



Skerries Parish Bulletin

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15 to 22 November 2020

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time: Proverbs 31:10-13 19-20 30-31 Psalm 127:1-5 St. Paul to the Thessalonians 5:1-6
Gospel Matthew 25:14-30

O blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.

The complete chapter 31 in the Book of Proverbs speaks of a wife, her husband and children. It looks at the full picture of family. This theme is carried through into the Psalm and includes the work started by a wife for her husband and children "Your wife like a fruitful vine in the heart of your house, your children like shoots of the olive, around your table" However, like everything in life, St. Paul speaks of a time when trouble comes to that lovely peaceful setting.

In the Gospel of St. Matthew, Jesus speaks a parable to his disciples about the talents which He gives to each one of us. We see examples of those who are wise and use their talents and those who are foolish who do not.

In these very strange times, how can we maintain a balance between the good times and troubled times. Perhaps we can reflect on this and maybe renew our faith in the use of our talents even when we are alone, or spending long hours indoors. Praying for each other or those in difficulty, maybe think of telephoning someone we haven't seen in a while, or keeping busy tidying or cleaning some other part of your home.

Church Readers

A REMINDER

We recently sent out Tax Rebate Certificates for 2019. We are very grateful for the certificates returned. If you did not receive a certificate, or have yet to return it we would be very grateful to hear from you. To qualify for the tax rebate the minimum amount donated to the parish in a calendar year is €250. This can be made up by donations to Christmas and Easter Dues, Planned Giving, standing orders and other donations. If you would like to know more about how you can help please contact us via the Parish Office.

A very sincere "THANK YOU" to all who support our parish financially and in many, many other ways

Mass Intentions

- ❖ **Saturday 14th Nov 10.00am:** Harry and Essie Boylan, Damian Boylan (BR), Margaret Guinan (BR), Amy Boylan (Special Intention)
6.00pm: Rose Grimes (MM), Melissa O'Sullivan, Mary Coleman.
- ❖ **Sunday 15th 9.30am:** Fanchea Rice (1st A), Mary Ryan, Andrew Woods and deceased members of the Woods Family.
11.00am: Kathleen and Tommy Wherity, Kieran Bowers.
- ❖ **Monday 16th 10.00am:** Mass Card Intentions
- ❖ **Saturday 21st 10.00am:** Brendan Hennigan, Johanna Hennigan.
6.00pm: Maureen Delaney, Bill and Kathleen Kinsella, Ellen, Christopher and Fanning Family.
- ❖ **Sunday 22nd 9.30am:** Johanna Hennigan, Brendan Hennigan.
11.00am: Sinead Ruigrok (1st A), Anne Lacey, Mary Keane, George Pratt.

Feast days

14th November – St Laurence O'Toole Bishop,
15th November – World Day of the Poor.

Please note: No intentions for Masses can be taken for Mondays (reserved for Mass Card intentions), the Feast of St. Peregrine, 1st Fridays, Padre Pio, Feast of All Souls, Mass of Remembrance or Christmas Masses.

Mass of Remembrance

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

Sad news

We were sad to learn of the death last week of Fr. Diarmuid Connolly, who for many years in the 70's served in Skerries Parish. From his house on Strand Street, where the two parish houses now stand, the idea for a Parish Bulletin took shape in 1979. It was he who produced the first editions, often handwritten, sometimes typed by a parishioner who lived where Skerries Bookshop now stands. The simple newsletter was run off on an ancient Gestetner, which he donated to us when he left. Those of us who became involved with the Bulletin in subsequent years have many nightmare memories of the vagaries of that machine!

Little did he envisage that we would still be going strong (Covid or no Covid) over 40 years later. Thanks to Skerries Historical Society, we have an archive of every parish bulletin published in that period. We remember with great fondness Fr. Connolly's memory and the lasting legacy he gave to St. Patrick's Parish.

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St Vincent De Paul

'We do what we can because you give what you can'



Life has changed for all families during 2020. No one has escaped this pandemic and most especially our Vincent De Paul families. Our funds in the Society have been seriously depleted due to many requests for help during Covid 19 and the lack of income from our monthly Church Collection.

Coming up to what will be a 'Different Christmas' this year, we are again reaching out to the people of Skerries for much needed funds. We would really appreciate if you are in a position to contribute in any small way to donate by the following methods

1. Online donation to AIB Bank Skerries – IBAN IE19AIBK93224809851094 BIC AIBKIE2D Please remember to add your name and sender details if you require a receipt.
2. Contributions to any Society Member known to you.
3. St Vincent De Paul Poor Box inside the Church.

We will be grateful for any contributions so that we can continue to be committed to helping those who need our assistance.

Thank you! Charles and Phyllis O'Reilly would like to thank the priests of the parish and all those who sent cards and good wishes to them on their recent 50th wedding anniversary. The Holy sacrifice of the mass will be offered for all their intentions.

The Irish Kidney Association's Service of Remembrance and Thanksgiving.

People from all walks of life and beliefs, united in their wish to honour organ donors, are encouraged to come together for the Irish Kidney Association's 35th Annual Service of Remembrance and Thanksgiving. The Irish Kidney Association promises a truly special and poignant Service for people of all beliefs which is laced with beautiful music and symbolic processions, readings and messages from the President of Ireland Michael D. Higgins Archbishop Diarmuid Martin and Michael Jackson, Archbishop of Dublin and Bishop of Glendalough. The Annual Service of Remembrance and Thanksgiving will be broadcast on **RTÉ on Sunday, 15th November 2020 at 11am.**

Anam Cara, Feileacain and Pieta are combining their resources to support bereaved mothers and fathers by facilitating a Virtual Bereavement Support Evening on 19th November at 7pm. Here at this event, bereaved parents will have the opportunity to hear an experienced grief specialist deliver an informative talk on the challenges that families will face after the death of a son or daughter and particularly in these challenging times. This event is free of charge and open to all bereaved parents regardless the age of the child or circumstance of their death. People can register their interest via the eventbrite link or contact 085 288 8888 or info@anamcara.ie for more information.

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. Freephone 1800804591.

Bereaved Children's Awareness Week 23rd – 27th November

Every November, the Irish Childhood Bereavement Network organises a series of events across Ireland to highlight bereaved children's needs and provide a voice for them to be heard. The main reason we need to have a week like this is to help raise awareness of the fact that children express grief differently, they feel the impact but may not have words to express it so it often shows in their behaviour. For more information, visit: www.childhoodbereavement.ie

30 Years ago in the Parish

- Baptised during October were Siobhan Halpin, Conor O'Dowda, Cliona Coleman, Ian Price, Yvonne Hannon, David McCormack, Katie Martin, Patrick Grimes, Catherine Cruise, Anna Murphy, Conor Coleman, Karl Bailey, Daniel Dowling, Conor O'Brien, Jonathon Doyle, Lisa Harford, Shane Price, Jessica Kelly, Jim Briscoe and Orna Mc Ginley.
- Congratulations were sent to Mrs. Murray's 4th Class in St. Patrick's, who won an Acorn/BBC computer, presented by Minister Brendan Daly.
- Skerries Harps congratulated Alan Moore on his selection for Dublin Senior Trials.
- The Marian Musical and Dramatic Society was hosting their annual one-act Drama Festival.

Skerries Harps GAA Club



Congratulations to Lyndsey Davey and Dublin Ladies who have qualified for All Ireland semi final. Jack Smith had no luck with Westmeath

against the Dubs but did get on the scoreboard! Allcare Pharmacy Juvenile Academy continues on Saturday mornings at 9 am. A reminder to all parents attending: under GAA Covid Protocols just 1 parent per child is permitted to attend in a welfare/safeguarding capacity. Where possible we ask that siblings do not attend to ensure reduced social contacts in line with Public Health advice. We ask all parents to maintain social distancing of 2m while in attendance, remain behind the pitch railings & not to enter the pitch area. Please continue to adhere to the 1 way entry/exit system & ensure the Return to Play attestation is completed each Sat prior to attending.

Our Club Shop remains closed but our Online Shop is now open in conjunction with our main supplier Masita. Access via the link on club website. Christmas orders must be in by Monday 16 Nov. to guarantee delivery. Zingo result for 8 Nov: 1-4-2-5-3-7-6. No winner. Next Sunday's Jackpot is €3,800. Our AGM will take place on Thursday November 26 at 8.00pm on Zoom. The AGM notification letter along with nomination/motion forms have been issued by email. Nominations closed on 12 Nov. Members who did not provide an email address should have received details by post. If you have not received the email or the details by post please contact the club Secretary.

In the hope that our teams can resume action in the New Year, we are now making plans to fund new team equipment etc. and are looking for support for our Christmas Draw. Prizes in the draw will be purchased from local traders that have supported the club in the past in line with our ethos of "Club is Community" by shopping local. Full details of the draw soon. Check www.skerriesharps.ie or our Facebook page.

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