

## ***Take a Holiday .....***

.....from the Everyday, the Familiar and the Known! In a Homily here on Trinity Sunday, we heard the phrase “God is Other”. God is not like us. Jesus, though, as the Son of God, was like us. He is an historical figure, mentioned not just in the Gospels but in many other historical annals. We, as Christians, believe he is our direct contact with the Immensity that is GOD. The life of Jesus embodies the Divine in a way the human mind can grasp. It also speaks to the heart. That’s the starting point. The essential message, so simple and profound, is “Love me and love one another as I love you”.

Joy is one of the countless gifts of God. Look at how beautifully it is expressed in Isaiah, how exuberantly in the Psalm and how excitedly in the Gospel. St Paul doesn’t really ‘do’ Joy, but a rare glimpse of his peace of mind can be caught in the short passage from Galatians - deep, quiet Joy.

It’s holiday-time! Use it to feed on the free gifts all around us; scenery, sunshine, happy people, the innocent joy of little children on the beach, art, music, science. The more we enjoy and learn about our world and worlds beyond, the more we learn about the endless aspects of God; the immensity, the energy, the beauty, the peace, the terror. Do something different, go somewhere different, think something different! Get out of the rut of Routine!



Pray, too, in a non formula-based way. This just means “raising the heart and mind to God” i.e. being aware of Him. He will speak in a multitude of ways and will make Himself heard. We only need some quiet and some time. These are, without a shadow of doubt, the rarest aspects of life nowadays. How to capture them? Take a Holiday! “God is Other” indeed but Jesus was one of us..... and don’t forget the Spirit, who makes us all tick!

“Come and see the works of God, tremendous his deeds among men!”

***Skerries Church Choir***

### **ANNIVERSARIES REMEMBERED**

- ✦ Sat 6<sup>th</sup> 6pm: Mary Collins - Month’s Mind, Joe Grimes, Áine O’Leary, Jenny O’Keefe, Nellie Attley, Doreen Leonard, Declan Lacey
- ✦ Sun 7<sup>th</sup> 9.30am: Lilly Lane, Brenda & Tony O’Reilly, Doreen Leonard, Kathleen Branagan, Peig Kite, Thomas Ellis, Brigid Ellis, Gretta Kelly, Mollie Costello
- ✦ Sun 7<sup>th</sup> 11am: Maureen Byrne, Marie Grimes, Kitty & Martin Ryan
- ✦ Tues 9<sup>th</sup> 10am: Joe & Catherine Stapleton

- ✦ Wed 10<sup>th</sup> 10am: Special Intention
- ✦ Thurs 11<sup>th</sup> 10am: Madge & Ronan Fagan
- ✦ Sat 12<sup>th</sup> 10am: Alan Francis Gascoin – Month’s Mind
- ✦ Sat 12<sup>th</sup> 6pm: Clare Barry, Clare Montcalm, Peter O’Connor, Pauline Kavanagh, Peggy & Francie Ferguson
- ✦ Sun 14<sup>th</sup> 9.30am: Jack Grimes, PJ, Molly & Paddy Griffin
- ✦ Sun 14<sup>th</sup> 11am: Elizabeth Flannagan, Iris Flannagan, Liam Davey

## FEASTDAYS

13<sup>th</sup> July – Blessed Virgin Mary

## 2019 ONLINE SUMMER SCHOOL

Paul – The radical Gospel. 2 week online course will begin on 15<sup>th</sup> July and again on 12<sup>th</sup> August. One lecture per day, cost €80.

Email to [enquiries@poryinstitute.com](mailto:enquiries@poryinstitute.com), [www.poryinstitute.com](http://www.poryinstitute.com) or call 01 4048124 for further information.

## SKERRIES ACTIVE RETIREMENT

Mon 8<sup>th</sup> : Club on Summer hols.

Mon 15<sup>th</sup> : Trip to Athlone 9.30 from Skerries Church. Booked out.

Wishing you all a great Summer.

## SKERRIES HARPS GAA CLUB

Sun 7<sup>th</sup>: Minor Hurlers v O'Tooles, home, 11am  
Junior Football v Naul, away, 3 pm

Wed. Senior Ladies Cup v Temp/Synge St. at home, 7.30 pm

Congrats to Under 14 Boys footballers, who won the Regional Feile Final in Athlone

Social Golf Outing - has been re-scheduled for Fri 12<sup>th</sup> July at Swords Open with Meal & Prizes in Harps Clubhouse on the Friday night. Paul Murray has details.

Our Annual C&T sponsored Golf Classic is on Fri 2<sup>nd</sup> Aug in Skerries GC.

Zingo 2, 7, 3, 5, 6, 1, 4. No winner. Jackpot now €5,700 – Draw Sunday at 6.30 pm.

First Kelloggs Cul Camp starts Mon 15<sup>th</sup> July – Louise has a waiting list!

Limited spaces on our two C&T sponsored Summer Camps – 22/26 July and 6/9 Aug.

Contact Louise 085 1465673 for details.

Annual Bryan Cullen Under 16 Tournament is on August Bank Holiday weekend.

Contact club PRO, Joanne 086 4058523 for information on all club events or see

[www.skerriesharps.ie](http://www.skerriesharps.ie).

**THE 98TH SCOUT GROUP** are hosting an Afternoon Tea and Chat on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> August at 3pm for past members in the Scout Den. If you would like to attend please call/text Philip 0868978321 with your name and number.

## LOST

Sunglasses in black zip case. Possibly on Church St or Balbriggan St on Friday night June 28<sup>th</sup>. If found, please contact 087 8283269. Thank you!

## BALBRIGGAN AND DISTRICT HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Rose and sweet pea show is on in Ardgillan Castle on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> July. Flowers and pot plants for exhibiting can be entered before 12.30. The show is open to the public from 2.30 to 5 pm. Admission free. It is a good year for roses so there should be plenty of exhibits at the show. Tour of the rose garden at 3pm on Sunday with the head gardener Dominica Mc Kevitt. Free rose garden quiz for the Children.

## SKERRIES CHESS CLUB

won the Killane Shield 2019 on 30<sup>th</sup> June in Buswell's Hotel in Dublin. This was a tense finale to a five round event which started in early June and ended with Skerries winning the cup by a whisker. Although the club has had success at junior level and promotion of two of their three senior teams in the Leinster leagues, this is the first trophy the club has won outright since it was reformed in 2012. Great credit is due to the captain Dermot Murphy and all the team. For more details see [skerrieschess.com](http://skerrieschess.com).

## HAVE YOU SEEN THIS PLANT?

Himalayan Balsam is a pretty pink plant and was first introduced to Ireland as a garden plant, but soon found its way out of gardens and into the countryside, where it has been spreading rapidly ever since. In Fingal, its spread seems to be limited to Skerries and Fingal County Council and the Skerries Tidy Towns group are keen to eradicate this invasive species. The plant is an annual with scented, purplish-pink, slipper shaped flowers in June - August. When the large green seed pods are mature they explode when touched, scattering the seed far and wide to start new infestations next year. The seeds float and are spread further by water movements.

If you have seen Himalayan Balsam when out and about, please let us know. To report Himalayan Balsam locations please email your sightings to [biodiversity@fingal.ie](mailto:biodiversity@fingal.ie). Please try to provide a map or a precise location with reference to the proximity of local features. If you "Google" Himalayan Balsam you will find images like the one below – of course much better when viewed in colour!

