



Skerries Parish Bulletin

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Lenten Mission 2020

This **Lenten Mission** is part of our programme to celebrate the 80th Anniversary of St. Patrick's Church. The Mission will consist of Mass each Wednesday evening @ 7.30 pm with guest celebrant/speaker concluding with Benediction. This offers our parishioners an opportunity to attend Mass for the season of Lent and to share in the spiritual fruits of our anniversary celebrations.

The Mission programme is as follows:

Wed 26th Feb – Ash Wednesday – Mass 7.30 pm – *'Blessing & Distribution of Ashes'*

Parish Clergy

Wed 4th March – Padre Pio – Mass 7.30 pm – *'Padre Pio, a Saint for our Time'*

Fr. Bryan Shorthall O.F.M. Cap. National Director for Padre Pio Apostolate

Wed 11th March – Mass 7.30 pm - *'Jesus our Hope'* - **Fr. Tommy Hogan C.Ss.R.**

Wed 18th March – Mass 7.30 pm – *'The answer to our problems'* - **Fr. Tommy Hogan C.Ss.R.**

Wed 25th March – Mass 7.30 pm – The Annunciation of The Lord - *'Mercy as gentle as silence'*

Rev. Don Devaney Chairman & Director Divine Mercy Conference Committee

Wed 1st April – Mass 7.30 pm – *'Being a priest in Ireland today'*

Fr. Bill O'Shaughnessy T.A., Springfield Parish, Tallaght.

Merciful and Gracious is the Lord, slow to anger and abounding in kindness



Today's gospel continues from last Sunday. Jesus, in his first major discourse in Matthew's Gospel, commonly known as the Sermon on the Mount, explains what it means to live under God's reign. The sermon expounds the fundamental attitudes Jesus' disciples are to have in relationship to God as their Father, to Jesus as their Lord, to one another as brothers and sisters, and to others, even their enemies. Obeying the moral law is a necessary minimum. But in order to live as members of God's kingdom, we need to do more. True disciples need to cultivate the inner attitudes and dispositions that transform the heart and build up love, such as kindness, patience, meekness, purity and mercy that Jesus teaches in the Sermon on the Mount. Jesus asks us to go beyond the external conformity to the requirements of law and imitate the perfect love of the heavenly Father, who is love himself (48: 1 John 4:8)

Scripture Group

We welcome

Cillian Soitout, Oscar Meehan, Anna Carney, Quinn O'Donovan, Liam Conneely and Abby Crean, recently baptised into our Parish family

Our sympathy is expressed to



the families and friends of Kathleen McIvor, Kelly's Lane, Barnageeragh, and Gerry Grimes, late of Downside, whose deaths occurred recently in the Parish. May they rest

in peace

Pioneer Total Abstinence Association of the Sacred

Heart -SHORT-TERM PLEDGE FOR LENT annual enrolment at rear of church after all Masses this weekend 22nd/23rd February. If you are eligible to receive a 25th, 50th, 60th or 70th pioneer pin and certificate please let us know this weekend.

Ash Wednesday – 24th February



A day of Fast and Abstinence. Masses at 10 a.m., and 7.30 p.m.. Ashes blessed at 10 a.m. Mass will be distributed and then be available during the day in the Church.

Emmanuel Project (Youth Mass)

Will take place on Saturday, 29th at 6 p.m.. All welcome

Eucharistic Adoration



Silent Eucharistic Adoration every Tuesday after 10am Mass until 5.30pm followed by the Rosary and concluding prayers. It is a beautiful privilege to have Jesus in the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in our church - **Perhaps this is something you might consider doing during Lent.**

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Bulletin Email: skerriesbulletin@hotmail.com

Anniversaries and Special Intentions:

Sat. 22nd: 6 p.m., John Beggs, George Graham, Helen Branagan, Janice Downing (2nd anniv.)

Sun. 23rd: 9.30, Eilish Healy & dec. members of McGilly family, Healy family, Susan, Andrew and Bernadette Woods

11 a.m., Fr. Michael Flanagan, Janice Downing (2nd anniv.), Dr. John Keane

Tues. 26th: 10 a.m., Oliver Trainor

Fri. 28th: 10 a.m., Joseph, Anne, Alice & Enda McGuinness

Sat. 29th: 6 p.m., Michael Buckley, Mary, Teresa & Oliver Duff

Sun. 1st: 11 a.m., Carmel Boylan (1st anniv.), Joe Boylan (month's mind), Greg Scollan (1st anniv.), Betty Murphy, Tony (Anthony) Broderick

Parish Book Club

During the month of February we have been reading "The Choice" by Edith Eger. The book has been described as "a masterpiece of holocaust literature. Her memoir like her life is extraordinary, harrowing and inspiring in equal measure." We will meet on Thursday 27th February at 7.30 p.m., in 42 Strand Street for a chat about the book. All welcome

Skerries Active Retirement

Mon. 24th: Bingo Tues. 25th: Bowls

Mon. 2nd March, AGM

Day trips March, May & June

Dublin Diocesan Annual Pilgrimage to Knock

This will take place on Sat. 25th April from 11 a.m. – 4.30 p.m.. The day will include talks, personal time, Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick, Pilgrimage Mass and picnic lunch (bring your packed lunch). There will also be specific programmes for children and young people. Come and join others from throughout the Diocese for this pilgrimage of Hope, Healing and Reflection. Details:

knockpilgrimage@dublindiocese.ie

Free On-line Lenten Retreat – Priory Institute

Retreat based on the Pillars of Lent - Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving. You can register any time during Lent at prioryinstitute.com. or ph. 01 4048124

Beginning Experience, Coping with Life alone

programme -for men or women, separated or widowed. We are a volunteer peer support group, led by trained facilitators dedicated to helping people through their grief or sorrow. We are running a one-day "Coping with Life Alone" on Sat. 7th March, at Carmelite Centre, Whitefriar Street, Dublin.

Information from www.beginningexperience.ie

The Encounter ! Join other young adults (20s/30s) for a night of live acoustic music, reflective prayer in adoration, with guest speaker on life, faith and purpose. Social, pizza, refreshments afterwards – Fri. 28th February, St. Paul's, Arran Quay. Details from: st.pauls@dublindiocese.ie or on Instagram@theyoungchurchdublin

Skerries RNLI

The local RNLI is a totally charity-funded marine emergency life-saving service. We are looking for people to help with fund-raising events. If you could help, contact Jan, 086-8294785

The Skerries Sea Sharps choir wishes to thank all who attended their Christmas concert on Thurs 19 Dec last, through which €750 was donated to the Skerries Autism Friendly Town.

Skerries Harps GFC

After last Sunday's washout, we hope for better luck on Sunday for Hurlers v na Fianna, at home, at 12.30 and Minor Football v Ballyboden, home at 11 – weather permitting. Check website.

Sunday 1st: Seniors away to St. Brigid's in Div. 1 at 10.30 a.m., Support welcome

Zingo: 6,4,1,,7,2,5. Dividend €200 won by P. Murray. Jackpot now €2300 – draw Sunday at 7 p.m.

Club Shop open Saturdays, 10-11 during Juvenile Academy. New volunteers welcome – players and non-players – we have a job for all ! Details from

secretary.skerriesharps.dublin@gaa or

pro.skerriesharps.dublin@gaa.ie. Membership fees

due to be paid by 31 Mar to allow vote at AGM and entry to draw for All Ireland tickets – details

www.skerriesharps.ie/membership. NOTE: fees may also be paid by instalment until 31 Mar.

Annual Fashion Show, Friday 13th March – prize for best-dressed Lady, sponsored by Seodin Jewellers.

Waiting list for tickets!!

Historical talks:

1 Rush & Loughshinny Historical Society "Nicholas Rath, RNR", a talk on a local man who went to WW1, his adventures. Thurs. 27th Feb., Strand Bar, 8 p.m.

2 "The Fingal Cricket League", a tribute talk by Jim Bennett, Fri. 6th Mar., The Hills Cricket Pavilion, 8 p.m. An occasion to share and relive memories. If you have photos/artefacts associated with this history, please bring them along with you.

A reminder that Wed. 5 p.m., is deadline for your contributions to the Parish Bulletin. Thank you!