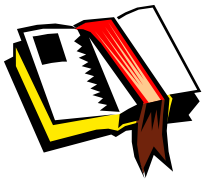


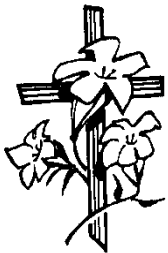
“Bless the Lord, my soul. Lord God, how great you are”

In the Liturgy of today, there are many examples of what Our God has laid out for us. Isaiah, the Prophet, tells us how our time of service is ended so that we are forgiven our sins. He tells us how to prepare for the coming of the Lord, so that the glory of the Lord will be revealed to us. Be joyful and let people know that He is our God, the shepherd who will always watch over us.

St. Paul also instructs us how to prepare for our salvation by living good lives. Christ died so that we would be saved from temptation and wickedness, thus enabling us to live good Christian lives by helping others. By baptising us, we are cleansed with water and renewed with the Holy Spirit.

Another example appears in the Gospel when John was preaching and the people thought that he might be the Christ. John showed his humility by declaring that someone was coming, more powerful than he, who would baptise with water and the Holy Spirit.

In short, we see the kindness, love, wisdom and compassion of our God and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Church Readers***Our Sympathy***

is extended to the families and friends of Kay Mulhere, Margie O’Brien, and Ann (Annie) Murphy, whose deaths took place this week. May they rest in peace.

Junior Infants Classes, September, 2019

Scoil Réalt na Mara: enrolment continues Mon. 14th- Fri. 18th January, between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.

on school days. School phone: 8490049

St. Patrick Jun. School: Pre-enrolment for Junior Infants 2019 is now open. Closing date Friday 18th January at 2.45pm. Office hours are 8.50am – 2.45 p.m. Monday to Friday.

Parish Book Club

During this month, we are reading **The Screwtape Letters** by CS Lewis, a classic satire with its sly and ironic portrayal of human life from the vantage point of the demon Screwtape. Next meeting to discuss the book is Thursday 31st, 7.30 p.m. in 42 Strand Street. All welcome !

First Anniversary: Liam Mathews, Sun. 20th, 11 a.m..

Tues. 15th: 10am Beatrice (Beta) Mac Mahon Gerry Mac Mahon & deceased members of Mac Mahon & O’Brien families

Wed.16th : 10am Luke Kinsella ,Carmel Nealon ,Nuala Morrissy-Murphy & deceased members of the family, Special Intention

Fri. 18th: 10am Mary & Patrick O’Neill Noel McDonough

Sat 19th: 10am Rose Harrison , Michael Marrey

Sat 19th: 6pm John & Eithne Everard, Tommy Ryan, Lisa Dunne , Tommy Rooney , Harry Grimes

Sun 20th: 6pm John Flanagan, Annie Power

The LIVING WATER PRAYER GROUP resumes on Wed 16th. Each Wed., at 8pm we gather in 42 Strand St opposite the front door of our church. Please come and join us to praise and pray for our church community our town and our whole world. All very welcome

Annual Medjugorje Pilgrimage

Annual pilgrimage will take place from 5th-12h June , accompanied by Fr Melvyn Mullins P.P as Spiritual Director. As places are limited, early booking is advisable . For further details , ring 087-2517345

Sacrament of Confirmation, 2019



The 4th Ritual with the theme "Called by Name" will take place in our Church, on Wed.

16th Jan at 7.30 pm for all our young people preparing to receive the Sacrament, their parents/ guardians/families and community. The (Christian) names of all candidates will be presented at the Ritual and senior members of the parish congregation attending the Family Mass on the following Sunday 20th will be asked to take a name and pray for that person as support on their faith journey. Ní neart go cur le chéile!

Feast Days for the coming week:

15th: St. Ita

16th: St. Fursa

17th: St. Anthony of Egypt

Lost Property

Could the lady who enquired about lost leather black gloves please call to the Parish Office ? Also several pairs of reading glasses have been found over the Christmas period. Could they be yours ?



Anam Cara North Dublin

The organisation which supports bereaved parents is holding a Parent Evening for bereaved parents on Wed. 16th Jan., at 7.30 p.m. in the Carnegie Court Hotel, Swords. The event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age at which your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether their death was recent or not.

'Together and Independent' -Supported Housing for Older People in Skerries

A call to action by Skerries Supported Housing Project will take place on Tuesday 22nd January 2019 at 8pm, Room 1, Skerries Community Centre, Dublin Road. The Housing Agency will present on different models of supported housing for older people.

Birdwatch Ireland

Reserve the date. Friday, January 25th !

BirdWatch Ireland Fingal Branch will hold their Annual Table Quiz in Skerries Rugby Club at 8.30. Tables of four €10

per head.



Skerries Ladies Bowls Club

The next meeting for lady members will take place on Monday 21st at 10.30 a.m. in the Clubhouse. Hope to see you all there !

SKERRIES HARPS GAA CLUB

Congrats to Alix Buckley on her selection on the Dublin Senior Camogie team panel. Thanks to all who supported our Christmas Tree collection service, run in aid of our Féile teams. Trees have been mulched and will be used to enhance the environment. Membership Fees for 2019 are now due. All players must pay their M/ship and Injury Fund fees before training for new season begins. Details of Fees are on club website or contact Registrar Peter Farmer or Team mentors. New players welcome at all ages. Juvenile Academy resumes on Sat 19 Jan at 10 am. Register on the day or contact club Games Promotion Officer Louise 085 1465673. The Gormanston Indoor Hurling/Camogie starts on Sun 20th for Under 8 to 11 boys and girls. Don't forget to vote for Lyndsey for the Fingal Independent Sportstar of Year award ! For news of club activities contact Joanne 086 4058523 or see www.skerriesharps.ie

Set Dancing

Thursday Set Dancing at Joe May's postponed until 7 February. Apologies for any inconvenience. For any queries, contact Mary 0863534697

Balbriggan and District Horticultural Society

Balbriggan and District Horticultural Society is holding a talk by Dominica Mc Kevitt, head gardener at Ardgillan Castle. The title of the talk is "Creating a Garden" and will also include improving and renovating an existing garden with emphasis on suitable planting. The talk will take place on Thurs. 17th January at 8:30 p.m. in the Scouts Den, Market Green Balbriggan beside Lidl. Admission €4 including tea and biscuits.

To contact us:

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