



Skerries Parish Bulletin

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This is my Son, the Beloved, my favour rests with him.

In the first reading from the Prophet Isaiah, we read about the Chosen One who is endowed with the Spirit and who will be justice to the nations. The Lord also says that He has taken us by the hand and formed us so that we can lead good lives.



In the second reading, we read about Jesus of Nazareth and the good deeds and work he did after John had been preaching Baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit so that he could carry out these good deeds.

In the Gospel, we read of the Baptism of Jesus. When Jesus was baptised, he came from the water, the heavens opened, the Spirit of the God descending like a dove came down on him

Let us take a moment and reflect on the liturgy and on our own Baptism. Do we feel cleansed, and filled with the Holy Spirit?

Church Readers

ANNIVERSARIES AND SPECIAL INTENTIONS

Saturday 11th 10.00am: Larry McGuinness (A), Mary Rice (A).

Saturday 11th 6.00pm Vigil Mass: Eamon Smith (MM), Elizabeth McMahon (MM), Dolores O'Byrne (A), Tom Tolan (A), Michael Phelan (A), John Ryan (A), Sean O'Brien (A).

Sunday 12th 9.30am: James & Margaret Clerkin (A), Eileen Redden (MM), Peter Coyle (MM), Nancy Walls (A), Tommy Costello.

11.00am: Leo Jones (A), John Flanagan (A), Marie & Paddy Hughes (A), Antonio John D'Souza (A), Jack Leonard (A), Eddie & John Dunne & deceased members of the Dunne family.

Tuesday 14th 10.00am: Beta (Beatrice) & Gerry MacMahon and deceased members of the MacMahon & O'Brien families, Kevin Kelly (A).

Wednesday 15th 10.00am: Anne Conlon (A).

Thursday 16th 10.00am: Carmel Nealon (A).

Saturday 18th 10.00am: Ailish Guinan (MM).

6.00pm Vigil Mass: John & Eithne Everard (A), Fran Carabini (A), John Galvin (A), Tommy Ryan (A), Harry Grimes (A), Bridie & John Kelly (A), Noel McDonough (A).

Sunday 19th 9.30am: Rose Harrison (A).

11.00am: Lisa Dunne (A), Annie Power (A), Philip Dunne (MM).



Our Sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Anne Finola Motherway who died recently. May she rest in peace.

Magnificat Prayer Group at the start of a new year of Grace, we thank God and entrust everything to him. Our prayer group meets in Hills Cricket Club on Tuesdays from 7.30 to 8.30pm. Please note we will re-open on Tues 4th Feb 2020. All are welcome.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 18 – 25th Jan

Feast Days: 12th Jan: Baptism of the Lord.

15th: St Ita.

16th: St Fursa.

COLLECTORS FOR SUNDAY 9.30 MASS

Two of our regular Sunday Mass collectors have now retired. We thank them most sincerely for their help over the years and wish them well in the future. We now require two collectors for the 9.30 Sunday Mass. If you attend the 9.30 Sunday Mass and would like to help with the first and second collections we would very much like to hear from you. If you can help please leave your name and phone number in the parish office or sacristy and we will contact you. Thank you

Enrich your Marriage

A Marriage Enrichment Weekend offers married couples of all ages, time away from the busyness of life to refresh their love for one another. The next (residential) weekends (**Fri 8 pm to Sun 4 pm**) will be held at the **Dromantine Conference Centre, Newry** from **31 Jan to 2 Feb 2020** and at **The International Hotel Cork** from **3 to 5 Apr 2020**. For info. and to book, visit www.marriageencounter.ie or phone 087-216 2436[IRL] or 0770 281 2321 [NI].

Pioneer Total Abstinence Association of the Sacred Heart: AGM meeting

will take place this Monday 13th January, 2020 after 10am Mass in 42 Strand Street opposite church. All pioneer members welcome to attend. We are very much in need of new committee members and we would very much appreciate your help.

Parish Pilgrimage to Medjugorje

Our annual pilgrimage to Medjugorje takes place from 10th to 17th June flying directly to Mostar (thirty minutes coach drive from Medjugorje). Our curate, Fr James Daly, will accompany us as Spiritual Director. A booking deposit of €100 before 28th February merits a €50 discount. Booking forms are available from the parish office. For further details contact Garry Westby, Group Leader - phone 0872517345 (mobile) 8491741 (home). As places are limited, early booking is advisable

Skerries ADHD Parent Coffee Morning



Would you like to join our 'Skerries ADHD Parent Support Group' for a casual coffee morning? Come and join us for a chat on Tuesday 14th January at 10:00am in Skerries Mills coffee shop. We will discuss concerns, issues and ADHD experiences at home and school.

Skerries Active Retirement

Please note afternoon tea dance is back on Sun 12th in Skerries Cricket Club from 3.30-6.00pm. Entrance €5 including refreshments. Tues 13th 1.45 Bowling will resume.

St Patrick's Junior School

Enrolment for the Junior Infant Classes for September 2020. Parents/Guardians who wish to enrol their child/children in Junior Infants for September 2020 are asked to come to the school to apply for a place during the week of Monday 13th to Friday 17th January 2020 between 9.00am and 2.30pm on school days. January 17th is the final date for applications.

Scoil Moibhí, Milverton Enrolment for the Junior Infant/all Classes for September 2020.

Parents/Guardians who wish to enrol their child/children are asked to contact the school by email :scoilmoibhi.ias@eircom.net, or telephone: 01 8492467 on/before January 24th, 2020.

Scoil Réalt na Mara

Enrolment for the Junior Infant Classes for September 2020. Parents/Guardians who wish to enrol their child/children for September 2020 are asked to come to the school to Pre-Enrol their child/children for the Junior Infant Classes during the period 6th to 17th January 2020 between 9.00am and 1.00pm on school days. January 17th is the final date for applications.

A very big thank you to all who supported the Art Sale in St Margaret's on Dublin Road, in aid of Brother Kevin and his great work helping the hungry and the homeless. Before Christmas we sent him €1700.00. A small amount will be sent on when all donations have come in. To friends and neighbours: you are all very generous.

Thank you to all those who came to our Coffee Morning in aid of Focus Ireland which was held in Joe May's on 15th December. Your support was greatly appreciated.

World Day of the Sick 2020

The World Day of the Sick conference will take place in Newtownpark Pastoral Centre, Newtownpark Avenue, Blackrock on Saturday 8th February 2020. Mass and anointing of the sick takes place on Sunday 9th at 3.00pm in the Church of the Guardian Angels, Newtownpark Avenue with Principal Celebrant, Archbishop Diarmuid Martin.

Skerries Historical Society presents a talk on Cricket in Skerries, 1887 – 1969 by James Bennet in the Bowling Club, Tennis Court Lane on Tuesday, 14 January 2020 at 8.15 pm. All are welcome.

Skerries Ladies Bowls

Happy New Year to all! The next meeting of the ladies takes place on Monday next, 13th January at 12 noon. Plans for next season will be discussed, so hope to see all there.

Set Dancing Classes in Joe May's (upstairs) starting 9 January 8pm. All levels and beginners welcome. No partner required. Please wear soft-soled, non-marking shoes. €5 per class and all proceeds go to local and national charities. For more info, please contact Mary at 0863534697.

Skerries Harps GAA Club.



The 2020 season has started with pre-season training for Adult and Juvenile teams. Skerries Harps caters for boys and girls from U8 to U18 across all 4 codes - Football, Hurling, Ladies Football & Camogie - and always welcomes new players and mentors! We also cater for Adults with teams in Ladies Football (Senior & Junior) Camogie (Senior & Junior), Men's Football (Senior Div.1, Inter and Junior), Hurling (Junior) plus our Gaelic For Mothers and Others team. Contact club PRO on 086 4058523 for full details on joining up. Zingo result: 4-3-5-2-7-1-6. Next draw Sunday 12 Jan with Jackpot of €8,400. Envelopes are still only €2 or 3 for €5, or play online via link on club website. Juvenile Academy for U5 to U7 boys/girls resumes on Sat 18 Jan at 10 am. Register with Louise - on 085 1465673, who also has details of the Gormanston Indoor Hurling/Camogie tournament. Reminder to all our Members – Membership Fees for 2020 are now due. Players must be fully paid before playing/training per GAA Injury Fund rules. Fee details are on website www.skerriesharps.ie

Balbriggan and District Horticultural Society is having a talk on herbs entitled 'Medical Herbs and Safe Natural Remedies' by Denise Dunne from The Herb Garden Naul, on Thursday 16th January at 8.30pm in the Scouts Den, Market Green, Balbriggan. Tea and biscuits included. Raffle on the night. Plants, seeds and gardening magazine swap.

Acknowledgment: Peter Coyle

The family of the late Peter Coyle would like to give heartfelt thanks to everyone who supported and sympathised with them during their recent sad loss. A special Mass will be offered for their intentions.