



# Skerries Parish Bulletin

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## Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



Pope Francis has declared that every year the Third Sunday in Ordinary time (that is today) is to be devoted to the celebration, study and spreading of the Word of God. Our faith comes from hearing the Word of God.

Today, in the 1<sup>st</sup> reading, we hear in the prophesy of Isaiah that "**...on those who live in the land of deep shadow a light has shone**". He was giving encouragement to those going through dark times during their long years of exile in Babylon.

St. Matthew, writing in the gospel, declares that these words have been fulfilled by the coming of Jesus to live among us, who proclaims "**the kingdom of Heaven is close at hand**".

St. Paul, writing to the Corinthians about 10 years after the death and resurrection of Jesus, is deeply concerned that already Christians are vying for power, thinking that their group was better than the others and thus acting in a most unchristian manner.

How does all this apply to us today? Can we ask ourselves "When do I think that I am better than someone else? Am I careful not to think, nor speak, nor act out of some ingrained idea of superiority? (White, Irish, Skerries, male, female, young, old, straight, Lgbt, educated, intelligent, handsome, pretty, sporty, etc.).

Everyone born is created and loved by God, and Jesus is the light that shines in the dark places of our hearts where prejudice and bigotry try to take hold.

*Lord God, please give us all the grace and the vision and the courage to love all that you have created.*

Lydia Gillen Bible Study Group

### WORLD DAY OF THE SICK 2020

The World Day of the Sick Seminar will take place on Saturday, 8<sup>th</sup> Feb. from 9.30am to 1pm in Newtown Parish Pastoral Centre, Newtownpark Avenue, Blackrock, Co. Dublin. This year's theme is on *Hope in the Face of Suicide*. The World Day of the Sick Mass will take place on Sunday, 9<sup>th</sup> Feb. in Church of the Guardian Angles, Newtownpark Avenue. For further information, please contact Trish Conway on 087 6220349. Prayer Book "*I am With You*", for use with those who experience illness, carers and for personal prayer in the parish, home, hospital, nursing homes and healthcare facilities and also for pastoral visitation and First Friday calls, available from Anne Donnellan, Archbishop's House, Tel. 01 8379253, Ext. 245 – Unit price €1.95.



### DATES TO NOTE

Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> January – Emmanuel Project Mass at 6pm.  
Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> – Catholic School Week begins.  
Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February – First Friday.

### OUR SYMPATHY



To the family of Joe Boylan who died recently. May he Rest in Peace

### FEASTDAYS

25<sup>th</sup> Jan. Conversion of St. Paul, Apostle.  
1<sup>st</sup> Feb. St. Bridgid.  
2<sup>nd</sup> Feb. Presentation of the Lord.

### ST PADRE PIO MASS

Mass will be at 7pm, on Wed. 5<sup>th</sup> February.

### LAUDATE FESTIVAL 2020

The Laudate Festival takes place over four nights during the coming week as part of Catholic Schools Week. This Primary School Music Programme brings together children from 50 primary schools in the Archdiocese for an evening of music and reflection. One hundred children from St. Patrick's Junior and Senior schools will take part in the celebration on Tues. 28<sup>th</sup> January at 7pm in the Church of Our Lady of Victories, Ballymun Road. Entry is free and all parents, families, friends and parishioners are welcome to join us for this joyful and uplifting celebration.

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## ANNIVERSARIES REMEMBERED

- ✦ **Sat. 25<sup>th</sup> 10am:** Fionnuala Barry (1<sup>st</sup> A), Ellen O'Connell.
- ✦ **Sat. 25<sup>th</sup> 6pm:** Mary Branagan (1<sup>st</sup> A), Laurence McNally, Margaret Branagan, Brenda Branagan, Harry Grimes, Winnifred & Patrick Russell, Liam McKenna, Jimmy Hughes.
- ✦ **Sun. 26<sup>th</sup> 9.30am:** Elizabeth Rice (MM), Fr. Christie O'Byrne (MM), Gaye McGirl, Jim & Philomena Sweetman, Stephen & Jane Comey Snr, Michael, Bernadette & May Rice.
- ✦ **Sun. 26<sup>th</sup> 11am:** Angela Lynch (1<sup>st</sup> A), Tom Ferguson (MM), Terry Murphy (MM), Mary Lambe & Deceased members of Lambe family, Frank & Ann Rogan, Bobby & Martha Aherne, Denis McKeown.
- ✦ **Tues. 28<sup>th</sup> 10am:** Terry Justice.
- ✦ **Sat. 1<sup>st</sup> 6pm:** Richard Gaffney (1<sup>st</sup> A), Gaye McGirl, Patrick, Elizabeth & Helen Clarke, Declan & Cecil Richardson, Jim Lennox, Ted Williams, Sean Rogan, Frank McMahan
- ✦ **Sun. 2<sup>nd</sup> 9.30am:** David & Margaret Noonan
- ✦ **Sun. 2<sup>nd</sup> 11am:** Michael McBride (1<sup>st</sup> A), Margie O'Brien (1<sup>st</sup> A), Rosemary Daly, Michael Halpin, Louie Toal, Brendan Maguire.

## SKERRIES ACTIVE RETIREMENT

Club re-opens 3<sup>rd</sup> February.  
Names and €25 in an envelope to Committee as soon as possible for Marine Hotel dinner and dancing on Thurs. 13<sup>th</sup> Feb. Numbers Limited.

## VARICOSE VEINS AND YOUR HEALTH

The Bon Secours Hospital is holding a public information evening on Thurs. 30<sup>th</sup> January from 7 – 8pm in DCU-Alpha, Innovation Campus, 11 Old Fingal Road, Glasnevin (beside Met Eireann Office). Places are limited so please book in advance by email to [amion@bonsecours.ie](mailto:amion@bonsecours.ie) or call or text Anna-Lise on 087 1444204 with your name to reserve a place. Refreshments will be served from 6.30pm and all are welcome.

## ARDGILLAN CREATIVE WRITERS' GROUP



The group meets every Saturday in Ardgillan Castle 10.30am to 12.30pm for encouragement and support of new, emerging and experienced writers in a friendly atmosphere. This is a non-profit group and not a class. Membership by attendance - €2 on the day. More information from [ardgillancwg@outlook.com](mailto:ardgillancwg@outlook.com) or drop in any Saturday morning.

## STUDY THEOLOGY ON LINE

The Priory Institute are currently taking enrolments for their 2020 Spring Semester. Launch Day is **8<sup>th</sup> February** and the cut-off date for registrations is **4<sup>th</sup> February 2020**. Students can choose between the two Stage One modules on offer this semester - Scripture and Philosophy. For further information contact: 01 4048129 or [enquiries@prioryinstitute.com](mailto:enquiries@prioryinstitute.com)

## SKERRIES HOCKEY CLUB

The Club is running a **Table Quiz** next Thursday, 30<sup>th</sup> January, at 8pm in the Sailing Club. Tables of four - €50 or you can just come along and join in with another table. We would be very grateful for your support. More details from Suzanne: 086 8384668, Doireann: 086 3433612 or Aoife: 085 7178673.



## SKERRIES HARPS GAA CLUB

**Newsflash!** – Membership Fees may now be paid by instalment – details on website.  
**Zingo:** 5,1,6,4,3,7,2. No winner. Jackpot now €8,600. Envelopes still €2 or 3 for a fiver.  
**Juvenile Academy** every Sat. morning 10am - 11am. Contact Louise 085 1465673 for details.  
**Volunteers:** The club is currently seeking new volunteers for the year ahead across all aspects of the club - maybe on a Sat morning during Academy, on our Fundraising Committee, as a team mentor etc. contact [secretary.skerriesharps.dublin@gaa.ie](mailto:secretary.skerriesharps.dublin@gaa.ie) or [pro.skerriesharps.dublin@gaa.ie](mailto:pro.skerriesharps.dublin@gaa.ie) for more details. We welcome all volunteers.  
**Feile 2020** Committee Fundraiser - Harps Key rings €3 (2 for €5) and Car Air Fresheners €1.50 (4 for €5). Contact Sinead 087 2369526.

## BUS IMPROVEMENT SERVICE – ROUTE 33

Good news on transport links in Skerries. Additional services are being provided on route 33 all the way to Dublin city from Mon. 27<sup>th</sup> Jan. Buses to the city will now be every 45 minutes all day up to 5.30pm.



## ACKNOWLEDGEMENT – SMITH

The family of the late Eamonn Smith would like to thank all who supported and sympathised with them on the passing of Eamonn. Special thanks to Fr. James and the Funeral Team and all his friends in the Prayer Group. Jo would like to thank her friends who helped with lifts to the hospital. Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered for the intentions of all.