

The theme of today's readings is based around loving our neighbour. In the first reading from Deuteronomy we are told to "Obey the voice of the Lord your God" and that we will find that voice written in our hearts.

St. Paul in his letter to the Colossians tells us that "Christ Jesus is the image of the unseen God." So when we see Christ in action or hear him tell a parable, we get an insight into the heart of God..

In the Gospel passage, Jesus tells the parable of the Good Samaritan in answer to the question "Who is my neighbour"? At that time the Samaritans were looked down upon and despised by the Jews because they had intermarried with Gentiles and no longer worshiped in Jerusalem, so we need to think of who in our society is despised today. Also the road from Jerusalem to Jericho went



through rocky mountains and travellers were often robbed by bandits. So this Samaritan travelling alone must have had urgent business of his own that caused him to journey by himself and not wait for company. This made his stopping to help the victim of a robbery all the more praiseworthy. Jesus tells us the Samaritan had **compassion** on the victim. This is a very strong word. Martin Luther King the famous American Rights Leader said, "**True compassion is more than flinging a coin to a beggar. It comes to see that an edifice which produces beggars needs restructuring.**"

We are challenged on two fronts; how do I respond to the need I see close to me.? and what do I do on a political level to ensure that our political and social system is a just and fair one and does not produce beggars and homeless people? Surely there is something drastically wrong with a system when a couple, both working full time, cannot afford to buy a home of their own.

Lord, free us from the temptation to protect ourselves with excuses and give us the courage to be in solidarity with those in need, especially those caught in the trap of homelessness.

Bible Study Group

Wedding Bells

Congratulations to Claire Rogan and Barry Donovan who were married recently in the Parish



We welcome

Alfrid David Beeching, Caleb Finnegan, Ella Brooklyn Dargle Taylor, Leila Boylan and Charlize Boylan, all baptised into our Parish family recently



Thank you !

Thanks to all who contributed to the Peter's Pence collection recently. These monies are used to support the work of Pope Francis in reaching out to those less fortunate worldwide.

Parish Office

Due to holidays the Parish Office will only be open next week on Monday and Thursday, 10.30-12.30. The Office will reopen daily from Monday, 22th July

Anniversaries/Special Intentions

13th July: 10 a.m., Alan Gascoin(Month's Mind), Willie Duff (recently deceased)

6p.m., Clare Montcalm, Peter O'Connor, Pauline Kavanagh, Peggy & Francis Ferguson, Mary McNally and Claire Barry

14th July: 9.30 , Jack Grimes, PJ, Molly & Paddy Griffin

16th July:10 a.m. Matthew Ward, and special intention

18th July: Francis J. Ryan

20th July: 10 a.m., Dolores Doyle

6 p.m., Paula Crosbie (1st anniversary), Sr. Maura Nolan (1st anniversary), Joe Grimes, Fiona & Andrew Downey, John & Catherine Saunders, Sheila McCullagh, Frank & Sheila Downey.

21st July: 9.30, Sarah Ruigrok, Frank & Molly Ryan, Joseph & Elizabeth Seaver.

11a.m., Bridget Clabby, Annie Russell, Peter & Anne O'Connor, Mary Murphy, Richard O'Connell

PATHWAYS: Exploring Faith and Ministry

Applications are now open for the next intake of participants for Pathways. The programme begins this year in Holy Cross College, on 26th September 2019 (7pm to 9.30pm) Places are limited so early application is advised.

Pathways is a two-year one night a week course for adults of all ages who wish to explore their faith. It runs from September to May each year. For more information please visit our webpage: www.evangelisation.ie or contact Eileen Houlahan, Pathways Director at 018087594 email, pathways@dublindiocese.ie

Service of Remembrance:



Lusk Parish will host their Annual Service of Remembrance to remember all babies who died. It will take place this Sunday 14th July at 3.00pm in St. MacCullin's Parish Church, Lusk, Co. Dublin. Parents, siblings, grandparents, extended families and anybody who has been affected by the loss of a child,

whether recent or long ago, are all very welcome to attend. After the ceremony join us in the Parish Centre for light refreshments and a friendly chat

30 years ago in the Parish

- The Annual 40 Hours adoration was taking place in the Parish
- The Annual Blessing of the Boats at the Harbour was to take place
- Congratulations to Kevin Tyndall, finalist at the Community Games Swimming Gala
- Congratulations to Eva Flood, representing Leinster, silver medallist at the Schools Inter-provincial in Belfield
- Well done to Sinead Barden, Edel Quigley, Caroline MacManus and Gillian Jones, the new All-Ireland u-16 relay champions, setting a new Irish record.

Welcome to all visitors to Skerries. Stay safe and enjoy our beautiful town. Don't swim unless it is safe to do so. And don't forget to take your litter home or place in a refuse bin. We want to Keep Skerries Tidy !

SKERRIES HARPS

Wed. Seniors v Na Fianna, away in Div.1 and Inters v St Judes, home, both at 7.30

Thurs. Juniors v St Judes, home at 7.30 and Under 16's play their Div.1 league play off game in Skerries also at 7.30

Sun 21st. Minors v Na Fianna, home at 11 am in Div.1 league.

We had 13 club representatives on various Dublin teams last weekend – some winners and others not so lucky. Congrats to all who did Skerries Harps proud!

Our Annual C&T sponsored Golf Classic is on Fri 2 Aug in Skerries GC . Contact Fergal Lynch – 086 8984657 – to enter a team.

Membership Fees can still be paid - Online or to Club Registrar Peter Farmer.

First KelloggsCul Camp starts Mon 15 July – any kits not yet collected will be available on the first day. Limited spaces available on our two C&T sponsored Summer Camps – 22/26 July and 6/9 Aug. Contact Louise 085 1465673 for details

Skerries Ladies Bowls Club



Well done to our Division 4 ladies who had a great win in their League match last

Tuesday. It puts them in real contention for a top finishing position. Also well done to Sheila Kelly, Nancy O'Rourke and Isobel Murray through to the semi-finals of the LBLI Junior Trips competition and the above trio with Maire O'Gara-Griffin who have reached the semi-finals of the Junior Fours. Next Ladies meeting Monday, 29th July

Ardgillan Castle



The Summer garden tour with head gardener Dominica Mc Kevitt takes place on Thurs. 18th July. Dominica will lead the tour including

information on plants that attract bees. The tour starts at 11am meet in the Castle. No booking required just 'turnip' on the day. A donation to Ardgillan Castle is welcome. For more information, phone: 087 7520506

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