



Skerries Parish Bulletin

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I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord

In the first reading of today's Liturgy from the Book of Kings, Elisha experienced great generosity from a woman of Shunem. She went about making his stay more comfortable as he stayed with her and her husband each year. In recent times here, during the weeks of dealing with the effects of this severe virus, how many of us experienced the generosity of our neighbours or friends. There were many examples of this generosity throughout the country, as reported in the media, which hopefully will continue on when and where it's needed.

In the Psalm, we speak of the love of the Lord, that this love will last forever, and give us joy.

In the Gospel, Jesus instructed his Apostles about how to live their lives, how to use wisely their love for God and his people, how to bear a cross and follow in His footsteps, how to welcome and treat others. For example, if anyone gives so much as a cup of cold water to another, the kindness will be rewarded.

Church Readers

Returning to Public Mass - Monday 29th June – the story continues..



It's great to have a 'Good News' item these days and this is one for sure. Last week we let you know what to expect in the church building when you come back to public Mass. The enter/exit procedure – enter by front door & exit by side doors & hand sanitising at both; the seating arrangement to sit where there is a 'white cross' in front of you and no standing at all. Please avoid crossing/contact as much as you can as well.

If you wish to receive Communion you are welcome – please observe social distance as per the floor markings. Distribution of communion will take place at two positions in front of the altar for the moment. If you prefer not to receive and you would like to come forward for a blessing from the priest you are welcome to do so. As we have been doing since Covid started – at each Mass you can still make an 'Act of Spiritual Communion' if you feel more comfortable with that. This will be part of Mass from now on.

As the numbers in the church will be reduced your Sunday obligation to attend Mass is no longer required during the pandemic so you can attend a weekday Mass with the intention of it being your Sunday Mass and that will fulfil your Sunday obligation. This will help in reducing the numbers at weekend Masses. During the weekday Mass – if you wish to leave your offerings for the 1st and 2nd collections - baskets will be left at the altar for you. On the weekend Masses – baskets will be provided as you enter/exit the church for this purpose. This will avoid handling/passing baskets while in the church.

We realise this is all new – for all of us. So please be patient and follow the guidance/directions of the stewards and in time we will be fine PG.

Fr. Melvyn & Fr. James

OUR SYMPATHY

is extended to the family and friends of Maria Derham, St Patrick's Close who died recently. May she rest in peace.

Friday 3rd July: First Friday and Padre Pio Mass 7.30pm

Lost on Friday 19th June: Pair of navy reading glasses between Downside Heights and Red Island. If found please phone: 0864048081

Slán agus beannacht to all our 6th class children who this week graduated from our local schools. Thanks to their teachers who have guided them through their eight years. Stay safe over the summer and look forward to taking the next step later this year!

Please Note: The Parish Office is open on Tuesdays from 10.30am to 12noon. Please adhere to the safety notice on the door.

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ANNIVERSARIES AND INTENTIONS

- ✦ Saturday 27th 10am Thomas Ellis, Bridget Ellis, Gretta Kelly.
- ✦ Saturday 27th 6pm Francis and Bridget Farrell, Declan Lacey.
- ✦ Sunday 28th 9.30am Hughie and Margaret McDonnell, Pat and Annie Casey.
- ✦ Sunday 28th 11am Joseph (Joe) Grimes (50thA), Margaret and Jimmy Grimes. Margaret and Joseph Howard and Joe Jnr (Remembrance), McGee Family, (Remembrance), Johnny Shankey, Dr. Pat Shankey.
- ✦ Monday 29th 10.00am Mass Card intentions.
- ✦ Tuesday 30th 10.00am James (Jimmy) Grimes, Robert Morrison.
- ✦ Wednesday 1st 10.00am Tom Dowling.
- ✦ Friday 3rd 10.00am Altar List, (Nancy) Anne Jackson (10th A)
- ✦ Friday 3rd 7.30pm Padre Pio Mass
- ✦ Saturday 4th 10.00am Kathy Elizabeth Smith.
- ✦ Saturday 4th 6.00pm Áine O'Leary, Jeremiah O'Keefe, Tom Dowling.
- ✦ Sunday 5th 9.30am Joseph (Joe) Grimes (50th A), Kathleen Branagan, Margaret Kite, Molly Costello.
- ✦ Sunday 5th 11.00am Mary Humphreys, Peadar O'Connor, Billy and Bridie Cummins.

30 YEARS AGO IN THE PARISH

- The Parish welcome Naomi Ryan, Jamie Boyland, Gavin McGee, Jennifer Hughes, Aoife McMahon, Eleanor McGrath, Emily Drumm, John Kennefick and Michael Keating, all baptised recently.
- Realt na Mara congratulated all their students who had done so well at the Primary Schools Finals in Santry.
- St. Patrick's Folk Group had a new logo, following the recent competition. Winning design was from Andrew McQuillan.
- Good luck was sent to all parish students sitting the Matric exams.
- Skerries Athletic Club members won 11 gold, 8 silver and 3 bronze medals in the recent Dublin Championships.
- Due to the large numbers of young people playing tennis, the club had introduced designated times for different age groups.
- Congratulations to local artists - Maria Dunne (gold), Sinead Kellaghan (gold), Leanne Dunne (silver) and Martin Parsons (bronze) in the recent Community Games arts finals in Dublin.

Get creative!

Inaugural Fingal Poetry Prize: First Prize €500, Second €300, Third €200. Please submit your entries to poetryatskerriesmills@gmail.com before June 30th. Five additional short-listed poets will also be invited to read at the awards ceremony and receive a reading fee of €100 each. The judge is esteemed poet and writer, Mary O'Donnell. Details of conditions are available online.

SKERRIES HARPS GAA CLUB

Cúl Camp Update



Following a review of the guidelines received from the GAA, facilities available & the logistics required to run camps the Club Executive have decided it is not feasible to proceed with Cúl Camps this year. The club's priority is the safety of the children & our coaches as well as the children's enjoyment at the camps. We acknowledge there will be disappointment as our two Cúl Camps normally cater for around 600 children however this number would have been reduced significantly, leading to more children being excluded than included. We do this with your best interests at heart.

Safe Return to Gaelic Games

Non contact training has now resumed.

Players/parents should contact the Team Mentor re the conditions for return to play. The Covid-19 Club Education online module is now available and will take approximately 20 minutes to complete. All stakeholders (players/team personnel/Covid supervisors & parents/guardians of Juvenile players) are required to complete this module in advance of returning to training/games. Only registered members who have completed the online module and have submitted the health questionnaire will be allowed attend and participate in training sessions. NOTE: All players MUST be fully paid up before joining the training panel.

Meanwhile, the main pitch remains closed for approx 2 further weeks following chemical treatment.

We are pleased to announce that An Bord Pleanála has granted Planning Permission, with conditions, for our proposed All Weather area and Ball Wall. As we look to improving our playing facilities, this is a positive outcome. However there is a lot more work regarding funding before we can break ground on the project.

Zingo result for 21 June: 1-6-4-5-3-2-7 - no winners. Next week's Jackpot is €1,800 and the Dividend is €500. We appreciate your support for our Zingo fundraiser.

The remaining Webinar in the Dublin GAA Coaching series will be presented by Bryan Cullen on 8th July. Coaches/ Parents interested can find more details & registration info on Hill 16 website.

We extend our sympathies to the Murphy family on the recent passing of Seamus, RIP.

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