

# **Skerries Parish Bulletin**

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# Jesus spoke to them and said, 'Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid'

First Reading: Recognising the presence of God is not always easy. He comes to us in unexpected ways, when we least expect it. In this reading the prophet Elijah is very downcast, dispirited and to some degree defeated. He is in need of God's help. Perhaps you too have found yourself in a similar situation. This reading asks us to recognise God and His help. God does reach out to us.

Second Reading: In this reading we can glimpse the human Paul. As a Jew, he feels a tremendous sadness that so few fellow Jews came to recognise Jesus as the Messiah. Give thanks that Jesus is the Son of God and praise Him for his power and compassion. Gospel: 'Do not be afraid' is one of those expressions that goes straight to the heart. Who has not been afraid? The command, not to fear combines two things: firstly, it is a recognition that yes, sometimes we are afraid; and secondly, it proclaims that in the community of faith, with Jesus, our companion, we should be free from deep fear, because 'all shall be well' 'I will hear what the Lord God has to say, a voice that speaks of peace' (Psalm 85)

We gather to celebrate our God, who revealed himself to Elijah as a gentle breeze, who calmed the storm on the lake.

Kings 19: 9, 11-13; Psalm 85; Romans 9: 1-5; Matthew 14:22-33.

**Bible Study Group** 

#### ANNIVERSARIES REMEMBERED

- Sat. 8<sup>th</sup> 10am: John Ibar Carney
- Sat. 8<sup>th</sup> 6pm: Jim & Lily Scanlan, Agnes & Michael McNamara, Mollie & Monnie Hogan, Fr. Peadar O'Loughlin, Pat McNally
- Sun. 9<sup>th</sup> 9.30am: Mary Murphy (RD),
  James & Josephine Dillon, Maura O'Hara
- Sun. 9<sup>th</sup> 11am: Noel Cappock, Tony Yurdakul
- ♦ Mon. 10<sup>th</sup> 10am: Mass Card Intentions
- † Tues. 11<sup>th</sup> 10am: Sheila & Laurence McNally, Tom Reynolds
- ♦ Weds. 12<sup>th</sup> 10am: Vera Sheeran
- † Fri. 14<sup>th</sup> 10am: Josephine Ryan
- Sat. 15<sup>th</sup> 10am: John & Kathleen Mackle, Ivan Weldon
- Sat. 15<sup>th</sup> 6pm: Barry Walls, Thomas & Eileen O'Leary, Frank, Mary & David O'Leary, Catherine & James Heraghty
- Sun. 16<sup>th</sup> 9.30am: Ken King (1<sup>st</sup> Anniv), Michael & Abby Conlon, Alice Farrell
- Sat. 16<sup>th</sup> 6pm: Bridget & Richard Lambe, Michael Browne

### **FEASTDAYS**

10<sup>th</sup> – St Lawrence

11<sup>th</sup> – St Clare

14<sup>th</sup> – St Maximillian Kolbe

15<sup>th</sup> – Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Please Note: Friday 14<sup>th</sup> August – Mass at 7.30pm Vigil for the Holy Day 15<sup>th</sup> August, The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

The Priory Institute is taking registrations now for their second online Summer School 'Theology, Spirituality and Religious Experience' starting on August 10. The course consists of 10 online lectures by Fr Pat Collins C.M. given over two weeks - for information go to: <a href="https://bit.ly/2BYPmXa">https://bit.ly/2BYPmXa</a> or email Frances O'Loughlin

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The Annual Youth 2000 Summer Festival is Ireland's largest Catholic Youth event, but this year, for the first time, it will be streamed live on the 14th-16th of August. Hear talks and workshops from some of the best Catholic speakers including Fr. John Harris OP, Dr. Scott Hahn, John Pridmore, Petroc Willey (University of Steubenville), Katie Ascough, Sr. Colleen Mattingly, Sr. Mary Hanrahan, Bill Keimig (University of Steubenville), Beth Davis (Blessed is She) and others from Ireland and around the world.

Youth 2000 Ireland 's motto is 'Youth leading Youth to the Heart of the Church' and we do this by leading Eucharistic-centred festivals, retreats and prayer meetings throughout the country.

www.youth2000.ie/summerfestival2020

VACANCIES - Pastoral Care and Chaplaincy Service team for the Technical University Dublin (TU Dublin). Archdiocese of Dublin is seeking to fill two full-time vacancies on a two-year fixed term basis. These roles form part of the Pastoral Care and Chaplaincy Service team for the Technical University Dublin (TU Dublin). Role 1. Pastoral Care and Chaplaincy Worker (PCCW) – All Campuses.

Role 2. Pastoral Care and Chaplaincy Worker (PCCW) - Peer Mentoring Role for TU Dublin University and will complement existing student support services and provide associated social, emotional and spiritual support including holistic pastoral care. If you think either of these roles are for you, please email your CV covering letter to -Judith.maxwell@dublindiocese.ie by 5.00pm Monday 10th August 2020. For more information go to

https://www.dublindiocese.ie/job-vacancies/

## 30 years ago in the Parish

- Recently baptised were Raymond von Strien, Eoin Kelly, Joseph Scully, Sorcha Keely-Kenny, Clionadh McIlwaine, Declan Jordan and James Sheehan.
- Skerries had won 1st prize in Dublin County Council Tidy Districts awards
- Congratulations were sent to local bowlers Harry Gavin and Hughie Marry who had won the Tyler Cup, with runners-up also from Skerries, M. Hogan and P. Redmond
- Results of the "Round the Head" sea races were: men, David McGloughlin and ladies, Caroline MacManus and the Island Swim was taking place this weekend.

#### Skerries Ladies Bowling Club

A reminder that the last session of our current Monday morning ladies competition takes place tomorrow Monday, 10th. Sign in for 10.30 and good luck to all competitors!

**Irish Rail** are pleased to advise an almost complete return to normal service from this week. Check details on irishrail.ie

A new pilgrimage on Lough Derg's lakeshore Walk and Pray in the Lough Derg tradition on 16, 18, 22, 26 & 30 August. At times in the 1600's and 1700's when Station Island was closed by the Penal Laws, pilgrims undertook a form of pilgrimage on the lough shore. Walk in their footsteps. Contact 0 71 9861518 or <a href="mailto:info@loughderg.org">info@loughderg.org</a> for details. Numbers are limited. Advance booking essential.

#### SKERRIES HARPS GAA CLUB

Many thanks to all who are respecting the GAA protocols for spectators - due to the limit of 200, including players and match officials, there will be many unable to enter our grounds - admission to some games may be by Ticket Only. Clubhouse remains closed and Car parking is restricted.

Our Minor A team drew with Na Fianna and B team won v St Vincents both in Championship. **Sun 9**. Minor A v Castleknock, home at 11 am in Championship; B team team are away. Senior Camogie v N. Mearnog, home at 1.30 pm

**Mon 10**. Under 16 Football v Plunketts, home at 7 pm; Minor Girls v Vincents, home at 7.30 pm. **Wed 12**. Ladies Championship v Man O' War, home at 7.30 pm

Sat 15. Senior Football Championship v Lusk – venue to be confirmed. Check website Skills Sessions for Juveniles commence Aug 10 and Aug 17. The sessions are free and cater for paid up CLUB MEMBERS ONLY who have completed a Registration form. Groups are: U8 Boys & Girls; U9 Boys & Girls; U10/11 Boys & Girls; U12/13 Boys & Girls. Please contact us through Facebook page with any queries.

Club Shop will be Open, regularly, during evening matches for purchase of playing gear. Zingo result for Sun 2 Aug. 4-2-3-5-7-1-6 - no winners. Next week's Jackpot is €2,400 and the Dividend is €800. Zingo is our only source of funding during the pandemic. As envelope sales remain suspended we encourage regular weekly players to Play Online – see link on website. Progressive Credit Union's Bursary scheme for 3rd level students is now open for applications. Details can be found on www.progressivecu.ie/Bursary2020