

He lifts up the lowly, He raises the poor.

In the first Reading of today's Liturgy, the Lord our God is asking us to listen. The prophet Amos gives us some examples. How often do we hurry past a beggar on the street, or we find excuses for not offering to lend a helping hand as we are in too much of a hurry to do things for our own benefit. Do we forget that the Lord has told us that He will not forget a single thing we have done.

In the Psalm we praise the Lord but He is always willing to lift up the downtrodden, the poor, the lonely and the sick.

In the second Reading today, St Paul tells us to pray for everyone. Do we really listen to the Prayers of the Faithful when we pray for those in authority such as our Government, the Clergy, the sick and the dying?

In the Gospel, just take a moment to think about the dishonest steward, about to lose his job, but unsuited to work at anything else and how he showed compassion to others who owed the Master so much.

Church Readers



Our sympathy is extended to the family and friends of the late Niall Dungan, South Strand. May he rest in peace.

Anniversaries, Intentions and Special Masses

Friday 20th 10.00am: William Lawlor.

Saturday 21st 6pm Vigil Mass: Carol Boylan (MM), Mathew Smyth (A), Jack, Nelly & Andrew O'Toole (A), Richard (Dick) O'Toole (A), Bernard & Moya Mackle (A), Tom Burke (A).

Sunday 22nd 9.30am: Peter Kelly (A), Brian Leahy (A).
11.00am: Anne Thompson (1st A), Michael Browne (MM), William & Elsie Wilde (A), Michael Simpson (A), Eanna O'Kelly (10th A), Tony Twomey (A).

Tuesday 24th 10.00am: William Wilde (A).

Wednesday 25th September 10.00am: Christy Jenkinson (A), Rena & Sam Condrot (A), Joan & William Ruigrok (A), Richard Ruigrok (Remembrance).

Saturday 28th Vigil Mass 6.00pm: Valerie Fitzsimons (MM), Jack & Dede White (A), Cecil Richardson (A), Vera Fay (10th A), Don Fay (A).

Sunday 29th 9.30am: Doreen Rafferty (A), Kathleen Rafferty (A).

11.00am: John Martin (A), Enda McGuinness (A), Elizabeth & Peggy Russell (A), John Whitty (A).

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 7.00 a.m. and St. Maur's Church, Rush car park 7.15 a.m. Contact Mary 087 674 1472 or Lorraine 087 620 3317

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. *A helpful suggestion as to how we can help look after our environment is that we make sure that all waste is correctly recycled.* **For more helpful suggestions visit: seasonofcreation.org**

BLESSING OF ANIMALS: As a way of marking the end of the Season of Creation and in honour of St. Francis of Assisi, we will have a Blessing of Animals on **Sunday October 6th at 12.30pm in front of the main entrance to the church on Strand St.** All animals are very welcome to come along but please bring owners!!!

CONFIRMATION INFORMATION MEETING: An information meeting for parents/guardians of children preparing for the sacrament of Confirmation will take place in St. Patrick's church on **Wednesday September 25th at 7.30pm.** We look forward to meeting you all as we prepare for this wonderful sacrament.



ALTAR SERVERS

If your child is in 4th or 5th class and living in our Parish and you think they might like to be an Altar Server please contact Cora on 087 4125533 for further information. Training will begin next month so please register your child's interest as soon as possible

FAITH FOR LIFE is an adult faith course designed to help you to discover new ways to live out your faith in the reality of today's world, within relationships, family, home, workplaces and the events of daily life. It aims to help you to be more active, open, faithful, confident, trusting and willing to work for change. The course is experienced as a journey of four 'Movements' inviting you to explore the call you received in Baptism. The process for each weekend includes teaching, personal and group reflection, prayer and liturgy. Participants are required to attend all four weekends. This course has taken place in Dublin Diocese for the past six years and is designed and delivered through a partnership agreement between the Archdioceses of Dublin and the Archdiocese of Liverpool.

The course will take place again this year starting in October. For more information please email: rlavelle@dublindiocese.ie or evangelisation@dublindiocese.ie

IRISH BLOOD TRANSFUSION SERVICE



The opportunity to give blood will arise at Skerries Community Centre, Skerries on **Thursday 26th September 2019 from 4.30pm to 8.30pm**. Please note day and clinic opening times. For further information kindly contact our local blood transfusion service office at 041-6859994.

PARISH BOOK CLUB: During the month of October we will be reading **Gilead by Marilynne Robinson**. Gilead was the winner of the 2005 Pulitzer Prize for fiction and has been described as 'a beautiful novel: wise, tender and perfectly measured.' We will meet on **Thursday October 24th at 7.30pm in 42 Strand St.** for a chat about the book. All are welcome.

Society of Saint Vincent de Paul - Vincent's



Skerries: Volunteers Needed. SVP, East Region is opening a new Vincent's Shop in Skerries, Unit 6, Skerries Point Shopping Centre. **OPENING SATURDAY 21st**

SEPTEMBER AT 10 am. Volunteers are welcome to work in our brand new shop.

We offer you:

- A chance to meet new people and help your local community
 - The opportunity to use your skills to raise money for our work
 - Training and support to build new skills
 - Gain experience in customer care, merchandising, sorting and pricing, branding, sales, team work, fashion, communication.
 - Be part of local, regional, national SVP community
- If you want to donate your time and skills please contact Jane at retailvolunteer@svp.ie or call 01 8198413.



Thanks to all who supported the coffee morning in aid of St. Francis Hospice held in the Hills Cricket Club last Saturday, 14th. The sum of €1409 was raised.



The Irish Cancer Society is looking for volunteers to drive patients to and from their chemotherapy treatments in all public hospitals nationwide. Volunteers will need their own car but all expenses are paid. If you have 2 free days a month (Monday – Friday) and an active email address we would love to hear from you. Please call Laura on 01 2310594, email transport@irishcancer.ie or go to www.cancer.ie for more information

Skerries Ladies Bowling

Congratulations to our ladies who won the Reddan Cup against Aer Lingus last week. A great win to bring the trophy back to Skerries. Thank you to all who supported the Coffee Morning and Bring and Buy Sale on Saturday. Next ladies meeting is Monday 30th.

Formation of Sherlock-Hand Commemorative Committee

All are welcome to a public meeting upstairs in Joe May's, on Wednesday 2 October at 8.00pm, to discuss formation of a commemorative committee that will create a programme of local events in Skerries to remember Irish Volunteers Terry Sherlock and Thomas Hand on the centenary of their deaths in 1920 during the Irish War of Independence.

Active Retirement Club

Mon 23rd: No club today because of day trip to Wicklow leaving St Patrick's Church at 10.30am sharp on way to Rush and Lusk.

Tues 24th: Bowls at 2 p.m.

30 Years ago in our Parish

- This was Jubilee week in the Parish, celebrating 50 years of the "new" church
- The new Sacrament of Reconciliation was being celebrated for the first time on the first Saturday of each month after 10 a.m. Mass
- A Jubilee Mass for the Young Adults was taking place, followed by a Beat on the Street celebration
- All entries for the Jubilee children's Art Competition were on display in the Community Centre
- A 'Meet the Parish' evening was held in the Community Centre following Mass in the Church
- Winners of the final Skerries Swimming open sea races over the summer were Caroline MacManus and Hugh Ryan.

Skerries Harps GAA Club



Skerries Harps played a big part as history was made in Dublin football last weekend. Bryan Cullen was part of Jim Gavin's

management team for the Five In a Row and Lyndsey Davey was Player of the Match in the Ladies Three in a Row. Congrats to Bryan and Lyndsey who both started their football careers in our Juvenile Academy. Juvenile Academy every Saturday at 10 am – register with Louise 085 1465673.

Should our Ladies team win their semi final (last Wed), the final will be played in Swords on Sunday – check website for update.

Whist every Tues. at 8.30 pm – with FREE lessons for beginners.

We encourage our Members to support the Blood Donation Clinic on Thurs 26 Sept.

Zingo 6, 7, 1, 5, 3, 4, 2. Jackpot now €6,800. Entry €2 or 3 for €5 or play Online. .

Thurs. 26 Sept. Launch Night for The Chaser, in Club at 8 pm. All welcome. This is our major fundraiser for our Ball Wall and All Weather project. Contact club PRO, Joanne on 086 4058523 re sponsorship options.

Carnegie Library

Long awaited extension to our Carnegie Library - are you happy with plans? **Plans are open for public consultation** in Skerries Library and Fingal Co Co until September 25th. Do call in and have a look and give your views!

"AFLOAT" a timely new play dealing with the climate apocalypse, by Eva O'Connor and Hildegard Ryan, is coming to Skerries straight from the Dublin Fringe, for one-night-only. They are asking hard questions, but will certainly entertain you. Sunday 22nd Sept, 8.30pm, Little Theatre. Tickets in Skerries Bookshop.

Thank you: Mass has been offered in grateful appreciation and thanks to Fr. James & Fr. Melvyn, Anne & Katherine, Lannon Funeral Directors & Skerries Day Care Centre & Carers and all who cared for my Mam (Valerie Fitzsimons) in the last few years. God Bless. Sandra