



Skerries Parish Bulletin

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BE KIND AND LOVING

Ezekiel 33:7-9 Psalm 94, Romans 13:8-10 Matthew 18:15-20

The day I started to work in the pharmacy of a London Hospital in the 1960's the pharmacist gave me the following advice; "Remember that everyone who comes in here is stressed, they may have travelled a long distance, had to wait a long time, had to undress for Xray and again undress for the doctor, may have received bad news, may be tired and hungry, **always** remember this, and be very kind to them". It was very good advice and served me well. We are now living in a time that is causing stress to everyone, and it is a time to be especially kind and considerate and loving to each other.

Some weeks ago we heard the prophet Jeremiah compare God to a potter. So let us also keep in mind that God will use these times to form us into the beautiful people that he has created us to be.

"Stay still in the hand of the Potter,
Lie low 'neath his wonderful touch,
For He shapeth and worketh in wonder
The clay that He loveth so much.

Surrender yourself to his working,
The curve and the hollow He wills,
Nor shrink from the pain and the pressure,
For the vessel He fashions He fills."

(Lydia Gillen Bible Study Group)

Celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation & Morning Mass.

On Thursday 10th September we will begin our parish celebrations of this sacrament. This is a celebration that has been awaited by our girls & boys for a prolonged time due to Covid 19. We send our best wishes and blessings to all involved in the preparation for these great days for our parish. You will see later in this week's bulletin that due to the number of celebrations that we have to have because of our attendance number limits in the church – morning Masses will not take place on certain dates. [There are FOUR] Please take note of these before you set out to attend Mass as we will have to close the church during the confirmation celebrations.

Attendance at Mass & Sunday Obligation

Following government regulations, the number that can attend in our church is still 50. During this pandemic, the Sunday obligation is dispensed with. Some of our parishioners may not be available to attend a weekday Mass but would like to come to Mass at the weekend. You can attend any weekday Mass with the intention of that Mass being your Sunday Mass and that will fulfil your Sunday obligation.

Extra Mass Wednesday Evenings 7.30 pm

To help with this we will put on **an extra** Mass during the week on Wednesday evenings @ 7.30 pm. This means that we now offer our parishioners 10 Masses throughout the week that they can attend. This is to help to keep the numbers down and to spread them out throughout the week. We ask you to please consider doing this so that we can make more space for others to attend Masses. We are thinking also of those who may have a family anniversary Mass at the weekend and would like to attend, and this would assist with that as well.

As we are limited to a capacity of 50 people, once we reach this number unfortunately, we will not be in a position to allow anyone else enter the church. We fully understand that all of this presents challenges to us all and we greatly appreciate your patience and understanding.

Please Note: *Due to our celebration of Confirmation there is no morning Mass on the following dates: Thursday 10th Sept.; Saturday 12th Sept.; Thursday 17th Sept. & Saturday 19th Sept.*

We Welcome



Liam Canavan, Aoibhinn O'Sullivan and Kobe Byrne who were recently baptised into our parish family.

Feastdays: 8th Sept: The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
9th Sept: St Ciarán



Our Sympathy is extended to the family of Terry Woods, late of Churchfield Lawns who died recently. May he Rest in Peace.

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Anniversaries / Intentions

- ❖ **Saturday 5th Sept 10am:** Bernadette O'Toole (A), Kevin Clarke (Rec Deceased), Tom Pilkington (Rec Dec), Thomas McGrane (Rec Dec)
- ❖ **6pm:** Rose Farrell (MM), Christopher Everard (1st A), Ronald (Ronnie) Boylan (A), Mairead Donnelly (A), Jack McGuinness (A), Francie and Peggy Ferguson (A).
- ❖ **Sunday 6th 9.30am:** Rosaleen Doolin (1st A), Joe and Nancy Harford (A), Leo & Matt Bolton (A)
- ❖ **11am:** Rosaleen Doolin (1st A), Christopher Everard (1st A), Michael O'Rourke (A), Kathleen & Stephen Attley (A), Tommie and Margaret Farrell (A), Kitty Beggs (A), Ursula Rooney (A).
- ❖ **Monday 7th 10am:** Mass Card Intentions.
- ❖ **Tuesday 8th 10am:** Essie Boylan (A).
- ❖ **Wednesday 9th 10am:** Emma Cassidy (BR), Bill Small (A)
- ❖ **Friday 11th 10am:** James O'Malley (1st A).
- ❖ **Saturday 12th 10am:** Mary Kelly (A).
- ❖ **6pm:** Philip Dow (Month's Mind), Niall Dungan (1st A), Patrick Fitzgerald Jnr (A), Joe Scully (A), Andy Scully (A), Tim Counihan (A), Jean and Niall Wilde (A).
- ❖ **Sunday 13th 9.30 am:** Kenneth Jones (A)
11am: Bill Hayes (40th A), Edward and Margaret Rogan (A), Michael Murphy (A), Noline O'Connor (2nd A), Tony Grimes (A)

Best wishes go to all our second level students who returned to lessons this week after a long absence. Special good wishes to all Leaving Certificate students who will receive their results next week – it's been a hard time for them, so hopefully a better future lies ahead for them all now as they take the next step in their career paths

Inaugural Fingal Poetry Festival. Our online programme of professionally filmed poetry readings continues this weekend on our website www.poetryatskerriesmills.com. Watch them all in sequence, as they become available, or dip in and out as you please over the weekend and beyond.

Online Theology Courses – The Priory Institute is taking registrations now for autumn online theology courses. The courses are up to degree level and are subsidised by the Irish Dominicans. If you are interested in looking at the 'big' questions of life - then these courses could be just the thing as the nights draw in and we look to an uncertain winter for more. For more information and list of course go to: <https://prioryinstitute.com/>

Skerries Ladies Bowls



A warm welcome to the new ladies who have joined. Monday morning is still Ladies Morning, so all ladies welcome to come along by 10.30. The planned ladies meeting on 11th has been postponed until further guidelines are received from HSE on indoor gatherings.

30 Years Ago in the Parish

- Parishioners were in Lourdes on the annual parish pilgrimage.
- All parish primary schools and the secondary school had returned to lessons.
- The Church choir and the Parish Folk group were returning to practice.
- Tidy Towns committee were organising a shrub planting session to get plants in before Autumn.
- Skerries Bowls Club sent their congratulations to club members Anne Woody, Gladys Burtenshaw and Liz Kenny who won gold medals in the Tailteann Triples.
- Winners of North Strand Race for the Carmichael Cup was won by Leonard McGloughlin, with Aisling O'Leary and David McGloughlin runners-up.

DCU BA in Theology and Religious Studies - Scholarships

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. More info at www.dcu.ie/dc300, or contact Brad Anderson (brad.anderson@dcu.ie)

Foundational Leadership Programme for Young Adults

We need a new generation of Young Adult Leaders to continue the mission of Jesus Christ. Are you - prepared to get "off your couch" and make a difference with your life? Be a leader – make a difference in your world. For more information, online registration and payment – use this link <https://www.evangelisation.ie/2020/08/11/foundation-al-leadership-programme-sign-up-2020/>

Skerries Harps GAA Club



A super performance from our Senior footballers in Parnell Park last Saturday was not enough to defeat a powerful St Judes team in Senior Championship quarter final. Beaten by 7 points, they now go forward to the Shield competition. Video of the game is available on our website. Intermediate and Junior footballers and Minor hurlers all won their games. Our Adult hurlers, our Senior camogie and Minor footballers teams have all qualified for Championship semi finals. Sunday: Adult Hurlers v Commercials, home at 11 am in Championship semi final. Minor B Football v Templeogue, home at 11 am in Championship semi final and Minor A team play a cup game v St Pats, home at 11 am also. Senior Camogie semi final v Cuala, home at 1.30 pm

Reminder – check website www.skerriesharps.ie or Facebook page under 'Match and Training Info' for any amendments to fixtures.

Zingo result for Sun 30 Aug. 1-6-2-4-3-5-7. Jackpot now is €2,800 and the Dividend is €1000. As Zingo is our only source of club funding during the pandemic, we encourage regular weekly players to sign up online through the link on our website.

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