

'Whoever does not carry my cross and follow me cannot be my disciple'

Who can know God's counsel or who can conceive what the Lord intends? asks the first reading (Wis 9:13). The reading concludes that God sent *wisdom* and 'thus the paths of those on earth were set right' (Wis 9:18) Jesus is the Wisdom of God, the Revelation of God. So when we want to know God's counsel or conceive what God intends, we can listen to the words of Jesus.

In the previous part of Chapter 14 of Luke's Gospel, Jesus stressed that God's kingdom is open to everyone. Now speaking to the crowds, he makes clear the demands that the kingdom makes on those who accept the invitation. To be a disciple of Jesus, to accept the invitation, we must place Jesus first always, above everything, even family.

Saint Teresa of Calcutta detached herself from everything to be free to love and follow Jesus. She was a tireless worker of mercy. In her life, she gave the example of giving gratuitous love, offered freely to everyone without distinction of language, culture, race or religion. She loved to say 'Perhaps I don't speak your language but I can smile' Let us carry her smile in our hearts and give it to those we meet along our journey, especially to those who suffer.

Discipleship is a serious commitment A complete surrender to Christ is necessary to complete the task of Christian living. The price of discipleship is high. It requires daily enduring with patience the sufferings, afflictions, the cross of life. If we truly value being a disciple of Jesus we must be single minded and focus only on the things that will lead us to love of God and love of our neighbour. In our desire to love God above all things, little by little we will let go of all our affections that are insignificant and worthless before God.

'I am the light of the world says the Lord; whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life' (John 8:12)

Scripture Group

We offer our sympathy to the family and friends of Patrick Farrelly, recently deceased in our Parish. May he rest in peace.

***New Beginning!***

Scoil Moibhi would like to welcome their new principal, Maria Lynam. Enrolment is open until September 30th for current school year, contact 01 8493041.



Masses. Please give generously to support their wonderful work

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 19th September in 42 Strand St. at 7.30pm** to have a chat about the book. All are welcome.

Legion of Mary - Pilgrimage to Knock

The pilgrimage will take place on Sunday 29th September 2019. Pick-up points include - St. Patrick's Church, Skerries 7 a.m. and St. Maur's Church, Rush - Car Park 7.15.m. Contact Mary 087 674 1472 or Lorraine 087 620 331

This week's Feast Days:

12th The Most Holy Name of Mary

14th The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

**Irish Guide Dogs for the Blind**

Annual Collection for this organisation takes place this weekend after all

A date for your diaries !

Fr. Kieran O'Mahoney will start a new course on "The Wisdom Books in the Old Testament" on Tuesday 11th Sept in Lusk Parish Centre, beside the Church. All are welcome and there is no charge. 10.00 to 12.00.

Church Windows

As you will have noticed, work on the church windows has started this week. We ask that you follow the safety measures/signs that will be put in place during this work. The work will endeavour

to be as least disruptive as possible. Thank you for your co-operation.

Anniversary/Intentions:

Sat. 7th, 10am Margaret & Michael White, Bridie & Luke Clogher, Colm Fagan

Sat. 7th, 6pm, Essie Boylan, (1st anniversary), Joe Scully & Andrew Scully, Tim Counihan, Damian Boylan, Margaret Guinan, Bernadette O'Toole, Ronnie Boylan

Sun, 8th 9.30am, James & Christina Flynn, Joe & Nancy Harford, Mary McCaul & dec. members of the Mc Caul Family, Emily Murphy, Dermot & Nuala Morrissy-Murphy, Special Intention for all who supported the Fitzsimons family

Sun. 8th 11am, Helen O'Hickey (Month's mind), Michael O'Rourke, Bill Hayes, Gwen Morrison, John Hughes, Ursula Rooney

Tues 10th 10am Bill Small

Thurs. 12th 10am Mary Kelly (1st Anniversary) Patrick Fitzgerald, Catherine Lambe (recently deceased), Jean & Niall Wilde Pauline Sullivan

Sat. 14th 6pm, Edward & Margaret Rogan, Special Intention

Sun. 15th, 9.30am Kevin Duff

Sun. 15th 11am, Noeline O'Connor, (1st anniversary), Bridget & Richard Lambe, Stephen & Kathleen Attley, Tony Grimes, Brian & Theresa Cowley, Cillian Shanley

The Season of Creation

is marked throughout the Christian World from 1 Sept to 4 Oct, feast of St. Francis of Assisi. It celebrates the joy of creation as well as encouraging awareness-raising initiatives to protect the natural environment. One helpful suggestion as to how we can help look after our natural environment is that we switch to a reusable water bottle / travel cup. **For more helpful suggestions visit: seasonofcreation.org**



A Coffee Morning will be held on Saturday 14th September 2019 in aid of St. Francis Hospice in the Hills Cricket Club at 10am

Wednesday Singers: On Wed 11th September, the Wednesday Singers will meet as usual in Ollies at 8.30. This will be for a chat, discussion and maybe a song. Please come along, it promises to be interesting!!



Skerries Historical Society presents a talk on "The Hidden History of Ardgillan Demesne" by Tom Reilly on Tuesday, 10 September 2019 in The Bowling Club, Tennis Court Lane at 8.15pm. All are welcome.

Skerries Active Retirement Group

Mon 9th: Club reopens at 2 p.m. with Bingo.

Names and deposits for day trip on 23rd Sept will be collected.

Tues 10th 2 p.m. Bowls. See you all on Monday.

Mill Hill Ladies Badminton Club has commenced their new season on Tuesday, 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. in Skerries Community Centre. Tuesday, 10th September is an open night so everyone can come and give badminton a try and see do they like it. For more information telephone 087 752 0506.

Skerries Ladies Bowls Club

A great end to the season – the Div. 1 ladies had a good win last Wednesday to round off their season. We have welcomed several new lady members and would be glad to see more, so if you're looking for a new way to exercise why not give it a try? Call by any Monday morning!

Set Dancing Class



resumes Thursday, 12 Sept., at Joe May's (upstairs) from 8pm. Set dancing is a gently aerobic social activity and it's a casual, fun group. Beginners welcome. Partner not required. For more information, please contact Mary from 11

September at 0863534697.

SKERRIES HARPS GAA CLUB

Sunday. Two Minor teams and Junior Hurlers, are away at 11 am in Ch'ship games.

The Senior Ch'ship v Ballyboden is re-fixed for weekending 29 Sept.

Zingo 4, 2, 7, 3, 1, 6, 5. Jackpot now €6,600. Entry €2 or 3 for €5 or play Online – see link on website.

Juvenile Academy resumes Sat 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!!

Orders for tickets for Dubs/Kerry replay to Cian 086 0709792 - TEXT only - by 6 pm Sun 8th. Ticket Draw (Members only) will be held on Thurs 12 at 9.30 pm. If you don't get a ticket then join us in the Club on Saturday for the TV action.

Golf Society Captains day on Fri 13th at Skerries GC. Paul Murray has details. Check website for all Fixture updates/Results etc. Contact PRO on 086 4058523 for information on all club events. See www.skerriesharps.ie