



Skerries Parish Bulletin

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6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sirach 15:15-21, Psalm 119: 1 Cor2:6-10: Matthew 5:17-37



The Sermon on the Mount has entered world literature as a great synthesis of the teaching of Jesus. In today's reading from the Sermon the past, represented by the Law and the Prophets, retains its value and validity. Jesus does not overturn the Law of Moses, but he brings it to its ultimate perfection. He calls for a righteousness that goes deeper than legalistic external observance. Jesus insists that we go deeper than our external deeds. The important question is what is going on in our hearts, the source of inner thoughts and motivation. Jesus applies his teaching to feelings of anger. The prohibition of adultery is expanded to include purity of mind and heart. For Jesus, persons with genuine authenticity do not need to swear an oath to be convincing. Their 'yes' or 'no' suffices. The important question is what is going on in our hearts, the source of inner thoughts and motivations ?

In the Second Reading, St. Paul reminds us that as believers we stand before the great mystery of God, greater than our minds, greater than our hearts. And yet, somehow, we share in this mystery and God lives in us through the Spirit poured into our hearts.

In the First Reading, Sirach reminds the community that God has given them freedom to choose between life and death. God does not compel obedience. Rather He sets 'fire and water' (life and death) before humanity. The passage emphasises that God see all actions but has not given anyone permission to sin. The responsibility to choose good is entirely ours, but God's wisdom guides us.

Scripture Group

Our Sympathy



Is extended to the families and friends of David Alwright, Kelly's Bay Cliffs, Dr. Maighréad Ni Mhurchadha, late of Skerries and Bartra N.H., and Matt Connolly, Townparks, parishioners whose deaths occurred recently. May they rest in peace.

Ash Wednesday



Wednesday 18th is Ash Wednesday which marks the start of the season of Lent. Ashes will be blessed during 10 o'clock Mass on Wednesday morning. Please note this is the only Mass for Ash Wednesday. Blessed Ashes will be distributed immediately after Mass and as in previous years they will be available in the church during the day for those who wish to avail of them. Ash Wednesday is a Day of Fast and Abstinence.

Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament

We are asked to mark the season of Lent in some way so as to prepare for the great celebration of Easter. With this in mind, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will take place in the church on Tuesdays during Lent from 3pm to 5pm starting Tuesday 24th February.

Trocaire boxes will be available in the Church for those who wish to support this annual cause.

Anniversary and Mass intentions

Sat. 14th: 10am Theresa & Paddy Long
6pm Lill Hughes (Month's Mind), Isobel 'Bella' Fanning (Month's Mind), Paul Wilde, Finley Gannon, Michael Coleman, Mary Cawley & Michael Conlon, James Coleman, Esther Casey
Sun. 15th: 9.30am Maryann & Charles McMorro, Carol Russell, Carol Sheridan (rec.decd), Tom & Rose Sheridan, James Everard
11am Maureen Byrne (1st A), Loretta Mellows (1st A), Lill Woodward, Benny Donnelly, Tommy Quinn, Rita Price, Catherine Maypothor (BR).
Mon, 16th: 10am Mass Card Intentions
Tues.17th: 10am Kathleen Larkin, Elizabeth Mullins, Joanie & Max Watts, Special Intention
Wed. 18th: 10am John O'Dwyer
Fri.20th: 10am Josie McKenna (Month's Mind), Alf Coleman (BR), Bernie Kierney (BR), Patrick & Alice Harford, Colin Mooney, Michael, Kathleen, Rosanne & Rosaleen Neary
Sat. 21st: 10am Cora & Mick Cannon
6pm Declan O'Halloran, Elizabeth & Aidan Francis, Ben Gaughran, Mary Marrow (BR)
Sun. 22nd: 9.30am Vincent Woodlock, Anne O'Sullivan & decd mbrs of the O'Sullivan family, Bobby (A) & Martha Aherne (rem) Mary & Edward 'Eddo' Aherne, Henry Clarke, Derek Reilly (rem)
11am Fr. Michael Flanagan, Richard Lambe, Janice Downing, Denis Keogh, Christopher Radley, Susan Woods(A) & decd mbrs of the Woods family, Paddy Sexton (BR)

The Annual Collection for Accord Dublin, the Dublin Diocesan agency for Marriage and the Family, will replace the second (Share) Collection at all masses this weekend. Please give as generously as you can. The funds are used in a wide variety of means to support marriage and the family.

Lenten pledge

Pioneer Total Abstinence Association of the Sacred Heart will be taking names for Short-Term Pledge for Lent at rear of church after all Masses this weekend 14th/15th February 2026.

An invitation for Lent

Christ Church Cathedral and Fr. Kieran O'Mahony OSB are presenting "Learning from Matthew's Church" This is a six-week course beginning 7.30 pm -21.00 pm on Ash Wednesday and the Wednesdays in Lent. (The gospel being read this year is Matthew's). On Ash Wednesday the Eucharist is at 6pm to which you are cordially invited.

30 Years ago in the Parish

Lent was looming and challenges were presented to Parishioners – Prayer, Communion, Working together, and the formation of a Parish Forum Stations of the Cross to take place each Friday during Lent after evening Mass

St. Vincent de Paul Society was looking for donations of First Communion and Confirmation outfits

Soup lunches to take place each Friday of Lent in the Methodist Church- donations to Trocaire

A Class reunion of the Leaving Certs of '85 was being organised in the Windmill

Plans for the new clubhouse for Skerries Town FC were on display in the library.

Many thanks



from the organising committee of the Coffee Morning in aid of St. Francis Hospice last Friday morning – despite the damp conditions a large crowd supported this very deserving charity.

Many thanks to those who donated raffle prizes and goodies. As donations are still coming in, the final figure will be announced next week, but it's looking very promising

Feast Days for the coming week:

14th Feb – St. Cyril,

18th Feb – Ash Wednesday,

20th Feb – Day of Prayer for Victims of Abuse

Language Buddies

Would you like to improve your French with the help of a native speaker ? Then Skerries Town Twinning can help you find a Language Buddy. All that is needed is that you commit to a regular video call – you will enable your Breton counterpart to practise English, and you get the opportunity to speak and improve your French.

This is a free scheme. If you are interested in joining a growing group of Skerries people who take part in the scheme, contact

skerriestowntwinning@gmail.com. In a few lines tell us about yourself and your interests and we'll take it from there. Skerries is a twinned community with Les Jumelages en Vallons de Villaine (formerly CRIC, Canton of Guichen. Allez-y !!

A Helpful site

The website www.thewordthisweek.net explains the following Sunday's liturgy in a thoroughly modern way which would appeal to all ages.

Skerries Ladies Bowls



Well done to the 22 ladies who turned out last Monday in damp conditions for Week 3 of our Spring fun competition.

The Ladies meeting was postponed until tomorrow, Monday, 16th, at 12.15 due to unforeseen circumstances.

Skerries Harps GFC

Fixture Sun 22 Feb – Div.1 Football League v St Judes in Skerries at 10.30 a.m.

Juvenile Academy on Saturday mornings at 9.45 a.m. for boys and girls aged 4+. Coaching is provided in Football, Hurling, Camogie. A big emphasis is on fundamental movement skills and increasing children's confidence and social skills.

- Fully Qualified Coaches; Small coach-to-child ratio
- Fundamental Skills Development
- Fun-Based Games and Skills

Coaching courses will be provided for parents and challenge matches will be provided to prepare the teams for when they become the new Under 8 boys and girls teams. Club Shop open for playing gear & leisurewear – Tea/Coffee available.

ZINGO Sun 8th Feb: 1, 7, 17, 24. Match 3 winner €100 Avril O'Callaghan. Jackpot now €2,500. Play Online or via the envelopes in the clubhouse. The draw is every Sunday at 6:30 pm .See

www.skerriesharps.ie/zingo

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