



Skerries Parish Bulletin

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Isiah 5:1-7; Psalm 80; Philipians 4:6-9; Matthew 21:33-43

“The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone”



Today's Gospel parable about the landowner and his tenants of the vineyard is challenging. The landlord planted a very fine orchard and invested in building structures to ensure good working conditions. He leased it to his tenants. They became greedy and to fulfil their greed and ambition they became nasty and aggressive. They treated many messengers in an appalling way.

In this parable, Jesus mirrors his own predicament in regard to the religious leaders in Jerusalem. Jesus is God's messenger. The religious leaders did not like the message just as the tenants did not like the farmer's messages. If only they had the good sense to listen to Jesus' message! However, they rejected His message.

Today, let us remember that Jesus is the keystone who establishes and maintains our relationship with God. First reading: The failure to create justice and righteousness has broken the divine heart. The poem expresses that heartbreak in a song. The song invites us to reflect on our responses to the grace and gifts of God.

Second reading: “Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I say rejoice”. St. Paul's letter asks that we open our hearts to the peace God gives us, not to let worries touch the inner core of our being.

Bible Study Group

Celebration of First Holy Communion 2020 Update



Since the arrival of Covid, it goes without saying that we are living in ever changing times and conditions. Even more recently the effects of the virus have brought us to Level 3 restrictions in Dublin. Considering how unpredictable this situation is and the fact that we don't know what's going to happen over the coming weeks with cases increasing etc., the proposed dates to celebrate First Communions are far from guaranteed. We have to wait for further guidance from the government and we will follow their advice once we have it. This decision is not what we had hoped for or would have desired for our children and parish community, but it is made considering the safety of all concerned that we have to consider these dates postponed for the present. As soon as we have clearer guidance, we will re-schedule our celebrations and will be in touch with all families involved.

Fr. Melvyn & Fr. James, Liz Maguire-Stubbins

Our sympathy is extended



to the family of Seamus Sweetman, Piercetown, whose death occurred this week. For many years Seamus was part of the group of collectors at Sunday Mass. May he rest in peace.

Many thanks

To all those who have subscribed to the annual Crosscare collection. The funding for these essential services needs all the donations it can get. Also many thanks to those who continue to make a weekly contribution to our Parish funds. Envelopes for these donations can be had in the Church.

Irish Cancer Society

is looking for volunteers to drive patients to and from their chemotherapy treatments. Drivers with free weekday availability and who can commit to driving twice a month, please email Gail at gflinter@irishcancer.ie or call 01 2310 566 for an application form. Due to the impact of the Coronavirus we are seeking drivers under the age of 70 years.

Feast Day: 7th October, Our Lady of the Rosary

Anniversary/Intentions:

Saturday 3rd 10 a.m : Philip McConnell, Canon Liam Shanahan

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

Sunday 4th 9.30 a.m.: Joan Murray (1st anniv).

Josephine & James Dillon, Johnny & Rose Murray, Denis O'Gorman

11 a.m.: Desmond Frazer, Ruane family, Dixon family, Browne Family

Monday 5th 10 a.m.: Mass Card Intentions

Tuesday 6th 10 a.m.: Mary & Charlie Martin

Wednesday 7th 10 a.m : Sheila McDonough **Saturday**

10th 6p.m.: Peggy Roche (1st anniv.), Michael White

Sunday 11th 9.30 a.m.: Gabrielle Whelton, Teresa McNulty, Bunny & Brendan Hughes, Edward & Marjorie Moran

11a.m.: Joe Howard (1st anniv.), Pat Coleman (1st anniv), Margaret & Joseph Howard, Charles Flanagan

World Mission Sunday, 18th October



World Mission is helping communities to build schools, clinics, parish halls and churches for marginalised communities and missionaries in our church family in

Africa, Asia and Latin America. It provides

missionary programmes that protect and care for children's well-being by offering safe shelter, healthcare, education and hope for the future. It is vital to give generously to this special collection as the pandemic has brought about even more challenges in many war-torn countries. All donations will be returned to World Mission Sunday's office of the Holy Father's Universal Solidarity Fund at 64 Lr. Rathmines Road.

Skerries Community Association (SCA)

AGM takes place on Monday 19 Oct. at 8.00 p.m. on-line via Zoom link. People are asked to register online for the event. Registration is now open at <http://skerriesca.eventbrite.com>. If you're not yet a member of SCA, but would like to join and are over 18 please go to our website www.skerriesca.com and join. SCA is the umbrella organisation for many of the town's hard working groups including the Community Centre, Tidy Towns, Town Twinning, Age Friendly, Skerries Cycling Initiative, Sustainable Skerries and Skerries Autism Friendly Town.



Don't forget your mask when visiting the Church for private prayer. Masks protect you and others !

30 years ago in the Parish

A harvest Mass of Thanksgiving was being celebrated in Milverton school

A get-together for all those who had travelled on the Parish pilgrimage to Lourdes was being held – a savings plan for 1991 was starting

Skerries Methodist Church was holding its Harvest Festival service and all were welcome

Tidy Towns were organising work parties to plant spring bulbs in tubs around the town

Skerries ICA was changing its meeting venue to the Old School, Dublin Road

Skerries Ladies Bowls

Congratulations to Norma Radley and runner-up Sheila Kelly, in the recent Club championships. Our sincere sympathy is expressed to the family of Seamus Sweetman, whose death has occurred,- a loyal club member and always a pleasure to meet.

Skerries Harps GFC

Wins for our footballers – Seniors v Raheny and Juniors v Erins Isle in Cup games. Defeats for Junior Camogie in final v Raheny and for Ladies football v St Maurs. All underage fixtures remain suspended until 10th October at the earliest.

Sun. 4 Oct: Junior Ladies v Mearnog, home at 1 pm and Senior Ladies v O'Dwyers, away at 1 pm Wed 7 Oct: Senior Ladies v Cl. Mhuire, home at 7 pm.

Sat 10 Oct: Senior Football Cup v Na Fianna, away at 5 pm and Inters v Ballymun, away at 5.30 Check website under Match/Training Info re changes to fixtures.

Unfortunately spectators are not permitted to attend the games under the current restrictions. Bar/Clubhouse remain closed until at least 10th October. Club Shop open on Thursdays at 8pm for purchase of playing equipment.

Saturday last saw the return of our Juvenile Academy sponsored by Allcare Pharmacy Skerries. It was fantastic to welcome our youngest members back to the club & to see so many new faces too. As always, our GPO Louise & all the coaches worked hard to ensure a safe environment was maintained whilst making sure the kids had fun while remaining in their Pod. Anyone who missed registration can register - before Friday am, as there is still a limited number of places available. Note: Online registration only – no walk ins. Children must be attending Primary School.

Details on our Facebook page. Zingo: Sunday 27 Sept. 1-4-2-7-5-6-3. Jackpot on 4 Oct is €3,200. Zingo is our only means of club funding and we encourage regular players to sign up online through the link on our website. Thanks to all who support Zingo either Online or by Standing Order.

Check www.skerriesharps.ie or [Facebook page for updates to fixtures and latest club news](#)



Why not host a virtual Coffee Morning this October with friends and family to fund vital support services for breast cancer patients across the country? Register today www.cancer.ie/cups against breast cancer.

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