



Skerries Parish Bulletin

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2nd – 9th February 2025

The Presentation of the Lord

Malachi 3:1-4; Psalm 24; Hebrews 2:14-18; Luke 2 :22-40

Today the Church celebrates the Feast of the Presentation of Jesus in the temple. The feast recalls the day when Mary and Joseph according to the Jewish tradition brought the infant Jesus to the temple in Jerusalem to present him to God. Present in the temple are Simeon and Anna. Both recognise the infant Jesus as the promised Messiah. They have waited their whole lives for this moment. Anna gave thanks to God and bore witness to Jesus before all those present. Simeon lifted up his heart in prayer. He recognised Jesus as the promised Saviour, a 'light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel.' We too are called to receive the Lord in prayer and witness. We bless God, we thank God in prayer for the gift of his Son, the light to enlighten all people, and we proclaim God's gift to others, by witnessing to the Lord in our lives, by what we say and do.



The Second Reading, the passage from Letters to the Hebrews, tells that Jesus became fully human. 'Because Christ himself was tested by what he suffered he is able to help those who are being tested.' Let us go to God who will receive us with mercy and through grace will help us in our time of need.

The Lord who entered the temple in Jerusalem as the light of the world has entered all our lives. Today let us look to Anna and Simeon to show us how to respond to his presence.

Scripture Group

ANNIVERSARY / SPECIAL INTENTION MASSES

- ✦ **Sat 1st 6pm:** Michael Conlon, Mary Cawley, Phyllis Carr, Frank & Ann Rogan, Brendan McGuire, Mary Kelly
- ✦ **Sun 2nd 9.30am:** Gaye McGirl, Jim Lennox & deceased members of the Lennox family
- ✦ **Sun 2nd 11am:** Ronnie Fay, Ellen & Daniel O'Connell, Hughie Hammond & deceased members of the family
- ✦ **Mon 3rd 11am:** Mass Card Intentions
- ✦ **Tues 4th 10am:** Michael Halpin, Kay Whelan
- ✦ **Wed 5th 10am:** Elizabeth Walsh, Francis 'Frank' Corr
- ✦ **Fri 7th 10am:** First Friday – Altar List
- ✦ **Sat 8th 10am:** Peter Kelly
- ✦ **Sat 8th 6pm:** Tommy Doyle, Greta Devine & the Ashe family, James Ryan, James Coleman, Esther & Val Casey, Billy, Stevie & Frances Ryan, Joe McNally
- ✦ **Sun 9th 9.30am:** Mabel St John, Marie Browne, Tina McLoughlin

- ✦ **Sun 9th 11am:** Pat & Maura Ellis, Benny Donnelly, Denis 'Dinny' Concannon, Joseph & Catherine Gaffney, Brendan & Loretta Buckley

✦ **OUR SYMPATHY**
To the families of Lily Mangan, Greenlawns, and Gavan O'Kelly, Skerries Rock, who died recently. May they Rest in Peace.

FEAST DAYS

- 1st February** – St Brigid
- 2nd February** – The Presentation of the Lord
- 5th February** – St Agatha
- 7th February** – St Mel
- 8th February** – International Day of Prayer for Human Trafficking

PRESENTATION OF THE LORD/CANDLEMAS DAY

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

BANK HOLIDAY

Monday 3rd February is the feast day of **St. Blaise and is a bank holiday**. Morning Mass will be at 11 o'clock instead of the usual time of 10am. Blessing of throats will take place after 11 o'clock Mass on Monday. Blessed candles will be on sale in the parish office which will be open on Monday from 10.30-12 noon.

FIRST FRIDAY/PADRE PIO MASS

This Friday 7th February is the First Friday of the month. Morning Mass will be offered for the Altar List of the Dead. Also, the Padre Pio Mass will be celebrated at 7.30pm on Friday evening.

LAUDATE FESTIVAL OF SONG

This Festival of Song which took place on Tuesday 28th January in Our Lady of Victories Church, Ballymun Road is a part of Catholic Schools week. We are very proud of our children from the choirs of St. Patrick's JNS & SNS who took part this year. They were superb and a great credit to our teachers and principals who gave so much of themselves to this event.

ACTIVE RETIREMENT CLUB

AGM coming up shortly. Annual fees now due. Trips, talks, bowls and keep fit coming up shortly. New members welcome. Monday afternoons in Little Theatre at 2pm. Closed on Bank Holiday.

30 YEARS AGO IN THE PARISH

- World Day of the Sick on 11th February was celebrated by a special Sacrament for the Sick for those who were unwell in the Parish.
- St. Patrick's Senior School was holding a fund-raising Cookery Demonstration in the Windmill
- St. Patrick's Junior School was holding a talk entitled "Rearing Children in Today's Modern World" in the school
- Skerries Athletic Club had a long list of prize-winners at the recent Northside League last weekend
- Skerries Rugby Club were playing the most important match of the season against Limerick Bohemians who were top of their league, while Skerries was in second place - a win would mean Skerries would be in line for promotion

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 go to www.luskparish.ie and open the newsletter for 26th January or browse the website.

Closing date for applications is 12 noon on 12th February 2025.

SKERRIES LADIES' BOWLS

Unfortunately the bad weather meant there was no play last Monday, but a meeting took place of some 25 ladies who were there. A new ladies Secretary, Liz Kenny, was welcomed. An update on plans for renewing the green was given and a discussion on how the summer leagues might be approached. Apart from the regular Monday morning, ladies are invited to drop by on Wednesday and Friday mornings for a casual roll-up. Hopefully, the Monday morning competition will resume tomorrow 3rd February.

SKERRIES HARPS GAA CLUB



Great to see Greg McEaney and Killian McGinnis line out with the Dubs v Mayo in Croker and Hannah McGinnis with the Dublin ladies also against Mayo – both teams winning. Juvenile Academy every Saturday at 9.45 am on Main pitch for boys/girls aged over 4 years. Juvenile games starting shortly and new players – boys and girls -are welcome over the 4 codes. Parent support also welcome. Contact Juvenile Secretary on 087 8551236 for details. Adult games resume shortly, new players welcome. Contact 087 2424429 - lots of opportunity to get involved at all levels. You can support a team as a player or mentor or join a committee etc. etc. The Bar/Function room area is available for hire for functions, meetings, parties, fundraisers, community events, quiz nights etc. Contact bookings.harps@gmail.com for info. Zingo Sunday 26 January. 1, 3, 4, 2, 5, 6, 7. No winners. Next Zingo on Sunday 2nd February at 6.30 pm with Jackpot €1,100. Come along and enjoy the TV sport and the Free draw for spot prizes. Bingo Jackpot €1,300 won by Eithne Campbell – next Bingo on Monday 10th February at 8 pm.