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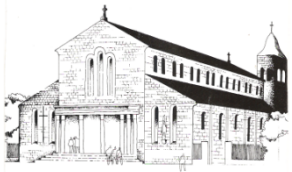
From the cockerel on your breakfast-cereal box to the winking crescent moon on your electric blanket, logos dominate our lives. Not just a picture but a symbol speaks a thousand words! Logos do the same. All are vying for our allegiance. "Follow/buy/wear/eat me, I'm the best!" So we assess it, think it over, try it out maybe..... and decide.

The logo in question today is a cross. The Church has dedicated this Sunday to "The Veneration of the Cross". Of all symbols in the Western World, the cross must be the most iconic. It is to be found everywhere – on buildings, in print, as jewellery, in decoration. Some sort of cross is never far from view. First and foremost, however, the cross is the logo of Christianity, the symbol of pure Love. As such, it represents life at its most bewildering, at its richest, and as eternal.

When did we last assess it; what it stands for; why we should choose it as our logo for life?

The dominant theme of today's Scripture passages - all of them - is the kindness, understanding and love of God. In them we see that humans are endlessly loved, forgiven, understood, that the love of God for us is truly unconditional. The life of Jesus, God in human form, is the clearest illustration of this pure love, based as it was on service, selflessness, sacrifice. Any lifestyle that calls for selflessness is a challenge, there's no doubt about that, but it is the essence of the logo and no other lifestyle is worth the effort. A Cross, regardless of where we see it or who's wearing it, means energetic, pro-active, life-giving Love. As Christians, that's what we subscribe to and try to imitate in adopting the Cross as our logo. Why? Love gives us Hope. Hope gives us a reason for living. It absolutely must be shared. That's why. From one of our hymns: "Love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all".

Skerries Church Choir



On **Sunday 21st September the 11am Mass** will be offered to celebrate our church. **Bishop Paul Dempsey** will join us as chief celebrant. The theme, '**Building Hope – Faith for the Future**', invites us to reflect on our journey and look ahead with renewed spirit, unity and hope. Looking towards the future development of our faith community, Bishop Dempsey will unveil and bless a model of the new Pastoral Centre. As you know the centre will be developed across the road on the site of 42a Strand Street.

Work will commence shortly. The **Parish Pastoral Council warmly invites parishioners** to join us for this joyful occasion and be part of this milestone moment in our faith community. **Refreshments will be served afterwards**, offering a chance to connect, share memories, and celebrate together. Let's all come together in faith, gratitude, and hope as we mark this remarkable chapter in our parish story.

ANNIVERSARY / SPECIAL INTENTION MASSES

Saturday 13th 10am: Kathleen Campbell (MM), Nellie & JJ Gilsean, Holy Souls

Saturday 13th 6pm: Andrew Collins (1st A), Mary & Robert Kelly, Clare McGloughlin, Noeline O'Connor

Sunday 14th 9.30am: Jack McGuinness, Fan Dalton, Rose Farrell, Tony Grimes, Derek Reilly, Mary Aherne, Bobby, Martha & Eddo Aherne (rem)

Sunday 14th 11am: Elizabeth Nevin, Bill Hayes, Patrick Markey, Niall Dungan, Jonathon Flanagan, Francie & Josie Rogan

Monday 15th 10am: Mass Card Intentions

Tuesday 16th 10am: Eily 'Eileen' Croke, Teresa Lamont, Kathleen Lamont, Joan & William Ruigrok, Elinora Ryan

Wednesday 17th 10am: Paddy Sexton (1st A), Mary Rose Macken (1st A), Thomas & Lena Monks, Mary Murphy, Jenny Reynolds, Sr. Mary Winifred

Friday 19th 10am: Martin O'Farrell (MM), Monica & Denis O'Farrell, Ray O'Farrell, Dorothy Murray

Saturday 20th 6pm: Teresa Bissett (MM), Tom Burke, Tony Twomey, Maureen (A) & Mary Huges (rem)

Sunday 21st 9.30am: Maura Lawler (1st A), Paddy Sexton (1st A), Seamus 'Seamy' Russell, Terry Woods, Doreen Rafferty

Sunday 21st 11am: Special Celebration Mass 'Building Hope – Faith for the Future'



WE WELCOME:

Tadhg James Maguire, Isabella Rose Harman & Sadhbh Hayley Burns

OUR SYMPATHY

To the families of Jim 'James' Coleman, Sherlock Park and Anne Scully, Church Street who died recently. May they Rest in Peace.

FEASTDAYS

13th Sept – St. John Chrysostom
14th Sept – The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
15th Sept – Our Lady of Sorrows
16th Sept – St. Cornelius

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Monthly Collection is Saturday 20th and Sunday 21st Sept for the St Vincent De Paul. Any contribution, no matter how small, will be truly appreciated.

The East Region of the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul (SVP) has announced that it intends to place **Maria House in Sandy Banks Lane, Skerries** for sale. The East Regional Council says that in accordance with the wishes of St. Patrick's Conference in Skerries preference will be given to families in determining the purchaser. Maria House had been used by SVP for over 30 years as an occasional summer holiday home for families in the SVP East region, primarily from Dublin. The building has been vacant since it was last used in 2019 just prior to Covid. SVP's East regional Council says that the increase in governance issues applying to child and family services has made resuming the service at Maria House extremely difficult to manage. St Patrick's Conference will continue to provide services to those in need in the area providing food as well as energy, education and other supports. The Conference thanks the local community in Skerries for the welcome and support provided to the families who have used Maria House over the years.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL - THE SHOP in Skerries Point is seeking volunteers who can offer 4 hours a week. No experience necessary. Please call in to the shop if interested.

LOST AND FOUND

Selection of Eye Wear in the parish office. Ted Baker prescription sunglasses returned as collected in error.

ST. FRANCIS HOSPICE

Bewley's 33rd Big Coffee Morning will take place in St. Francis Hospice, Raheny & Blanchardstown on Thursday 25th September from 10am - 12.30pm. All our welcome.

RUSH BIBLE STUDY GROUP

Starts on Mon 15th Sept in the Day Chapel, St. Maur's, Rush, 11am-12pm. The group will be looking at St. Matthew's Gospel. The sessions will be facilitated by Helen Dempsey. 087-060898 hemerdempsey55@gmail.com

SKERRIES LADIES' BOWLS

A reminder that there will be a meeting of all lady members tomorrow Monday morning, 15th after roll-up. Come along and have your say in on-going plans. The summer leagues come to an end this coming week, but in-club competitions are up and running. Lists for Winter League will be up shortly - don't forget to sign up if you wish to play throughout the Winter - Thursday and Saturday mornings.

SKERRIES HARPS GAA CLUB

Senior footballers qualified for the last 8 in the Championship, defeating Mearnog's 1 -19 to 0 - 03. The Minor girls' footballers are in the semi-final after their win over Erins Isle.

We had 2 presentations in the club recently. Following our fundraiser night with Curragh, we were delighted to give the proceeds to SYSS to help them continue the brilliant work they are doing and our most recent Zingo winner Colette McMahon picked up her Jackpot cheque for €3,900. Juvenile Academy every Saturday at 9.45a.m till 11a.m - for boys and girls aged over 4 years. Register with our GPO Lauren at www.skerriesharps.com/academy

Sun 14 Sep. Junior hurling quarter final v Raheny, away at 10.30a.m and 2 Minor football ch'ship games in Skerries at 11a.m – A team v St Annes and B team v Plunkett's.

Sat 20 Senior football ch'ship v Parnell's, away at 6p.m and Inter football v Brigid's, home at 6 p.m. ZINGO 7 Sept. 7, 3, 4, 1, 2, 5, 6. No winner. Jackpot is now €1,300. Draw on Sunday at 6.30p.m. Social Golf - Captains Day at Skerries GC on Friday 19 September. Contact Tony at 0876498177