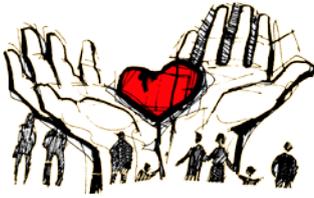


JESUS AND US

The following prayer appeared as the First Reading at a funeral some time ago. The person who planned it had had a terminal diagnosis, no time-span given, but life suddenly took on a whole new, very clear perspective. This prayer says all that is required of a committed follower of Christ. It is the mind-set we need more than ever in Holy Week.

God of my life, I welcome this new day; it is your gift to me, a new Creation, the promise of resurrection. I thank you for the grace of being alive this morning; I thank you for the sleep that has refreshed me; I thank you for this chance to make a new beginning. This day, Lord, is full of promise and opportunity – let me waste none of it; this day is full of mystery and the unknown – help me to face it without fear or anxiety; this day is blessed with beauty and abundance – may I be fully alive to it all.

During this day, Lord, keep me thoughtful, prayerful and kind. May I be courteous and helpful to others and not turned in on myself.

Keep me from any word or deed that would hurt, or belittle or destroy and may the thoughts of my mind be pleasing in your sight.

When night comes again, may I look back on this day with no grievance or bitterness in my heart and may nobody be unhappy because of anything I have done or anything I have failed to do.

Lord, bless this day for me and for everyone. Make it a day in which we grow to have the mind of Christ your Son.

Lord Jesus Christ, friend and brother, may we know you more clearly, love you more dearly, follow you more nearly, day by day.

Skerries Church Choir**Reconciliation Services for Holy Week**

Monday 15th in Skerries at 7.30pm.
Tuesday 16th in Lusk at 7.30pm.
Wednesday 17th in Rush at 7.30pm.

Church Timetable for Easter

14th April: Palm Sunday – baskets of palm will be placed in the front and two side porches. Please take a piece as you enter and it will be blessed during Mass.
18th April: Holy Thursday – Ecumenical Morning Prayer in Methodist Church at 10am. Mass of the Lord's Supper at 8pm followed by quiet prayer time until 10pm.
19th April: Good Friday – Ecumenical Morning Prayer in Holmpatrick Church at 10am. Children's Stations of the Cross at 12 noon. Trócaire Fundraising Lunch at 12.30pm. Passion Liturgy at 3pm. Stations of the Cross at 8pm.
20th April: Holy Saturday – Ecumenical Morning Prayer in St. Patrick's Church at 10am. Easter Vigil Mass at 8pm.
21st April: Easter Sunday – Masses will be at 9.30am and 11am.

Happy Easter to you all.

**First Anniversary Mass**

Sat. 13th @ 6pm – Elena Casey.

Anniversary Masses and Intentions

- ✠ **Sat. 13th** @ 6pm: Dermot Holland, Helen Gordon, May Smith, May Tolan, Michael O'Gara.
- ✠ **Sun. 14th** @ 9.30am: Rosemary Murray, Stevie Ryan, Special Intention (Seamus & Anne Sweetman 50th Wedding Anniversary)
- ✠ **Sun. 14th** @ 11am: Walter & Mary Grimes, Joe Clinton, Richard & Margaret Dunne, Agnes (Josephine) Jordan.

Altar Server Team

We would like to congratulate our seven new wonderful Altar Servers on being recently commissioned - Alice, Ciara, Fainche, Niamh, Rían, Shane Óg and Tom. It is great to have them on our team and we look forward to them serving at Mass over the next few years.

**Trócaire Support for Famine Relief**

On Good Friday, 19th April, the Holy Faith Sisters will host their annual fundraiser for Trócaire. Delicious homemade soup and hot bread rolls will be served. Please support – all welcome.

Venue: St. Patrick's Church

Time: 12.30 pm – 1.30 pm.

Congratulations



Many congratulations to the children from Educate Together, St. Patrick's Senior and Holmpatrick National Schools who received the sacrament of Confirmation last Thursday. A word of appreciation to the teachers and families for all their support. Fr. Melvyn ministered the sacrament on a truly Spirit-filled day.

St Vincent de Paul Society – Sunshine Fund



The Annual Sunshine House/Advocate church gate collection will take place after all Masses this weekend 13th /14th April. Each year, the Sunshine Fund provides much needed holidays for approx. 1,000 of Dublin's less fortunate children. This Advocate collection is the only way the Sunshine Fund can finance these holidays. We would ask you to be as generous as you can please.

Easter Mass Cards

Easter Mass cards are available in the Parish Office. All proceeds will go to the Easter Trócaire Special Appeal. Trócaire boxes are available in the church porches.

Parish Book Club



During the month of April, we are reading *Take the Plunge* by Timothy Radcliffe. In his book the author argues that Christianity will only thrive today, overcoming the challenges of secularism and religious fundamentalism, if we rediscover the beauty of baptism. We will meet on **Thurs. 2nd May at 7.30pm in 42 Strand St.** for a chat about the book. All welcome.

Skerries Active Retirement Group

Mon. 15th – Easter Party 1.30 to 5pm. Easter Bonnet competition with raffle, music, dancing and food. Fun for all!

Tues. 16th – Bowls at 2pm.

27th May – Holiday to Kilkenny - Names are now being taken.

Daffodil Day Coffee Morning – Thank You!



Many thanks to all involved in the huge success of the annual Daffodil Day Coffee Morning held recently in aid of the Irish Cancer Society. Our sincere thanks to the Rugby club, Skerries News and all the local businesses for their continuing support. Thanks to those who turned up and donated most generously, all who kindly baked, gave raffle prizes, helped out, sold raffle tickets and made the day so wonderful. The fantastic total of **€5,500** was raised for this cause. Paula O'Neill and her wonderful team of volunteers are delighted with such a great result.

Parish Website: www.skerriesparish.ie Parish Email: info@skerriesparish.ie

24 Hour Static Cycle Fundraiser



Skerries Youth Support Service (SYSS), together with the North Dublin Regional Drug and Alcohol Task Force, facilitate a youth counselling service based in Skerries. This Free service is available to young people (generally aged between 12 & 18) from Skerries and the surrounding areas, who may be experiencing challenges to their good mental health. In order to raise funds to keep this valuable service running, SYSS are running a 24 hour static cycle in Floraville Community Garden over the 4th/5th May Bank Holiday weekend. This will be a family fun event with music and other festivities taking place throughout the day. Please come along and support the cyclists as they endure the 24 hours or maybe you would like to take part and cycle a static bike for an hour or two yourself? To Donate go to www.syss.ie/events or check out our Facebook & Twitter pages for more details.

Peter's Passion

We have been asked to say a big 'Thank You' to Skerries Community College Chaplin, Bernadette Egan, and her team for a most moving performance of Peter's Passion. The teachers and students (past and present) were amazing. Thanks also to Archbishop Martin, Fr Melvyn and Fr James for attending this special evening.

Skerries Town FC – Skerries United FC

Following the publication of our Book – The Skerries Soccer Story (1932 to 2007) which captures the 75 year history of soccer in our town, we have an archive of old photographs, press cuttings and memorabilia which were offered to our Club to help us with this publication. So if any family wishes to retrieve any of this material, we would be happy to hear from you to return your photos and mementoes. Please contact Owen on 087 2584398 or e-mail owen.obrien1@gmail.com

Skerries Harps GAA & Camogie Club

Sun. 14th: Football: Inters v Whitehall Away at 11am and Juniors v St. Anne's Away at 3pm.

Minor Hurlers v Clan na Gael Away at 11am.

Zingo: 5,7,2,6,3,4,1 – Jackpot now €4,500.

Dividend €150 – winner E. McCarthy..

Register for annual Kellogg's Cul Camps online. Visit www.skerriesharps.ie for all club events.

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1. House key found on the Dublin Road. Contact 086 3623801.
2. Black 'Silhouette' glasses case with frameless glasses with fine gold flexible (Titan) legs. Contact Maria on 085 7201928.