



Skerries Parish Bulletin

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13th – 20th September 2020

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sirach 27:30. 28:7. Psalm 102:1-4, 9-12. Romans 14:7-9 Gospel Matthew 18: 21-35.

In the first reading we are told resentment and anger are foul things. Our readings are all connected by these emotions. If a person nurses anger and resentment against another, can that person demand compassion from the Lord, remembering that we are entrusted to forgive seventy times seven?

“Remember the covenant of the most high and overlook the offence” says the Lord. Jesus gave us the extraordinary gift of his life. Our gift of forgiving is then a very small act.

“The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy”. In the gospel the parable tells of the servant who owed a huge amount of money and pleaded “Give me time and I will pay you”. The other servant who owed the first servant a very small sum of money pleaded with him in the same words. We need to give each other the gift of time because it often takes time for people to do the right thing. Jesus is showing that His forgiveness comes from His heart. Jesus shows us a God who gives generously to those who have nothing to offer. It is very hard for us to understand just how much God loves us.

“Do unto others as you would have them do unto you says the Lord”.

Lectio Divina

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION 2020



After a long wait, the boys & girls from Mr Ó Fearraigh’s & Bean Uí Raghallaigh’s classes in Réalt na Mara NS and the boys and girls in Mr. Quigley’s class in St. Patrick’s SNS celebrated their Confirmation this week. Our heartfelt congratulations to them and our thanks to those who helped in their preparation for these great celebrations in our parish. This year they take on special meaning for us all and will remain in our memory for many years to come.

Speaking of things to come, we look forward to celebrating the sacrament of confirmation with the remaining boys and girls from St. Patrick’s SNS next week - Ms. Guest’s class (Thursday 17th Sept), Mr. McGinty’s class (Friday 18th Sept) & Ms. Fahy’s class (Saturday 19th Sept). Ceremonies may be viewed on webcam.

Fr. Melvyn & Fr. James

ANNIVERSARIES REMEMBERED

- ✦ **Saturday 12th Confirmation – No Morning Mass**
- ✦ **Saturday 12th 6pm:** Philip Dow (MM), Niall Dungan (1st A), Mary Kelly (A), Patrick Fitzgerald Jr. (A), Joe Scully (A), Andy Scully (A), Tim Counihan (A), Jean & Niall Wilde (A)
- ✦ **Sunday 13th 9.30am:** Kenneth Jones (A), Edward & Ann Walsh (A)
- ✦ **Sunday 13th 11am:** Bill Hayes (40th A), Edward & Margaret Rogan (A), Michael Murphy (A), Noeline O’Connor (2nd A), Tony Grimes (A), James & Kathleen Murtagh (A)
- ✦ **Monday 14th 10am:** Mass Card Intentions
- ✦ **Tuesday 15th 10am:** Fr. Bob Curley (A), Kevin Duff (A), Joan & William Ruigrok (A)
- ✦ **Wednesday 16th 10am:** Jennie Reynolds (A), Sr. Mary Winifred Egan (A)
- ✦ **Thursday 17th Confirmation - No Morning Mass**

✦ **Saturday 19th Confirmation – No Morning Mass**

✦ **Saturday 19th 6pm:** Matthew Smyth (A), Ryan Saunders (A), Dorothy Murray (A), Sheila & Paddy Brady (A), Patrick & Annie Dooley (A)

OUR SYMPATHY



To the family of Jennifer Peters, Rockabill who died recently. May she Rest in Peace.

PLEASE NOTE: Due to our celebration of **Confirmation** there is no morning Mass on the following dates: **Saturday 12th September, Thursday 17th Sept. & Saturday 19th Sept.**

WE WELCOME

Grace Murphy,
Fiadh Noone & Fox O’Brien
who were recently baptised into our Parish family.



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 at **7.30pm**. 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.

FEASTDAYS

Sept. 14th – The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
Sept 15th - Our Lady of Sorrows
Sept 16th – St. Cornelius
Sept 19th - St. Januarius

SKERRIES LADIES BOWLS



At this time of year, the club would normally have a Coffee Morning in aid of St. Francis Hospice. Due to current restrictions that is not possible this year. Instead we would ask members to put a contribution in an envelope which can be left at the Clubhouse on Monday morning. The hospice continues its much-valued work, even in times of Covid-19 and needs our financial help. Please give this initiative your support!

VOLUNTEERS FOR VINCENT'S CHARITY SHOP SKERRIES POINT

Volunteers are needed for Skerries Point Charity Shop. A commitment of a four-hour shift on a specific day is required. At the moment, however, any hours would be helpful, as many of our volunteers have not yet returned to work. Contact: Annmarie on 01 849 5023.

SKERRIES HARPS GAA CLUB



Adult hurlers have qualified for the Junior Championship final by defeating Commercials 0 – 24 to 2 – 17 in last Sunday's semi-final.

The final v Cr. Ciaran is on **Sat 19 Sept** in O'Toole Park at 5pm. Minor footballers had a win and a loss last week and both Under 15 hurling teams advance to the knock out stages of their Championships. Senior footballers are a Cup group with St. Vincents (played on Sat), Raheny and Na Fianna.

Sunday: Minor hurlers away at 11am and Junior footballers away at 3pm.

Wednesday: Senior ladies Ballinteer, home at 6.30pm.

Senior Camogie await the refixing of their home semi final v Cuala.

There were also 21 Juvenile games fixed over this weekend!

Reminder – check website under 'Match and Training Info' for any amendments to fixtures. Club Shop is open on Thursdays from 8 – 9pm pm for purchase of playing equipment.

The Club Bar is now serving food & is open on Thursday, Friday, Saturday & Sunday for a trial period in adherence with all Covid-19 restrictions/guidelines that are currently in place. For the moment only over 18's will be admitted. Reservations required.

MEMORY WALK CAMPAIGN – THE ALZHEIMER SOCIETY OF IRELAND

Support the *Memory Walk Campaign* - *Let's walk together* for Dementia services on **September 20**, in aid of the Alzheimer's Society of Ireland - See the full details & registration at: <https://alzheimer.ie/get-involved/fundraising-events/alzheimer-memory-walk/>

FRIENDS OF AUTISM

Our shop is now open but we have moved our office from Skerries to Balbriggan. We are now upstairs on the 1st floor of Laurena House, Dublin Street, Balbriggan. Our phone number remains as 01 849 5670. When you phone us now, however, there will be a directory to guide you to the relevant person. Advocacy **Ext. 101**, Reception **Ext.102**, and General management **Ext.103**. Email: adhdfingal@gmail.com or Bernie@adhd.ie