



Skerries Parish Bulletin

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GOOD INTENTIONS

In recent times there was a surge of interest in gardening. We tended to flower beds, planted seeds, started herb gardens. Lots of people commented that they noticed the birds singing for the first time in years. In the midst of challenging times, we found ourselves tuning in to the wonder of God's creation all around us.



In this Season of Creation, we are invited to discover the presence of God in creation, to give thanks for the gift of the earth, and to change our ways so that we may live in harmony with creation. This requires us to be constantly conscious of how we are living – to not just have good intentions but to follow through in our actions.

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells the parable of the two sons who are asked to go and work in their father's vineyard. The first son initially refuses, but then thinks better of it and gets to work. While the second son has good intentions, he doesn't follow through. When it comes to caring for the earth, good intentions are not enough. Our actions matter. We may have been careless in the past, but a change of heart is happening, right across our society. It all starts with our actions, as individuals and communities.

Let us use the Season of Creation to reflect on how we can do better – to reconnect with God's beautiful creation and do all we can to love and preserve it.

Triona Doherty (Intercom Magazine September 2020)

Diocesan Safeguarding Day, 2020 Letter from Archbishop Martin



Sunday 27 September is Diocesan Safeguarding Day. As your Archbishop, I have made the safety and protection from abuse of the children and vulnerable members of Archdiocese a particular priority. It has been a challenge to all of

us to face up to our responsibility to make reparation for the failures of the past. This year we face a different set of challenges and we do so in a situation of considerable uncertainty.

Given our uncertain financial future, we will have to learn to use our declining resources sparingly and wisely. You will be aware that it has been necessary to reduce the number employed by the Diocese including a number of people employed in the Child Safeguarding and Protection Service. However, our commitment to safeguarding and to support of victim/ survivors of abuse remains undiminished.

I cannot say for how much longer I will serve as your Archbishop. As I near the end of my time with you, I want to say a particular thank you for all of the work

you have been doing to make the Church in Dublin a safer place for children and for vulnerable adults. Our parish clergy, already under pressure due to declining numbers, have had to accept additional responsibilities in this area, such as ensuring that those involved in public ministry are vetted. I wish to thank them all for this. I wish to thank also the hundreds of parish safeguarding representatives and the thousands who have attended safeguarding training. I wish to thank all of our parishioners who have kept faith with us through this difficult time.

+ Diarmuid Martin
Archbishop of Dublin



Our Sympathy is sent to the family and friends of Tom Clinton, Margaretstown, whose death occurred this past week. May he rest in peace.

Many of you may have heard of the sad death recently of Tony Bowe. For many years, Tony was a popular and well-respected teacher in St. Patrick's Senior (formerly Boys) School. To Ann, Conor and Killian, we send our condolences on your loss.

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We welcome

Ryan James Staunton and Tadgh Paul Humphreys, both recently baptised into our Parish family

Anniversaries and special intentions

Sat. 26th: 10 a.m., Peggy Russell, Molly Mullins (b'day remembered)

6 p.m.: Terry Woods (Month's Mind), Tom Burke, Dede and Jack White, Vera and Don Fay, Olga Reynolds, Des Reynolds

Sun. 27th: 9.30 a.m., Peter Kelly, Doreen Rafferty, Gerry Maguire, Raymond Tarpey, Emily Murray, Vera Keenan

11 a.m., Maureen Derham (1st anniv.), Fr. David Lumsden, (rec.decd), Ann Tomson, Joe and Colette May, Eanna O'Kelly, Claire O'Kane

Tues. 29th: 10 a.m., William and Bridget McDonagh, John Grimes, (rec. decd.), George O'Connor, special intention

Wed. 30th: 10 a.m., Patrick Leonard

Thurs. 1st: Dermot O'Loughlin(1st anniv.), Maeve Larkin

Sat. 3rd: 10 a.m., Philip O'Connell

6 p.m., Martin McGuinness (Month's Mind), Florence (Florrie) Casey, Dermot Higgins, Dr. Dermot Fitzgerald

Sun 4th: 9.30a.m., Josephine and James Dillon, Johnny and Rose Murray

11 a.m., Desmond Frazer, Ruane family, Doran family, Browne family

St. Padre Pio Prayer Group



Friday 2nd: 7.30 p.m., Monthly Mass, on parish radio and webcam

This week's feast days:

29th: Ss. Michael, Gabriel & Raphael, Archangels

30th: St. Jerome

1st: St. Therèse of the Child Jesus

2nd: The Guardian Angels

3rd: Blesses Columba Marmion



Cover up !

When you come to the church to pray privately, don't forget to wear your mask ! Play your part in fighting the virus !

30 Years ago in the Parish

A Mass of Thanksgiving for the those who work on the land at harvest time was being celebrated
A get-together was being held for those who had travelled to Lourdes with the parish pilgrimage
The Annual Padre Pio pilgrimage was leaving this week

An all-night vigil at Knock Shrine was being held with parish participation

A Teen-Parenting programme was starting in Holy Faith/de la Salle College

St. Michael's House was looking for volunteers to help with the Tuesday morning swimming session
The Naming Ceremony of Skerries D Class lifeboat was being held

The Marian Society was organising a 5 week series of acting Workshops

Skerries Harps



Covid bites again with all Juvenile fixture and Academy cancelled. Adult fixtures go ahead, but with some venue changes due to some Public Parks being closed.

Clubhouse/Bar remain closed

Congrats to our adult Hurlers on winning Junior Championship final. Top marks to team manager Stephen Dooley who had his homework done!

Thanks also to Byrne Performance for top quality live streaming of final and to Denis Murphy for his commentary. Hard luck to Sen. Camogie girls, beaten by Cuala in the semi-final on Tuesday night.
Fixtures: Sun: Jun Camogie final v Raheny, home at 10.30; Sen. Ladies v Cl. Mhuire, home at 1 p.m.. Jun. footballers and Jun ladies team both have away fixtures.

Unfortunately **no spectators permitted** to attend games under current restriction.

Check website under Match & Training for updates.
Zingo: 7,6,5,3,2,1,4 – no winners. Jackpot now, €3100. Remember Zingo is our only source of club funding, please sign up online through link on our website.

Our sympathies to Club President John Clinton and the Clinton family on the death of Tom, RIP. Tom was a former player with the Harps. Also, sympathy to the Bowe family on the death of Tony, who as a teacher in St. Patrick's NS looked after so many of our juveniles as they were first introduced to Gaelic games. Check www.skerriesharps.ie or Facebook for updates on fixtures and latest club news.

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