st Feb – St. Brigid – Secondary Patron of Ireland.

Sunday 2nd Feb – The Presentation of The Lord

Candlemas Day

Next Sunday 2nd February is the Feast of The Presentation of the Lord or Candlemas Day. Candles will be blessed during all Masses and will be on sale in the Parish Office during the week.

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Monday 3rd February is the feast day of St. Blaise and is a bank holiday. Morning Mass will be at 11.00am instead of the usual time of 10.00am.

Blessing of throats will take place after the 11 o'clock Mass. The parish office will be open on Monday from 10.30-12 noon.

Parish Secretary/Bookkeeper

Lusk parish is inviting expressions of interest in a vacancy for a Parish Secretary/Bookkeeper. This is a part-time permanent position. For more information please go to www.luskparish.ie and open the newsletter for 26th January or browse the website. Closing date for applications is 12.00noon on 12th February 2025.

Catholic Schools Week

We are thankful to the staff of our parish schools who helped to celebrate this annual event marking the journey of faith that we share with our children and young people.

Laudate Festival of Song 2025



As part of Catholic Schools Week, the Laudate Festival of Song will take place next **Tuesday, 28th January, in Our lady of Victories Church, Ballymun Road at 7.00p.m.**

Over 80 children from the choirs of St. Patrick's Junior and Senior schools will take part in this uplifting evening of music, song and reflection. All families, friends and parishioners are invited to attend and support our young singers. This event is ticketless and admission is free.

Bridge Mass

Our next Bridge Mass for all those children who intend to celebrate 1st Penance and 1st Holy Communion this year, will take place next Sunday 2nd February at 11.00am. All parents/guardians are encouraged to join with their children during this Mass as they prepare to celebrate these sacraments.

Skerries Town Twinning



Plans are now taking shape for the trip to the Canton of Guichen to further celebrate 30 years of our twinning. The trip will take place from 3rd – 7th July. If you would like more information about the visit contact skerriestwinning@gmail.com. As with all twinning initiatives, all accommodation and entertainment for the four days is covered by the hosts - you just need to get there.

Found: Bracelet found on Skerries beach recently. Contact 0879835444, Ladybird purse, contact the parish office

Lá le Bríde



On Saturday next, 1st February, we will celebrate the Feast of Brigid, patron of Ireland. According to tradition, Brigid was born c.450 A.D. and was renowned for her wisdom and charity. Many legends surround her life - why not read up on them? **We send our good wishes to the Sisters of the Holy Faith** in our convent here in Skerries for whom St. Brigid's Day is a special day of celebration.

Skerries Ladies Bowls

There will be a short meeting with our new captain Nancy O'Rourke on Monday 26th at 12.15. Nancy will hope to outline plans for the coming season. No play last Monday due to the flooded green - but well done to the 24 ladies who turned up and enjoyed a cuppa anyway.

30 Years Ago in the Parish

- A special Mass was being celebrated for all Pioneer Jubilarians at which pins would be awarded
- Auditions were being held for the principal parts for the Marian Musical Society's spring production of "Finian's Rainbow"
- Details of the Living Alone Allowance were available from Skerries Citizens Information Centre
- Skerries Town FC send their best wishes to Club President Gerald Duff on the occasion of his 80th birthday
- Well done to all eleven medal winners from Skerries Athletic Club who did so well in the Northside League

Skerries Harps GAA Club

Juvenile Academy every Saturday at 9.45a.m on main pitch for boys/girls aged over 4 years. Our club is growing, we're busier than ever and there's a lot of great things happening. We need more people to be involved so we have more diversity within the club to keep doing the many great things we do. The more people involved the better. Just an hour a week can make a difference. We have lots of opportunity to get involved at all levels. You can support a team as a player or mentor or join a committee etc. Fill in the form on our website to see how you can get involved. The Bar/Function room area is available for hire. Contact bookings.harps@gmail.com for info. Zingo Sun.19 January. 1, 6, 3, 5, 2, 4, 7. Jackpot €6,100 won by Conor O'Reilly. Congrats! Fri 31 Jan – Medal Presentation Night in the Bracken Court Hotel - tickets are limited! Next Bingo – Mon 27 Jan at 8 p.m. Jackpot €1,300