



Skerries Parish Bulletin

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8 to 15 November 2020

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wisdom : 6, St. Paul: Thessalonians, Psalms:63, Matthew: 25.



The Gospel of St Matthew speaks to us about the value of faithfulness, especially when we know it has cost us a lot. During times of uncertainty it is very difficult to keep the flame of faith alive in our hearts, We find ourselves saying 'Our lamps are going out' . If we grow weak and are tempted to give up watching and waiting, we can easily lose heart, especially when we fear God has not answered our prayers.

God is telling us not to lose heart 'Be prepared, stay awake'. Be ready to show our faithfulness in God.

St Paul was also dealing with a similar situation. Some members of the community had died since he was last with them. People at the funeral were grieving like people who had no hope at all. St Paul reassures them. Jesus' love is stronger than death and one day there will be a great reunion with the Lord.

'We shall stay with the Lord forever'

If we keep looking to God he will nurture the same faith in us.

Wisdom is speaking about God. We are shown that God's mercy extends to all beings, without exception.

Wisdom is bright and does not grow dim.

For those who love her she is readily seen, and found by those who look for her.

In the shadow of your wings I rejoice

For you my soul is thirsting

O God my God, Amen. Psalm 62

Lectio Divina

Mass Intentions

Saturday 7th November 10.00am: David Ryan, Jacques Vanhems (recently deceased),

6.00pm: Christine O'Brien (1st A), Michael Lynam.

✦ **Sunday 8th 9.30am:** John Murray.

11.00am: Michael Bissett (MM), Michael, Mary, Patrick and John Lyons, Tom Murphy, Patrick Russell, Matthew and Margaret Russell (A), Fr. Michael Mulvihill.

✦ **Monday 9th 10.00am:** Moira Schlindwein, Mass Card Intentions.

✦ **Tuesday 10th 10.00am:** John Power, Dessie McGirl.

✦ **Wednesday 11th 10.00am:** Noel Hanly, James, Maureen and Colm McGuire.

✦ **Saturday 14th 10.00am:** Harry and Essie Boylan, Damian Boylan (BR), Margaret Guinan (BR), **6.00pm:** Rose Grimes (MM), Melissa O'Sullivan, Mary Coleman.

✦ **Sunday 15th 9.30am:** Fanchea Rice (1st A), Mary Ryan.

11.00am: Kathleen and Tommy Wherity, Kieran Bowers.

Feastdays

8th November – Prisoners Sunday.

10th November – St Leo the Great.

14th November – St Laurence O'Toole, Bishop.

Our Sympathy

To the family and friends of Finian Murray, The Square, who died recently. May he rest in peace.

Mass of Remembrance

The Mass to remember all those who died in our parish during the year will take place on Monday 16th November at 7.30pm. Needless to say the Mass will be celebrated via webcam and radio.

Young Church Dublin Connected Group -Young

Church Dublin have started a connected group for Young Adults (20's /30's) to gather online. We meet every Wednesday, from 8.00-9.00pm. We will have time for catch up, reflect on Scripture, chat in small discussion groups and enjoy time in prayer together. It provides an opportunity to connect in with other young adults in a community of faith. If you would like to join us email st.pauls@dublindiocese.ie.

Teen Hope Online

We are launching Teen Hope Online. Teen Hope is a space where teens can be themselves – a pressure free zone. It is a space where through fun and engaging activities you can build friendships, and encounter an experience of welcome, belonging and discipleship. While we physically cannot gather due to Covid 19, the Young Church Dublin is offering the Alpha Youth Series online as a way to reach out to teens during this time. For more information email: st.pauls@dublindiocese.ie

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COVID-19 Support Lines For Older People

ALONE manage a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to the outbreak of COVID-19 (Coronavirus). Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. The support line is open **seven days a week, 8.00am – 8.00pm, by calling 0818 222 024.**

Senior Line

If you are an older person and would like someone to talk to, particularly since Covid-19, consider phoning Senior Line. We are Ireland's national confidential service for older people. We are open every day of the year from 10am-10pm. We are older people too, trained to listen and support. We would love to hear from you. Freefone 1800804591

Parish Book Club



As you know the parish book club hasn't been able to meet due to the current restrictions. However, we can keep on

reading at home and for the month of November those in the book club and beyond are invited to read **Whisperings of my Soul by Fr. Seán Hyland**. The book is the story of one man's journey from husband and father to amazing grace and the priesthood with grief, love and the power of prayer along the way. An inspiring read for the month of November

30 Years Ago in the Parish

- A Bethany Bereavement group was now operating in the Parish
- It was planned to establish an Active Retirement group in the town and a public meeting was being held.
- Families were asked to consider taking part in a Home Choice scheme, to give parents of those with mental handicap a short break.
- Holmpatrick Parish was organising a Romanian Orphanage Appeal and appealing for a wide range of goods, bedware and clothing.
- Mourne View Ladies Club had held a successful fund-raising evening in aid of Romanian orphans.
- Skerries Rugby Club Seniors were now playing in the Leinster Senior League, and asking for support for match against Dublin University.
- Skerries Athletic Club was organising around the town Fun Run this weekend.


Found:

1) Blue and black zimmer frame/walking aid in Seacrest, Skerries. Please contact the Parish Office Secretary on 01-8106771 or email info@stpatricksskerries.ie

2) Sum of money found on Friday October 30th on Strand St. Skerries. Please contact Caoimhe on 0860777775

Don't forget our local businesses. Shop local if you can – many of our local enterprises are on-line.

Skerries Harps GAA Club

We are sad to record the passing of club Vice President Finian Murray after a long illness.  Finian will be fondly remembered as a driving force in the growth and development of Skerries Harps. He played on the Senior team and represented Dublin and later his native Sligo at inter county level. On his retirement from playing, he devoted his time to club administration, developing Juvenile football and went on to set up the Fingal Juvenile Board. Fondly known as The Big Man, his influence on the history of the GAA in Skerries and the Fingal area will not be forgotten. We offer our sincere condolences to his brothers Cathal and Paraic, sisters Rosaleen and Mary and to the extended Murray family. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam dílis.

Three of our club members represented Skerries Harps with Dublin last weekend - Lyndsey Davey with Dublin Ladies v Donegal and Orlaith Durkan and Alix Buckley with Dublin Camogie v Clare. This weekend Lyndsey will face Waterford while Jack Smith faces Dublin with Westmeath.

The current GAA club season has now officially been suspended and no more games will be played. Allcare Pharmacy Juvenile Academy continues on Saturday mornings at 9.00a.m. Thanks to Shane and Eurospar, Skerries for sponsoring the Halloween goodie-bags last weekend.

Our Club Shop remains closed but our Online Shop is now open in conjunction with our main supplier Masita. It can be accessed via the link on club website. Orders for Christmas must be in by 16th November to guarantee delivery.

Our AGM will take place on Thursday November 26th - online. The AGM notification letter along with nomination/motion forms were issued by email on Monday 26th October by the Club Sec. Members who did not provide an email address will receive via post. If you are a member and have not received the email or the details by post contact secretary.skerriesharps.dublin@gaa.ie

Closing date for receipt of nominations/motions is Thursday 12th November.

We invite our members to support the Car Draw, organised by Eurospar, in aid of St Michaels House Special School in Skerries. Tickets €10 and Draw is on 3rd December. Check www.skerriesharps.ie for the latest club news

Acknowledgement

On his 1st Anniversary the family of Michael Daly would like to express their sincere gratitude and appreciation to all who sympathised and supported them over the past year. A special thank you to Fr. James and Lannon's Funeral Directors. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered for your intentions.