

Readings for 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time



The background to the first reading is that after 50 years of exile in Babylon the people of God had been allowed to return to Israel. Once home, they start to rebuild the Temple and celebrate their religious feasts. In today's excerpt, the people gather at the Water Gate, where both priest and people can be together, to hear the word of God read out to them. This reading has been chosen for today because it foreshadows the gospel story in which Jesus is also reading the word of God in the synagogue of his home town.

Today in our town we have gathered also to hear the word of God being read aloud to us. In the gospel we hear that Jesus proclaims that he is the One about whom the prophet Isaiah wrote. He has been sent to bring good news to the poor, proclaim liberty to captives, to give sight to the blind and to set the downtrodden free.

In the 2nd reading we hear St. Paul explain that we Christians are all part of the body of Christ and as such we have our part to play in bringing the good news. It is not really an option as we sometimes think. Each and every one of us should in some way be helping to bring the good news to the world in which we live. So we might ask ourselves;

In what way am I making the world a better place?

What could I do today or this week to ease the burden on someone who is downtrodden?

Do I use my gifts to help others?

Do I use my right to vote responsibly and choose politicians who will work so that everyone might flourish?

Ever-living God, may your love that is within me guide my actions so that I bring good news and peace to all I meet.

Bible Study Group

Month's Mind Mass

Annie Murphy – Saturday 2nd Feb. at 6pm
Kay Mulhare – Sunday 3rd Feb. at 9.30am.

Our sincere apologies for the misspelling of Gaye McGirl's name in last week's bulletin.

St. Brigid's Day – Friday 1st February

We send our best wishes to the Sisters in the Holy Faith community on the feast of their Patron – St. Brigid.



Candlemas Day – Saturday 2nd February

Candles will be blessed at Mass and will be available to purchase after the 10am Mass from the Parish Office.

St. Blaise – Sunday 3rd February

Throats will be blessed after the 9.30am and 11am Masses.

World Day of the Sick

Anyone wishing to receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick may do so after the 11am Mass on Sunday 10th February.

Our Sympathy



Our sympathy is extended to the family of Angela Lynch who died during the week.

Anniversary Masses and Intentions

- † Tues. 29th @ 10am: Mary Lambe.
- † Wed. 30th @ 10am: Christina Jones, May Kinsella, Matt McBride (2nd Anniversary).
- † Thurs. 31st @ 10am: Jane Purcell, Edward & Ann Walshe.
- † Sat. 2nd @ 6pm: John & Kathleen Archer, Ted Williams, Catherine Ruth, Jim Lennox, Patrick & Winnifred Russell, Frank McMahan.
- † Sun. 3rd @ 9.30am: Elsie Wilde.
- † Sun. 3rd @ 11am: Gerry Scully, Ann Joye, Judy Hassett, Michael Halpin, Louis Toal, Vincent & Eileen Boyle, Elsie & William Wilde.

St. Pio

Monthly Mass on Wed. 6th Feb. at 7pm.

Catholic Schools' Week

During the coming week we celebrate the unique contribution primary and post-primary schools make to the mission of the Church, both locally and worldwide. Grandparents' Day will be celebrated on Wed. 30th Jan. and the pupils from St. Patrick's Junior School will sing at the 10am Mass. All grandparents are invited.

Laudate 2019

The Laudate Festival of Liturgical Music will take place during Catholic Schools Week. The festival night for St. Patrick's is Tues. 29th Jan. at 7pm in Our Lady of Victories Church, Ballymun Road. Come along and support our children and our teachers. All welcome.

Parish Book Club

Next meeting will be on Thurs, 31st Jan. at 7.30pm in 42 Strand Street. All welcome!

Day for Consecrated Life

Sat. 2nd Feb. 3pm in the Church of the Guardian Angels, Newtownpark Avenue. Archbishop Diarmuid Martin will lead this prayer service of reflections and music.

Skerries Active Retirement Group

Mon. 28th at 2pm – Bingo and exercises.

Tues. 29th at 2pm – Bowls.

Day trip Marine Hotel, Sutton Thurs. 7th Feb. €25 including 2 course lunch.

Annual membership fees now due - €20.

Date for AGM will be announced shortly.

Skerries Harps GAA & Camogie Club



As part of the GAA Healthy Club Project, and Operation Transformation, we are holding a **Community Walk** every Thursday night until 21st Feb. Meet at club 6.30 pm for walk at 7pm. Hi-Vis

jacket recommended – all welcome.

Ladies, for a bit of fun you can join our **Gaelic for Mothers and Others** team – no experience required, just turn up! Contact Joanne for details 086 4058523.

Zingo: 2, 1, 5, 4, 3, 6, 7. Jackpot now €3,400, draw on Sun at 6.30pm with Spot Prizes.

Membership Fees for 2019 are now due.

Fees must be paid before 31st March per GAA Rule - in order to qualify for vote at AGM and for draw for All Ireland tickets.

Juvenile Academy on Saturday at 10am.

Contact Louise 085 1465673.

Gormanston **Indoor Hurling/Camogie** competition continues on Sundays.

Living Water Prayer Group

Each Wed. at 8pm we gather in No 42 Strand Street (opposite the front door of our church). Please come and join us to praise and pray for our church community, our town and the whole world. Everyone is very welcome.

The Priory Institute

Registration is now open for Spring semester. We offer a number of theology courses through distance education commencing on 2nd March 2019. For more information contact 01 4048125 or email enquiries@prioryinstitute.com

Nollaig na mBan –

Skerries Mills Book group would like to thank all those who took part in our celebration of Nollaig na mBan. The raffle realised €335 which was sent to St. Luke's Cancer Hospital.



Skerries Community College

Huge Congratulations

to the girls Senior A Hockey team who had a fantastic win against St. Columba's College in the Leinster Senior 1A League. This win earns the girls a home semi-final as they have topped their group!



Friends of Autism and ADHD

Give your child the "Gift of Confidence". This is a talk aimed at parents of children aged 5 – 10 years and takes place on Wed. 13th Feb. at 7.30pm in our office at 102 Strand Street (beside Prosper Fingal). To reserve a place please phone 01 8495670 or email adhdfingal@gmail.com – Fee is €5.

Birdwatch Ireland Fingal Branch

We are holding a talk on "25 Years of the Irish Wetland Bird Survey" by Niamh Fitzgerald on Thurs. 7th Feb. at 8pm in the upstairs lounge in Blue Bar. All are welcome.

Rockabill Island & Lighthouse

Check out the new website of Skerries lady, Patricia Langton, exploring Rockabill's ancient past. www.reimaginerockabill.com

30 Years Ago

- Newly baptised was Sorcha McCorry.
- Help Plant trees scheme - all residents were asked to donate their old newspapers, magazines, computer print-outs - waste paper was being gathered once a month and sold by the ton to raise funds for tree-planting.