



Skerries Parish Bulletin

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John the Baptist & 'The Lamb of God'

In today's Gospel, John the Baptist is inviting us to look at Jesus. He calls Jesus the 'Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world'. We say these words often at Mass and today we are invited to meditate on them more closely. What does it mean? In Jesus time, two lambs were sacrificed in the Temple in Jerusalem each day. It was a ritual that invoked purity. Jesus will preach a love that is radical for many, in a world that was, and still is, broken. John refers to Jesus as the lamb as he knows that if one loves in such a way, they will suffer at the hands of unjust systems and institutions.

When we hear these words at mass, let us be reminded of all those who sacrifice much to ease the sufferings of others. This is Christ, the 'lamb of God' active in our world today.

Jane Mellet, Intercom

ANNIVERSARIES & INTENTIONS REMEMBERED

- ✦ **Sat 18th 10am:** Ailish Guinan (MM) Patrick & Mary O'Neill
- ✦ **Sat 18th 6pm:** John & Eithne Everard, Fran Carabini, John Galvin, Tommy Ryan, Harry Grimes, Bridie & John Kelly, Noel McDonough
- ✦ **Sun 19th 9.30am:** Rose Harrison, Valera Tukhashvili (1st A), Tommy Rooney, Eileen Plunkett, Catherine Geelan
- ✦ **Sun 19th 11am:** Philip Dunne (MM), Lisa Dunne, Annie Power, Eamonn Rossiter, Robert McNicholas 2nd A), Liam Matthews
- ✦ **Tues 21st 10am:** Elizabeth Kenneally (20th A)
- ✦ **Thurs 23rd 10am:** Richard Ruigrok (1st A), Sinéad Ruigrok (Rem)
- ✦ **Sat 25th 6pm:** Mary Branagan (1st A) (Emmanuel Project Mass), Laurence McNally, Margaret Branagan, Brenda Branagan, Harry Grimes, Winifred & Patrick Russell, Liam McKenna (30th A)
- ✦ **Sun 26th 9.30am:** Elizabeth Rice (MM), Michael, Bernadette & May Rice, Gaye McGirl, Stephen & Jane Comey Snr.
- ✦ **Sun 26th 11am:** Angela Lynch (1st A), Tom Ferguson (MM), Terry Murphy (MM), Mary Lambe & Deed Lambe Families, Frank & Ann Rogan, Denis McKeown (5th A), Bobby & Martha Aherne

OUR SYMPATHY



Is extended to the family of Patrick (Packie) McLoughlin who died recently. May he Rest in Peace.

FEAST DAYS

21st Jan - St Agnes,

25th Jan - Conversion of St. Paul, Apostle.

DATES TO NOTE

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 18th– 25th January

Emmanuel Project Mass - Sat 25th Jan 6pm
Catholic School Week begins - Sun 26th Jan.

CHRISTIAN UNITY WEEK

You are invited to A Service of Prayer and Music in Irish for Christian Unity Week. It will be held In Christ Church Cathedral at **8pm** on **Friday 24th January**. Theme: **The islanders showed us unusual kindness (Acts 28:2)**

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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

SKERRIES ACTIVE RETIREMENT

Club re-opens **3rd Feb**.

Fees will be collected.

AGM Marine Hotel Sutton on Thurs 13th Feb.

€25 in envelope please ASAP.

Dinner & dancing.

STUDY THEOLOGY ON LINE

The Priory Institute are currently taking enrolments for their 2020 Spring Semester. Launch Day is **8th February** and the cut off date for registrations is **4th February 2020**.

Students can choose between the two Stage One modules on offer this semester - Scripture and Philosophy. For further information contact: 01 404 8129 or enquiries@prioryinstitute.com

SKERRIES LADIES BOWLS



Due to storm Brendan, last Monday we cancelled our monthly meeting. It is now rescheduled for Monday next **20th January** at noon. Hope you can all make it!

SKERRIES HARPS GAA CLUB



Fixtures will recommence in mid February and will be published on club website when finalised by the various Boards. We welcome new players and

mentors who may wish to join up. Email skerriesharps@gmail.com or contact the club PRO on 086 4058523 for full details.

All players must be fully paid up before playing/training per GAA Injury Scheme rules – otherwise they are not covered. Details of Fees are on website www.skerriesharps.ie
Zingo result: 7-1-2-3-6-4-5. Dividend of €100 each to M. Grogan and B. Beggs. Next draw on Sunday at 6.30 with Jackpot of €8,500.

Whist resumes on **Tuesday 21st January at 8pm** – Free Lessons for beginners.

Juvenile Academy for U5 to U7 boys/girls has resumed on Saturday mornings, as has the Indoor Hurling/Camogie in Gormanston on Sundays. Details from Louise – on 085 1465673.

We encourage Members to support the Blood Donation Clinic on **Thurs 23rd January** in the Community Centre.

Clubhouse will be open for the Dublin v Kerry NFL game on Saturday evening **25th January**.

LOUGHSHINNY & RUSH HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Are hosting a ten-week course on The War of Independence - Commemorating the events with particular reference to events in Fingal.

This Skerries based ten - week course will include: Lectures, Site Visits, Workshops & Commemorative Events.

The course commences on **Sat 1st February** for 10 weeks €50 per person. All welcome. Contact sog1@campusie.onmicrosoft.com Or text 0879549700

BALBRIGGAN TOASTMASTERS

Meet every 2 weeks at 7.50 in Balbriggan Community Centre, Dublin Street, Balbriggan. The next meeting will be on **28th January** at 7.50pm.

Toastmasters help our members to develop their public speaking and communications skills, in a fun and encouraging way. It may suit people wanting to improve their confidence when speaking or improve presentations at work or are currently planning a speech for a wedding in 2020.

Guests and new members are always welcome.

VARICOSE VEINS & YOUR HEALTH - PUBLIC INFORMATION EVENING

Thursday **30th January** from 7pm - 8pm in DCU-Alpha, Innovation Campus, 11 Old Finglas Road, Glasnevin, Dublin 9 (beside Met Éireann Office)

Places are limited so please book in advance. To RSVP please email Anna-

Lise: amion@bonsecours.ie or call/text: 087 144 4204 with your name to reserve a place.

Refreshments will be provided from 6.30pm

THE MILL BOOK TEAM - THANK YOU

Thank you to all those who celebrated with us at Nollaig na mBan on **6th January** in Skerries Mills. €400 was collected on the day, which will be sent to Focus Ireland.