



Skerries Parish Bulletin

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12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gospel according to Matthew 10; 26-33.

Jesus said ' Do not be afraid. For everything that is now covered will be uncovered, and everything now hidden will be made clear. Every hair on your head has been counted so there is no need to be afraid'

Reading from Prophet Jeremiah 20; 10-13

Jeremiah is saying ' Have hope, have faith in the Lord for he has delivered the souls of the needy from the hands of evil men. Let the heavens and the earth give him praise, the sea and all its living creatures .

Responsorial Psalm 69:8-10,14, 17, 33-35.

Lord in your great love, answer me.

Reading these words , what do they mean to me ? Take responsibility for the future of our planet? Show true compassion and love?

St Paul's letter to the Romans 5: 12-15

St Paul teaches us how Adam prefigured the one to come. ' It is certain that divine grace coming through the one man Jesus Christ, came to so many as an abundant free gift'

No need to be afraid. The Lord listens to the needy. Jesus Christ came to so many as an abundant free gift. Lord grant us hope and compassion now and forever, Amen.

Lectio Divina

Good News - Returning to Public Mass

You will have heard by now the good news that we will be able to attend Mass again. All things going well this will happen on 29th June. If you have been in the church on a private visit recently you may have noticed we have started to prepare for this to take place. To comply with the guidelines for the health and safety of all coming to church we have made the following changes:

- ENTER/EXIT: to avoid close contact on entry & exit – please take your time entering the church. Come in by the FRONT door ONLY (Strand St) and EXIT by the two side doors.
- HAND SANITISING: Please sanitise your hands with the 'touch free' automatic hand sanitisers on entry in the glass area and on exit by the side doors.
- SEATING: the seats are marked with white crosses. When we return for Mass, we ask that you sit in the places where there is a white cross on the seat in front of you. If you are members of a family from the same household – you can sit in the same seat. Every second row of seats will be vacant. All individual chairs will be removed from use i.e. glass area & at Our Lady's altar.
- STANDING: To keep with social distancing and free movement in the church it will not be possible for ANY standing in the church in future – glass area or throughout the body of the church.
- FLOORING: You will see crosses on the floor in the centre aisle – these are to help observe the two metre distance when coming forward/waiting to receive Holy Communion.
- BATHROOM/TOILET: As it cannot be guaranteed that this facility will be kept sanitised at all times the bathroom/toilet will be closed.

At Mass directions will be given as to how to approach and receive Communion and we ask that you follow them. There may be some more changes to come which we will let you know about next week, but these are the most important ones to make a start with. We understand that we all have our routines when coming to church – places we sat etc., and these changes are not easy to adapt to. All of this is new to us and will take a little time for us to adjust to these new ways of attending Mass. In this vein I ask that you be patient with us and each other as we move forward together. Many thanks for your support and prayers during these times.

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