



Humility is opposed to a pride that shows no respect for others, but tends to dominate, to exercise power for its own sake, to be unconcerned for the rights of others. It is a virtue which sees service of others as the meaning of authority. (*Liturgical Calendar for Ireland 2019*)

This Sunday we celebrate 'World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation'. To this end Pope Francis says we are offered 'a precious opportunity to renew our personal participation in this vocation as custodians of creation, raising to God our thanks for the marvellous works that he has entrusted to our care, invoking his help for the protection of creation'. We are continually invited to search for ways to be as Christ, the servant of one another and the protectors of creation.

This weekend we are asked to show our support to **CROSSCARE** who act on our behalf as servants supporting our brothers and sisters in great need throughout our diocese.

*Fr Melvyn Mullins*

#### ANNIVERSARIES REMEMBERED

- ✦ Sat 31<sup>st</sup> 10am: Eugenio Thomas (Months Mind)
- ✦ Sat 31<sup>st</sup> 6pm: Charlie & Angela Fanning, Thomas & Brigid Clinton, Miriam Duignam, Jenny Keeling, John, Joe & Annie McGuinness, Thomas & Mary Butler
- ✦ Sun 1<sup>st</sup> 9.30am: Pat Rice, Derek Earley, Joe & Vera Leonard, Catherine Weldon
- ✦ Sun 1<sup>st</sup> 11am: Joe & Colette May, Margaret, Tommy & Nora Kehoe, Tom & Vera Noonan, Annie & Larry Roche, Tommy & Margaret Farrell, Mary & Mike Keating, Josie & Christy Rogan
- ✦ Tues 3<sup>rd</sup> 10am: Alice & James Howarth, Sean Rogan
- ✦ Wed 4<sup>th</sup> Padre Pio Mass 7pm: Caroline Heyenga Née Fagan
- ✦ Thurs 5<sup>th</sup> 10am: Charles & Mary-Anne McMorrow
- ✦ Sat 7<sup>th</sup> 10am: Margaret & Michael White. Bridie & Luke Clogher
- ✦ Sat 7<sup>th</sup> 6pm: Essie Boylan, Joe & Andrew Scully, Tim Counihan, Damian Boylan, Margaret Guinan, Bernadette O'Toole, Ronnie Boylan
- ✦ Sun 8<sup>th</sup> 9.30am: James & Christina Flynn, Joe & Nancy Harford, Mary McCaul & Dec members of McCaul Family
- ✦ Sun 8<sup>th</sup> 11am: Helen O'Hickey – Month's Mind, Michael O'Rourke, Bill Hayes, Gwen Morrison, John Hughes, Ursula Rooney

#### OUR SYMPATHY

To the families of Cecily Duff, late of North Strand, Michael Daly, late of St Patrick's Close, Valerie Fitzsimons, late of Loughshinny who died recently. May they Rest in Peace.

#### PADRE PIO MASS

The Padre Pio Mass will be celebrated Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup> September at 7pm.

#### FIRST FRIDAY MASS

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> September is the 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the month and the 10 o'clock Mass will be offered for all those whose names appear in the Altar List of the Dead.

#### CONGRATULATIONS

To Keith Maguire and Jennifer McKenna who were recently married in our parish.

#### ADULT CHURCH CHOIR

Choir practice resumes on **Tuesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> at 8pm** in the church. We would welcome some new members, women and men, and look forward to seeing established members again!

#### PARISH BOOK CLUB

During the summer months we were reading **How to defend the Faith without raising your voice by Michael Kelly & Austen Ivereigh**. The book has been described as a "must-have handbook for anyone wishing to know how to defend and explain some of the toughest and most challenging teachings of the Catholic Church." We will meet on **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September in 42 Strand St. at 7.30pm** to have a chat about the book. All are welcome.

**THE SEASON OF CREATION** is marked throughout the Christian world from **1 September to 4 October (Feast of St. Francis of Assisi)** and celebrates the joy of creation as well as encouraging awareness-raising initiatives to protect the natural environment.

#### PRAYER FOR THE CARE OF CREATION

*All-powerful God, you are present in the whole universe and in the smallest of your creatures. You embrace with your tenderness all that exists. Pour out upon us the power of your love, that we may protect life and beauty. Bring healing to our lives that we may look after the world and not destroy it. Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle for justice, love and peace, Amen.*

### LEGION OF MARY

We meet every Thursday morning at 11am in Holy Faith Convent, Church Street. New members needed.

### COMINGS AND GOINGS

Happy return to school to all our parish children, in particular to those who are taking first steps this September. Welcome to any new staff who have come to teach in our Skerries schools. We hope you will be happy in your new post.

### SKERRIES ACTIVE RETIREMENT

Mon week 9<sup>th</sup> 2 pm - Club will reopen with Bingo.  
Tues week 10<sup>th</sup> 2 pm - Bowls will resume.  
We hope to organise a day trip with dinner and music on 23<sup>rd</sup> Sept. See you all next week.

**AGE ACTION** are running free computer classes for the over 55s and have places available in classes in Swords, Malahide, Donabate and Balbriggan. For further information call Age Action on 01 4756989 to get enrolled!

### LIFTS AT SKERRIES TRAIN STATION

To use the lifts at Skerries station (and other commuter stations) you now have to first press the SOS button which is located close to the lift button. An Irishrail official monitoring the lift cameras will then see that you are a bona fide user and tell you, via the speaker unit, to press the lift button. The lift doors should then open for you. This procedure was introduced to counter the problem of vandalism in the lifts. A Skerries Community Association volunteer is now monitoring lift availability on a regular basis and so far the lifts have been working satisfactorily. We hope the new procedures and monitoring will lead to a reliable lift service for users of Skerries station. For further info on lift operation go to: <http://www.irishrail.ie/travel.../lifts-and-escalators-reports>

### S.A.B.C. BRIDGE CLUB, 73B STRAND STREET

Starting Mon 9<sup>th</sup> Sept, Morning Bridge 10.45 – 1.30. All welcome, no partner required.  
Starting Wed 11<sup>th</sup> Sept at 7.45pm Bridge. Novice and those returning to Bridge, no partner required.  
Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> Oct, Bridge Classes 11am – 1pm.  
Contact: Margaret 0863558191, Noel Fanning 0860748895.

### POETRY AT THE MILLS –

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> September, 8pm in Skerries Mills.  
Delighted to present an evening of poetry and music with renowned poets Paula Meehan and Iggy McGovern, hosted by Skerries' own Enda Coyle-Greene, with music by Paul Enright and local guests. Not to be missed. Tickets €10 at the door or at eventbrite.

### MARITIME BADMINTON CLUB



Our friendly, sociable badminton club resumes tomorrow Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September, 10am–12 noon in Skerries Community Centre. If you would like to play badminton on Monday mornings please call to have a chat with us – new members are always welcome.

### SKERRIES LADIES BOWLS

Well done to the Division 1 team who are ending the season on a high note, with 6 points against Westmanstown on Wednesday last. Some dates for your diary - Lady Captains Day takes place on Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> at 2.30pm - a fun afternoon of bowling followed by a meal afterwards in the Steak House, New Street. Hope to see as many as possible there.

### SKERRIES WATER SAFETY WEEK 2020

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> August - Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> August 2020. If you wish to be added to the mailing list please send an email to [skerrieswatersafety@gmail.com](mailto:skerrieswatersafety@gmail.com) with "subscribe" in the subject line.

### SKERRIES HARPS GAA CLUB

Sun 1<sup>st</sup> Senior Camogie Ch'ship v Faughs, H at 10  
Minor Hurling Ch'ship v St Brigids, home at 11 am.  
Seniors game v Lucan deferred. They will play a warm up game at home on Thurs 5<sup>th</sup> at 8.15 pm for the Ch'ship clash with Ballyboden. Congrats to our Under 11 hurlers on winning the Camaint competition. Club open Sunday for All Ireland Final with usual BBQ. Kerry fans welcome!! Zingo 6, 7, 2, 4, 5, 3, 4. Jackpot now €6,500. Entry only €2 or 3 for €5 or play Online – see link on website. Juvenile Academy resumes on 14 Sept. Register in Club Thurs 12 Sep – 7 to 8.30 pm.  
Match/ Bus tickets to Ladies Final on 15 Sep – orders to Chris 087 9725519 by TEXT only before Sun 8th at 5 pm. Support Lyndsey for the 3 in a row!!  
Golf Society Captains day on Fri 13<sup>th</sup> at Skerries GC. Our condolences to the Dwyer and Boylan families on their recent bereavements. Check website for all Fixture updates/Results etc. Contact PRO on 086 4058523 for information on all club events. See [www.skerriesharps.ie](http://www.skerriesharps.ie).

### NAUL GARDENING AND FLOWER CLUB

hold the annual horticultural show on Sat/Sun 7/8<sup>th</sup> September. Exhibits can be staged on Fri and Sat. The show is open Sat 3-6pm and Sun 12-5pm. Raffle and auction of flowers at close of show on Sunday. For more information telephone 086 2850561.

**BALBRIGGAN AND DISTRICT HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY** will hold their annual horticultural show in Balbriggan Community College on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> September, Open to the public 2.30- 5pm. For more information, Tel 087 7520506.