

FIRE

In today's Gospel reading Jesus tells us he came to bring a blazing fire to the earth. Today, we have divisions among people, not the peace that Jesus wished. He is deeply moved by all the oppression and arrogance in the world of his time, as he surely is by today's world of violence and hate. Let us thank God for all those people whose mission in life is to expose evil and intolerance in all forms. In our own lives and among our family and community let's bring love and compassion to those who suffer. In a passage in John's Gospel Jesus says *'My soul is troubled'*, yet he continues for the reason he came, *'to glorify his Father's name'*. Let us by our actions and prayers thank God for his constant love, and let us pray for peace, perfect peace, the gift of Christ our Lord.

In our reading from Jeremiah we see the result of speaking out against evil, Jeremiah is thrown into the well where he will die. However, the Lord is with him and he is rescued. The Lord is also with us when we trust in him.

'I waited, I waited for the Lord
And he stooped to me;
He heard my cry.'
(Psalm 39)

The letter to the Hebrews reflects Paul's thoughts. We are told to keep running steadily and not grow weary or be discouraged. The Lord corrects those he loves. In the fight against sin we must be like our Hebrew ancestors, hoping and praying for the promised land.

Lectio Divina

We Welcome

Grace Maria Frances O'Connor, baptised into our Parish family recently.

**Congratulations and Best Wishes go to**

Terence Woolhead & Michelle Grimes, Graham Byrne & Caroline Miller and David McGuinness & Veronica Gaskin, recently married in our parish.

Annual National Grandparents

Pilgrimage: The Catholic Grandparents Association Annual National Grandparents Pilgrimage will be held on **September 8 in Knock Shrine at 2.30pm**. Everybody welcome to honour & thank Grandparents, for all they have done for us down through the ages. Chief Celebrant on the day will be Bishop Kevin Doran, Bishop of Elphin - also in attendance are Combined Choirs of Knock Parish. All welcome.

Feast Days

Sat. 17th: Our Lady of Knock.
Thurs. 22nd: The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Anniversary Masses and Intentions

Sat. 17th 10am: Michael & Abby Concon, Alice Farrell. Special Intention.
Sat. 17th 6pm: Frank Ferguson (Month's Mind). Catherine & James Heraghty, Mona O'Brien,
Sun. 18th 11am: Michael & Anne Moles. Edward & Kathleen O'Rourke.
Tues. 20th 10am: Jack, Jean & John Cavey, John & Delia Devaney.
Weds. 21st 10am: Christina Horan.
Fri. 23rd 10am: Daniel O'Connell.
Sat. 24th 6pm: Frances Mulholland, Helen Walsh.
Sun 25th. 9.30am: Elizabeth Purcell, Helen Conliss.
Sun. 25th. 11am: Oran Tully (First anniversary). Charlie O'Reilly (Month's Mind). Ann Brady, Joseph May, Swanee Lokko, Kitty Beggs.

Our Sympathy

Our sympathy is extended to the family of Lorraine McCormack, who died this week. May she Rest in Peace.

Lough Derg News:

One Day Retreats resume again on Saturday 17th August and continue on specific days until Sunday 29th September. For bookings or further information telephone Maureen or Lorraine on 071 9851518 (from NI 00353 71 98615189861518)Email: info@loughderg.org www.loughderg.org.

St. Vincent De Paul Annual Clothing Appeal

The society have asked that we pass on to our parishioners their thanks for your help and generosity during their recent Annual Clothing Appeal. It is much appreciated.

Open Night for Rush Musical Society Season 2019/20.

Come and meet the members and committee and hear all about the exciting season ahead including the annual Christmas Panto (a collaboration with Rush Drama Group), Musical Theatre Workshops and all the news on the Musical Thriller, taking to the Stage in April 2020, Sweeney Todd! Date: Wed 28th Aug at 20.30. Venue: Rush Cricket Club.

New members welcome for both Chorus and Principal Roles. More info by:contacting: secretary@rushmusical.com

30 years ago in our Parish

Newly baptised were Grainne O'Connor, Joanne Murphy and Danielle Christie The organising committee was trying to locate the first couple to be married in the "new" church in 1939. Also being sought were any photographs of the building of the Church in 1939. Winners of the Tidy Towns art competition were Colm McCarthy, Nathan Dunphy, Paula Denny and Keith Denny. Skerries Sea Scouts were desperately in need of new leaders as the future of the troop was in jeopardy. The Round the Head Swim had been won by Leonard McGloughlin (Men) and Jackie Moloney (Women).

Skerries Harps GAA & Camogie Club

Sun 18th Aug. Junior Football v Erins Isle, away at 12.00 – back in time to see the All Ireland Hurling Finals in the Clubhouse. Join us for Cats v Tipp. Good Luck to our 3 players with Dublin in Under 16 final v Meath, Sunday evening.

Tues 20th. Intermediate Football v Lucan, home at 8 pm.

Wed 21st. Under 16 league final v Kilmacud-Crokes, away at 7.30 pm.

Zingo 5, 6, 3, 1, 7, 2, 4. Jackpot on Sunday is €6,300. Entry only €2 or 3 for €5

After our 4 successful Summer Camps, we turn our attention to the resumption of the Juvenile Academy in September. Keep an eye on club website for details.

Tickets for Dubs v Kerry final confined to Club Members. Priority will be given to members who meet the criteria of having paid fees before 31st March. It is hoped to subsequently accommodate other members afterwards if tickets are available.

Clubhouse is available for Functions, Parties, Meetings etc. Contact Joanne on 086 4058523 for information on all club events or see www.skerriesharps.ie

Fingal Heritage Network – Fingal Historical Societies will present a series of short talks on the theme of **Past Times and Pastimes**. St Sylvester's Parish Centre, Malahide, on Wednesday 21st August from 8 – 10pm. Various speakers from all Fingal. This is always a great event and all are welcome. No entry charge.

Monaghan Charismatic Prayer Group

Annual Praise/Worship and Healing Weekend at Knock Shrine. Beginning Friday 30th August 6.30pm to Sunday 1st September at 12 noon. Speakers this year will be: Brendan Walsh, Fr Peter Okpetu, Josephine Greenan. All welcome. Further info: www.mcpng.net.

*Useful info - Parish Office: 8106771
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