

## Skerries Harps GAA Club

Sunday 1 March: Seniors v St Brigids, away in Div.1 at 10.30 am. Support welcome.

Inters v St Sylvesters, home at 10.30 and Juniors v St Pats, home at 3 pm.

Well done to Adam, Killian and Ciaran with Dublin Under 20 win – they play Laois in the Leinster final on Friday 6 March in Carlow.

Zingo: 2,6,3,1,4,5,7. Jackpot now €2,400. Play online via link on our website.

Club Shop open on Saturdays 10 am to 11.00 during Juvenile Academy. Membership Fees are due – details on [www.skerriesharps.ie/membership](http://www.skerriesharps.ie/membership). NOTE- Fees may also be paid by instalment until 31 March. Annual Fashion Show is on Friday 13 March – Prize for Best Dressed Lady sponsored by

Seoidin Jewellers – SOLD OUT.

International Womens' Day, 6th March, Skerries Harps GAA is the venue for an informal event open to all, men and women, with a panel discussion, chat, music at 7.30 pm - tickets are free, just register on the link on [www.eventbrite.ie](http://www.eventbrite.ie) See [www.skerriesharps.ie](http://www.skerriesharps.ie) for all upcoming Fixtures/Results etc

### Loyola Lecture Series

It is our pleasure to once more welcome **Prof John O'Callaghan, Professor of Philosophy, University of Notre Dame**, to address us on the theme of **When Mercy Became Compassionate**.

John always gives us plenty to think about, and I am sure it will be the same again this year.

This free public lecture takes place on **Monday 9th March at 7:30pm** in the **Loyola Institute (Room G16)**. All are welcome

### Hills Cricket Club

In recognition of the contribution of the Fingal League to the preservation and development of cricket, an illustrated talk entitled "The Fingal Cricket League: a Tribute" will be hosted by Jim Bennett at 8.00 p.m. on Friday, 6th March 2020 in The Hills Cricket Club Pavilion.

There will be ample opportunity to share and to relive memories of the many great days of cricket in Fingal. If there are photographs and/or artefacts associated with Fingal cricket, people are encouraged to bring them along.

### **SUGGESTED WAYS OF RENEWING YOUR SPIRITUAL LIFE THIS LENT:**

- Make a special effort to participate in Mass during weekdays
- Make a special effort at involvement in family prayer

- Fast from food or alcoholic drink or smoking for a longer period than usual and perhaps give what is saved to the needy
- Visit the Blessed Sacrament
- Make the Stations of the Cross
- Help the poor, sick, old or lonely

All welcome

The Naul Gardening club's first talk for 2020 on "Dahlia Propagation and Growing" by well known Local Grower and Award Winner - Pat Thorton. In the Seamus Ennis Centre -The Naul on Wednesday the 4th of March at 8pm. Admission €5. All welcome. For more information Tel 087 7520506.

The Annual Coffee Morning in aid of St Francis Hospice will take place on Friday 6 th March in the Skerries Harps Club House at 11.00am-12.30. Monster Raffle and Cake Sale. Admission is €5 at the door.

### **Mass of the First Sunday of Lent**

God fashioned man in His image. He also gave us the wonders of the world and the universe - Heaven and Earth. We have a responsibility to make sure that all in our care are looked after. We will have to answer to God for any neglect we may cause. Care starts with each one of us doing what we can to save our 'Garden of Eden' namely our planet and its people. St Luke tells us when talking about Adam and Eve falling into sin and being lost to sin, that is death. As one man's fall brought condemnation to all, so the good act of one man brings life to all and makes them justified. Our mystery of faith says 'We proclaim your death O Lord and profess your resurrection until you come again'.

St Paul in Romans talks about the Holy Spirit coming upon Jesus and led him into the wilderness where he was tempted by the Devil. Jesus overcame temptation with the help of the Holy Spirit. We ask in the prayer 'Our father, lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil', every time we are tempted we also have the Holy Spirit to call upon and help us to overcome the temptation that has confronted us. All we have to do is 'ask and we shall receive' Matthew 7:17. Also in our daily lives, we have the help of our family and friends and various organizations who are very willing to help us. It is our responsibility to care about each other and watch over them. The second greatest commandment is 'love your neighbour as yourself. Mark 12:30-31, as in St Paul to the Romans just as the angels did when they looked after Jesus, Mark 4:1-11. Let Us Pray: A pure heart create for me O God. Put a steadfast spirit into me, Psalm 50.

### **Lenten Mission 2020**

As part of our programme to celebrate our 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary our **Lenten Mission** has begun. It's fitting that this Wednesday (1<sup>st</sup> of the month & usually the Padre Pio Mass) the guest celebrant is Fr. Bryan Shorthall OFM Cap, who is the *National Director for the Padre Pio Apostolate*. Fr. Bryan will speak on the theme 'Padre Pio, a Saint for our time'. **NB the change in time for Mass – 7.30 pm and NOT 7 pm as usual.** The

Mission will consist of Mass each Wednesday evening during Lent @ 7.30 pm with a guest celebrant/speaker. Each Mass will conclude with Benediction

### **1<sup>st</sup> Confession/Reconciliation**

The boys and girls in second class from St. Patrick's JNS will celebrate their 1<sup>st</sup> Confession on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March @ 7.30 pm. Please remember them in your prayers.

### **Bridge Mass 6**

The next Bridge Mass for the boys & girls who will celebrate their 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion this year will take place on Sunday next 8<sup>th</sup> March @ 11 am.



Supporting Parents after Bereavement

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Anam Cara Dublin along with Feilacain and Pieta House will be hosting a Bereavement Support Evening for bereaved parents on the 11th March in the Aisling Hotel, Park Gate St, D08 P38N We'd be very grateful if you could place the following notice in your church newsletter, and perhaps consider mentioning it to any bereaved parents in your parish.

On behalf of Anne O'Toole (Cork) and Margaret O'Neill would like to express sincere thanks to all who sent messages of sympathy and Mass cards on the passing of Margaret's brother Tommy O'Toole. RIP (Cork). The holy sacrifice of Mass will be offered for all your intentions

**Lectio Divina**