

Celebrating the Past, looking forward to the future.



As we begin a time of celebration of the 80th year of our Church here in Skerries, let us remember how lucky we are that the location of our Church is centered in our town. A very striking building for all who pass by, its interior having had many alterations so as to welcome all who enter inside to worship, give thanks or petition the Lord for his help to overcome our difficulties.

Looking to the future, we say in the Gospel acclamation:—"May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our mind, so that we can see what hope his call holds for us".

In the opening lines of the 2nd Reading in today's liturgy, we are asked to keep to what we have been taught and remember our teachers. If we do this, I'm sure each one of us will recall the number of teachers we had in school or college, not forgetting our parents or guardians, the many parish clergy who have been in our parish where ever we have lived in life. Reflect for a moment on the fact that all scripture is inspired by God and can be used in teaching, guiding peoples lives, and showing the way to holiness.

Church Readers

Daily Prayer of Pope St. John XXIII: Only for today, I will seek to live the day positively without wishing to solve the problems of my life all at once. **Only for today**, I will be happy in the certainty that I was created to be happy, not only in the other world but also in this one. **Only for today**, I will devote 10 minutes of my time to some good reading, remembering that just as food is necessary to the life of the body, so good reading is necessary to the life of the soul. **Only for today**, I will have no fears. In particular, I will not be afraid to enjoy what is beautiful and to believe in the goodness of God. Amen

The Mission of my Life - St. John Henry Newman: God has created me to do Him some definite service. He has committed some work to me which He has not committed to another. I have my mission. I may never know it in this life, but I shall be told it in the next. I am a link in a chain, a bond of connection between persons. He has not created me for naught. I shall do good; I shall do His work.



Our sympathy is extended to the families and friends of Joseph Howard, Patrick Coleman, Sarah (Sally) O'Brien and Camilla McMahan who died recently. May they rest in peace.

Today, Sunday 20th, is Mission Sunday. As Christians we are called to heed the words of Jesus 'Go out to the world to proclaim the Good News'. The annual collection for the missions replaces the Share collection at all Masses this weekend.

80th Anniversary of our Church

Did you know we celebrate the 80th anniversary of our Church this year? At the Masses over this weekend we launch our celebrations to mark this special milestone in a variety of ways.

Anniversaries and Special Intentions.

Saturday 19th 6.00pm Vigil Mass: Maureen Wheeler (First Anniversary), Patricia Stich (First Anniversary), Bella & Michael Murphy (A), Edward Prendergast (A), Declan Friel (A), Margaret Hawkins (A), John & Valerie Fitzsimmons (A).

Sunday 20th 9.30am Charles Cooper (A), Josephine, Michael & Sean Keelan (A), Jack & John McMahan (A), The Donnelly Family (A), Brendan & Bunny Hughes (A).

11.00am Esther Crosbie (A), Tony Forde (2nd A), Thomas Quinn (A), William Horrigan (A), Mary & Anthony O'Brien (A), Kevin Branagan (A).

Tuesday 22nd 10.00am Margaret Hawkins (A).

Wednesday 23rd 10.00am Patricia Stich (A), Maire Maloney (A), Jim Weldon (A).

Thursday 24th 10.00am Brian McEvoy (A).

Friday 25th 10.00am Peter McMahan (A).

Saturday 26th 6.00pm Vigil Mass: Imelda Greene (Months Mind), Joseph (Joe) Connolly (Galway) (Rem), James & Julie Christie (A), Aidan Christie (Rem), Barry Carey (A), David Murtagh (A), John Tattan (A).

Sunday 27th 11.00am Liam Petson Snr (First Anniversary), Michael McGealy (A), Margo McAuley (A), Jane Dardis (A),

Feast Days

22nd Oct. St John Paul II, Pope.

Triduum in honour of St. John Paul II: Come along from the 20-22 October to 'Our Lady Help of Christians' Church, Navan Road, Dublin 7, where shrine & relic are located.

Sunday 20th at 10.30a.m Mass

Monday 21st at 7.30p.m. Mass

Tuesday 22nd (FEAST DAY) at 7.30p.m. Mass

All celebrated by Fr. John Walsh O.P.

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.



The Miscarriage Association of Ireland

Annual Service of Remembrance Sunday 10th November at 3.00pm in St. Teresa's Church, Donore Ave. Dublin 8.

Skerries Active Retirement

Mon 21st 1.30-5.00pm Halloween Party. Food and music. Halloween theme for fancy dress competition.

Tues 22nd Summerhill trip leaves Skerries Church at 11.30am then Rush and Lusk.

Bowls at 2.00 p.m.

Skerries Walking Club will host an 'Open Evening'

for any prospective new members on Monday 21st October at 8.15pm upstairs in Joe May's pub. Please come along and chat with members if you

have any questions about walks, joining the club or about your fitness and ability to take part in walks. The club provides a variety of walk types including local walks, rambles and hill walks. New members are especially welcome.



30 Years ago in our Parish

- The Parish was celebrating "One World, Our World" week, with an invitation to all parishioners to attend a special display in the Methodist Church.
- A Mobile Health Information Unit was visiting Skerries to give information about all services available to local householders.
- Three and a half tonnes of waste paper was collected this month by the Crann Phadraig committee.
- The Annual Sale of Work for Holmpatrick Parish was taking place this weekend.

Skerries 1919 – 1921

Terry Sherlock 99th Anniversary Commemoration on Sunday 27th October at Sherlock Terrace, 12.30pm. All welcome. No political banners or flags allowed.

Skerries Harps GAA Club



Sun: Inters v Raheny and Minors v Whitehall both at 11 am; Juniors v Portobello at 3 pm and Senior Ladies v Parnells at 2 pm – all HOME fixtures.

Seniors finished the season by consolidating their Div.1 and Championship status.

Juvenile Academy every Saturday at 10 am.

Register with Louise 085 1465673. Volunteers needed to help with Tea/Coffee - email pro.skerriesharps.dublin@gaa.ie if you are available. Club Shop open during Academy for sport/leisure wear.

Zingo 5, 7, 1, 3, 6, 4, 2. Dividend winners: A Casey and M Davis - €300 each. Jackpot now €7,200. Entry €2 each, 3 for €5, or play online. Sun. 27th October – The Chaser, at City North Hotel. Tickets now on sale for €20 or Group of 4 for €60. Bus transport available. Contact club PRO on 086 4058523 re sponsorship options etc. See club website www.skerriesharps.ie

Skerries Camera Club: Meeting Monday 21st



October at 8pm in Skerries Bowling Club.

On the night will be the judging of the Summer challenge all the photos

entered will be judged and critiqued with great tips from the adjudicator on how to improve the images. We have a full programme of meetings up to Christmas (18th November, 16th December). The Club is for anyone interested in photography and all are welcome, whether just starting or experienced. We run a series of monthly events to help members improve with occasional competitions to help us apply what we learn - and for fun!

New and intending members are welcome and free on their first night. So, if you have an interest in photography, come along and let your friends know who might be interested. For more information Tel 087 7520506.

Skerries Men's Shed

If you're interested in finding out about the Men's Shed why not pop into Skerries Mills at 2.30 pm on Tuesdays (loft room – above the shop).

Next meeting of Balbriggan Toastmasters will

be on the 22nd of October starting at 7:50pm in Balbriggan Community Centre, Dublin Street. Our meetings are held every two weeks. Guests and new members are very welcome.