



# Skerries Parish Bulletin

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## *Lord, how I love your law.*



In the first Reading from the first book of the Kings, God asks Solomon “what would you like me to give you?” In his reply, Solomon explains how he became the successor to his father David, even though he is a very young man, unskilled in leadership of the numerous followers. Solomon asks God to give him understanding, power to govern the people and wisdom to judge good from evil.

Reflect for a moment regarding our own lives. Would we remember to ask God for guidance to lead others in the right path, wisdom to know good from evil and understanding in times of a dispute?

If we look at the Psalm in today’s liturgy, do we really mean it when we say, “I have resolved, O Lord, to obey your word, to live by your laws, to shun false ways, and accept your will?”

## *Church Readers*



*I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit*

### **WE WELCOME**

Chloe Mae & Olivia Campbell, Lilli Mai Jones, and Mia Pearl Murphy - all the little girls who were baptised into our Parish family this week

**Our sympathy** is extended to the families of Noel (Dave) Fenton, Shenick Road, and Sgt. Thomas McCormack, Holmpatrick, whose deaths occurred in our Parish this week. May they rest in peace



Join the **Diocesan Young Church Dublin Team** for their online Alpha course which began **Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> July**. Alpha is a series of sessions exploring the Christian faith. Each talk looks at a different question around faith and is designed to create conversation. Anyone over 18 is invited to take part. The course will be run from the comfort of your own home over Zoom until September 16<sup>th</sup>, **from 8.00-9.00pm**. All participants must register by emailing your name and contact details to [st.pauls@dublindiocese.ie](mailto:st.pauls@dublindiocese.ie) See <https://ireland.alpha.org/> for further details about Alpha.

### **MASS INTENTIONS**

- ✦ **SATURDAY 25<sup>th</sup>**: 10 a.m., Joe Dowling, Tommy O’Brien  
6 p.m., Jim Hyland, Teresa Donaghy, Christy Casey and his late wife Florrie
- ✦ **SUNDAY 26<sup>th</sup>** 9.30, Peggy McGirl, Benjamin Farrell (birthday), John and Bridget Clabby  
11a.m., Maria Derham (Month’s mind), Breda Kennedy, Tom McManus, Mary & Billy Prendergast, Charlie O’Reilly
- ✦ **MONDAY 27<sup>th</sup>**, 10 a.m., Mass card intentions
- ✦ **TUESDAY 28<sup>th</sup>**, 10 a.m., special intention
- ✦ **WEDNESDAY 29<sup>th</sup>**: 10 a.m., Mary Murray, Billy McCleery, Patricia McCleery
- ✦ **THURSDAY 30<sup>th</sup>**, 10 a.m., Mary and Peter Murphy, Pat Jenkinson
- ✦ **FRIDAY 31<sup>st</sup>**, 10 a.m., Esther Kelly(birthday)
- ✦ **SATURDAY 1<sup>st</sup> Aug.**, 10 a.m., Anne Gibson (1<sup>st</sup> anniv). 6 p.m., Jim Martin, Bob Loughlin, the Carroll family, Maureen Byrne (née Walls)

**Good News:** the Parish webcam is up and running again. Remember, your obligation to attend Sunday Mass can be fulfilled by attending a weekday Mass instead. This way you will help in making room for those wishing to attend for month’s mind & anniversaries at the weekends.



**Feast Days:** 25<sup>th</sup> July St James Apostle, 29<sup>th</sup> July St Martha, 31<sup>st</sup> July St Ignatius of Loyola, 1<sup>st</sup> Aug St Alphonsus Ligouri.



**ACCORD Dublin** continues to provide marriage preparation courses for couples in the diocese. Although we had to suspend our work between March and July, we were able to reschedule the majority of our couples. For those whose weddings are going ahead we are delivering individual courses via Zoom. Our team of experienced facilitators is being assisted by 3 priests and a Deacon. The feedback from these courses has been overwhelmingly positive. We can reassure you that any couple referred to us will be taken care of to our usual high standard. For information contact: [lchambers@accorddublin.ie](mailto:lchambers@accorddublin.ie)

### Youth 2000 Summer E-Festival



This E-Festival of 2020 (14<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> August) will be unique. Youth 2000's primary objective is to provide young people with a real retreat, not just an educational conference. We see an exciting opportunity for a huge-scale evangelisation effort in Ireland this summer.

It's no secret that young people spend their time online, so we seek to use it to our advantage for the Gospel. It is our young people themselves; who are fluent in the language of Facebook, Instagram, TikTok, YouTube etc who will draw their peers to the beauty of Christ crucified; who Himself said: ***'When I am lifted up from the earth I will draw all men to myself'*** (John 12:32) Our young people are already designing a distinctive welcome-pack which they desire to send out to those new people who register and participate.

**ALONE** manages a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to the outbreak of COVID-19 (Coronavirus). Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. The support line is open seven days a week, 8.00am – 8.00pm by calling 0818 222 024

### **Irish Hospice Foundation Bereavement Support Line**

Have you been impacted by a bereavement during the Covid 19 crisis? Are you finding it difficult to cope with a bereavement at this time? Would you like to speak in confidence to someone about your loss? The Irish Hospice Bereavement Support Line is there for you – Mon-Fri, 10 – 1, free phone 1800-807077.

### **Skerries Harps GAA Club**

Competitive action returned to the field of play last weekend as Skerries Harps played host to 3 visiting teams. Well done to the Junior Hurlers on their Championship win over OP/ER and to the Minor B Footballers on a win over Lucan in the Championship. Hard luck to the Minor A team, who were defeated by a strong BSJ side. Many thanks to all who respected the GAA protocols for spectators - due to the limit of 200, including players and match officials, there were many who were unable to enter our grounds. Reminder to supporters that the restriction of 200 attendees remains in place until Aug 10<sup>th</sup> and admission to some games may be by Ticket Only. Check on website. We ask all our members, adult and juvenile, to continue to respect the efforts of the Club executive and Covid subcommittee as we work to ensure games can be played and protocols maintained. Sun 26<sup>th</sup>. Junior Football Championship v Cuala, away at 3 pm  
Tues 28<sup>th</sup>. Hurling Championship v Civil Service, away at 7.30 pm  
Wed 29<sup>th</sup>. Minor a v Na Fianna and Minor b v Vincents – both away – and Sen. Ladies play v Cuala, away – all in Championship games at 7.30 pm  
Skills Sessions for Juveniles: The sessions will be free of charge and catering for paid up CLUB MEMBERS ONLY. The sessions will be in smaller groups and broken into 4 age groups:  
U8 Boys & Girls; U9 Boys & Girls  
U10/11 Boys & Girls; U12/13 Boys & Girls.

Keep free weeks commencing August 10<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>. We will try to arrange an activity for the youngest members of our academy also. More details to follow. Club sponsor, The Progressive Credit Union's Bursary scheme for 3<sup>rd</sup> level students is now accepting applications for 2020 – details from [www.progressivecu.ie/Bursary2020](http://www.progressivecu.ie/Bursary2020). The club extends its sympathies to the family & friends of Dave (Noel) Fenton RIP. Dave coached & mentored Juvenile Camogie teams for many years & those he trained have very fond memories of him. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam dílis



**KEEP YOUR DISTANCE AND WEAR A MASK – IT HELPS SAVE LIVES !**