

Let us choose the better way

In our gospel St. Luke tells us the lovely story of Martha and Mary. Mary is happy to sit and listen to Jesus and enjoy his company. Let us, like Mary, take time to come and be with Jesus who is always present for us in our church. He is also there for us when we are at home or work. He is happy to see us enjoying simple pleasures during this beautiful summer sunshine.

Let us thank our God this day for his care of our families and friends, and his unending love.




In our first reading Abraham welcomes his guests with food and rest and they give him the joyful news that Sarah will bear him a son; a childless couple their hopes will now be fulfilled.

Our thanks for graces received always gives great pleasure to our loving God.

Unlike St Paul in Colossians, we do not like to suffer and when we receive a cross we can be angry and impatient with God. St Paul wants us to accept our sufferings and to be perfect followers of Jesus Christ.

Help us Lord to rest awhile in the peace of prayer, Amen.

Lectio Divina

 **Our sympathy** is extended to the family and friends of Frank Ferguson who died recently. May he rest in peace.

Anniversaries, Intentions and Special Masses

Saturday 20th 6.00pm: Sr. Maura O’Nolan (1st anniversary), Paula Crosby (1st anniversary), Sheila McCullagh, Joe Grimes, Fiona and Andrew Downey, John and Catherine Saunders, Frank and Sheila Downey.

Sunday 21st 9.30am: Sarah Ruigrok, Frank and Molly Ryan, Joseph and Elizabeth Seaver, Ferdia McMahan.

11.00am: Bridget Clabby, Annie Russell, Peter and Anne O’Connor, Mary Murphy, Richard O’Connell, Maria Kennedy.

Tuesday 23rd Sean Alcock (1st anniversary), James Doorty.

Wednesday 24th Mary and Joseph Radley, Special intention.

Thursday 25th Tommy O’Brien, Teresa Donaghy, John and Joe Donaghy, Christopher (Christie) and Florence (Florrie) Casey.

Saturday 27th 6.00pm: Jim Hyland, Christie Casey, Benjamin Farrell, Joe Dowling, Jack Clinton, John Fitzsimons, James and May O’Connor and deceased family members, Larry Hughes.

Sunday 28th 9.30am: Peggy McGirl, May, Francis, Stevie and Billy Ryan.

11.00am: Breda Kennedy, Bernadette Plunkett, Tom McManus, Mary and Billy Prendergast.

Congratulations and very best wishes to Andrea Scully and Daragh Garvey who were married in our parish this week.

Feast Days

Monday 22nd St. Mary Magdalene.

Tuesday 23rd St. Bridget of Sweden.

Thursday 25th St James, Apostle.

Friday 26th St. Joachim and St Anne.

Parish Office

The Parish Office will reopen on Monday 22nd July.

The opening hours are: Monday, Wednesday,

Thursday, Friday 9.30 to 12.30. Office closed on

Tuesdays. Parish website: www.skerriesparish.ie.

Email: info@skerriesparish.ie. Ph (01)8106771.

Happy Holidays

We wish all our Parish schoolchildren and their teachers happy and safe holidays in the coming weeks. For some of the children it will be "goodbye" to their primary schools, as they will make the transition to second level. And for those leaving second level, we wish them health, wisdom and happiness as they take their first steps along the next stage of their life journey!

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 01 8087594 email: pathways@dublindiocese.ie

The Irish Catholic is published weekly and is on sale in the Parish Office at €2.

Pilgrimage to Medjugorje

12th -19th September with Marian Tours.

Spiritual Director: Fr. Locks Flanagan

For further details ring Garry on 0872517345

Pallottine Pilgrimage to Lourdes: Our Pilgrimage to Lourdes takes place on the 28th August and is led by Spiritual Director: Fr. Jaimie Twohig S.A.C.

You will stay in the Hotel Saint Sauveur for 5 nights full board. The cost is €749 p.p. sharing; single room supplement. To book contact St. Anne's Parish Centre, Shankill, Co. Dublin (01) 282704.

Part-Time Certificate in Religious Education

St Angela's College, Sligo is inviting applications for the following course beginning Autumn 2019 - Part-Time Certificate in Religious Education (Primary) with Online Delivery. The course is open to: qualified primary school teachers; qualified post-primary school teachers who wish to transfer to primary school teaching.

Parents, sacramental preparation teams and parish catechists who have a specific interest in the area of primary religious education may also apply.

Closing date for applications is Monday 5th August.

For further information and application forms contact: Mary Kearns at Education Department, St. Angela's College, Lough Gill, Sligo, Tel: 071-9195551 / email: mkearns@stangelas.nuigalway.ie visit: www.stangelas.nuigalway.ie

Skerries Ladies Bowls



Congratulations to our Division 4 team, who won the Leinster League on

Tuesday night, with another great win.

Well done to Sheila, Nancy, Maura and Isobel! A fitting end to a great season.

The Skerries Sea Sharps choir wish to thank all



who attended our summer concert on Fri 31st May through which €57 was donated to the Alzheimer Society of Ireland

Skerries Social Club.

Skerries Mills Fingal Vintage Harvest Festival

Date for diary: The Fingal Vintage Harvest Festival will be held at Skerries Mills on **Sunday 11th**

August 2019, 12 noon to 5.30 p.m. More details to follow - don't miss a great family day out.

Skerries Town Twinning 25th Anniversary



Next month marks the 25th anniversary of the official twinning of Skerries with the Canton of Guichen (Brittany). Over the years

hundreds of Skerries people have enjoyed the many benefits of twinning (students, sports people, families, children, musicians, dancers, singers, hikers & ramblers – to name some of the groups). Skerries is hosting a visit from a few of our Guichen friends from 13 to 16 August. They would like to meet anybody who has an interest in twinning. If you would like to meet our Breton friends and/or to find out about twinning please contact Brendan Friel (087 6181244).

Fingal County Council now have entry forms available for their 'Greener Communities' competition. Estates, Apartments, Front Gardens and many more categories are included.

You will find details on FCC website.

[http://www.fingal.ie/environment/clean-](http://www.fingal.ie/environment/clean-community/greenercommunitiescompetition2019)

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Entries will be accepted via portal on the website or by post. The closing date for entries is Monday 5th August.

Skerries Harps GAA Club

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

Tues 23rd Hurlers v St Finians, home at 7.30pm

Sat 27th Seniors v Templeogue, in Div.1, home at 4 pm. NOTE TIME CHANGE.

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

Zingo 6, 7, 5, 4, 1, 2, 3. Jackpot now €5,900 and Dividend is €300 for match 4. Draw on Sunday at 6.30 pm. Entry only €2 or 3 for €5.

Great numbers for first Kelloggs Cul Camp last week.

Cul Camp 2 is on 12th August. Spaces available on 2 C&T sponsored Summer Camps – 22nd July and 6th Aug. Details from club GPO, Louise 085 1465673.

Annual Bryan Cullen Under 16 Tournament is on August Bank Holiday weekend with teams from all four Provinces competing.

Contact club PRO, Joanne 086 4058523 for information on all club events or see www.skerriesharps.ie

Free digital skills training class

FREE five week basic iPhone, iPad, Tablet and Smartphone class commencing in Skerries

Community Centre shortly. If you would like to book a place please call Angela on 046 9280790 or email angela.arkins@meathpartnership.ie

