



Skerries Parish Bulletin

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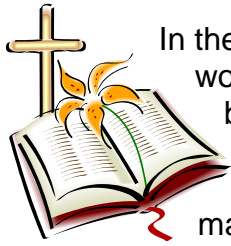
Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Isaiah 56:1.6-7

Psalm: Psalm 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8.

Second Reading: Romans 11:13-15, 29-32

Gospel: Matthew 15:21-28



In the Gospel of Matthew, love, faith and hope are the main themes of the parable of the woman whose daughter is tormented by demons. She could see the compassion beyond the words of Jesus. This gives her courage and hope. She called Jesus 'Son of David' which was a popular title for Jesus. She also knew he was a powerful miracle worker. She came with a kind of superstition as she might have of any magician, but she ended by believing and calling Jesus, 'Lord'. Jesus reply to her was, 'Woman great is your faith'.

In Isaiah, the Lord Yahweh says, 'Maintain what is right and do what is just for my salvation is close at hand'. Like the daughter, who was tormented by demons and was cured by Jesus, doing what is right and just, remaining faithful to God's covenant (agreement), love is our way to salvation too.

Our hope is in the Lord who has shown us the way. Jesus proclaimed the Gospel of the Kingdom and cured disease among the people. Hallelujah!

We Pray

*May God be gracious and bless us.
May he let his face shine upon us that our way
be known on earth and your salvation among all nations.*

Lectio Divina

MASS INTENTIONS

- ✦ Sat 15th 10am: John & Kathleen Mackle, Special Intention Ivan Weldon
- ✦ Sat 15th 6pm: Barry Walls - Months Mind, Thomas & Eleanor O'Leary, Frank, Mary & David O'Leary, Catherine & James Hegarty
- ✦ Sun 16th 9.30am: Ken King 1st Anniv, Michael & Abby Conlon, Alice Farrell
- ✦ Sun 16th 11am: Bridget & Michael Lambe, Michael Browne, Jenny & Brendan Memery, Miriam Keogh, Mona O'Brien
- ✦ Thurs 20th 10am: Jean Cavey, John Moorehead (60th Birthday Dec'd)
- ✦ Fri 21st 10am: Carol Boylan 1st Anniversary
- ✦ Sat 22nd 10am: Cecily Duff 1st Anniversary

PARISH OFFICE SUMMER HOLIDAY OPENING

Monday 17th, Wednesday 19th, Friday 21st
August – Open 10.30am to 12.30pm.
Please Note that Parish Office is closed on Tuesday and Thursday.

WE WELCOME

Cody Hogan, PJ Leo Delaney-Cody, Claire Olivia Martin, Theo Richard Glynn, all recently baptised into our parish family.



FEASTDAYS

17th: Our Lady of Knock
20th: St Bernard
21st: St Pius X, Pope
22nd: Queenship of Mary

LEGION OF MARY

Legion of Mary meetings will resume on Thursday 20th August in 42 Strand Street at 11am.

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SKERRIES RETIREMENT GROUP

Balance for our holiday to Wexford must be paid by Wednesday 19th at the Mills.

ON-LINE COURSES AT LUMEN

Autumn 2020 semester is now open for application – this year four modules on the topics of seeking to understand the meaning of the life, death and resurrection of Jesus, and how the early Church devoted much time to reflecting on the Psalms, are offered not only in the Lumen building but also online. For further information please visit www.lumenop.ie / tel 01-288 2075/ 085 872 7482 / Email: info@lumenop.ie.

PART-TIME HIGHER DIPLOMA IN THEOLOGICAL STUDIES

Interested in studying Theology in 2020? The one year, part-time Higher Diploma in Theological Studies at St Patrick's College, Maynooth is now offered as a "Blended Learning" programme. Suitable for those with an undergraduate degree in any discipline (or equivalent). The course will run from September to May. More details available at: <https://maynoothcollege.ie/courses/> or contact Barbara Mahon at 01 -7084772.

DCU BA IN THEOLOGY AND RELIGIOUS STUDIES - SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

Interested in studying theology, but need a flexible programme to suit your needs? The DCU BA in Theology and Religious Studies is just for you. This part-time, flexible programme is aimed at mature students, with lectures on Thursday evenings and a number of Saturdays throughout the year. For 2020/21, the programme will feature blended learning, with online and in-person learning opportunities. Scholarships are available for new incoming students. More info at www.dcu.ie/dc300, or contact Brad Anderson (brad.anderson@dcu.ie)

SUPPORTING POPE FRANCIS' COVID 19 EMERGENCY FUND – WORLD MISSIONS IRELAND

This life-giving Fund is making an impact in Africa, Asia and Latin America. In dioceses in Pakistan the majority of people live below the poverty line and lack of food is becoming the most urgent and fundamental need. In countries like Sierra Leone and Chad, Health and Public Announcement systems are fragile and the Fund is allowing the Church to use local radio to inform parishes about the virus and the simple precautions that are needed. To donate go to www.wmi.ie/covid-fund or call Fiona on 01 497 2035.

MESSAGE FROM THE TIDY TOWNS COMMITTEE

Over the last few weeks we've seen a lot of extra visitors coming to our town to enjoy the beautiful scenery and the wonderful amenities that we're blessed with here in Skerries. This influx of visitors naturally increases the amount of waste and litter left for the council workers and our volunteers to clean up. The bins are often overflowing and sometimes the gulls get at the rubbish and make things considerably worse. Then there's the new phenomenon, "coronavirus waste" - discarded masks, gloves and hand sanitizer bottles, some of which are already ending up in the sea.

So, we'd like to encourage all Skerries residents to continue doing their bit to keep our town as beautiful and litter-free as possible. Please remember to take home your litter when the town is busy and bins are full. Let's show our **pride in our place** by **leaving no trace** when we are out and about.

SKERRIES HARPS GAA CLUB



Senior footballers defeated Thomas Davis in the Championship and played Lusk on Saturday 15th. Minor B footballers and Junior hurlers have

both qualified for the quarter finals while Senior Camogie have won their opening Championship fixture. Sun 16th : Away Championship fixtures for Minor Hurlers at 11.00, Senior Camogie at 1.30 and for Junior footballers at 3 pm. Check website for venues. Juvenile teams in all codes have also returned to playing activity.

Thanks to Louise, we ran the first Skills Sessions for Juveniles last week and this will continue during the coming week. The sessions are free and cater for paid up CLUB MEMBERS ONLY. Again, 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. Dressing Rooms remain closed and Car parking is restricted.

Zingo result for Sun 9 Aug. 7-2-3-6-1-5-4 - no winners. Jackpot now is €2,500 for match 7 and the Dividend is €850 for match 4. Zingo is our only source of club funding during the pandemic.

As envelope sales remain suspended we ask regular weekly players to Play Online via website.

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