

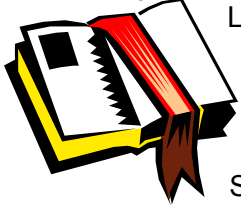
Skerries Parish Bulletin

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THE WORD OF GOD IS SOMETHING ALIVE AND ACTIVE

In the Letter to the Hebrews, we read that 'the Word of God is something alive and active: it cuts like any double-edged sword but more finely' (4:12).



Last December, the Congregation for Divine Worship issued a note reminding us that the third Sunday of Ordinary Time is now **The Sunday of the Word of God** as established by Pope Francis. They go on to say: 'Through the proclaimed biblical readings in the liturgy, God speaks to his people and Christ himself proclaims his Gospel; Christ is the centre and fullness of all Scripture, both the Old and New Testaments.' Pope Francis wanted 'a Sunday given over entirely to the Word of God, so as to appreciate the inexhaustible riches contained in that constant dialogue between the Lord and his people' (*Misericordia e misera*,7). We are fortunate to be living in a time when we have many resources readily available online - resources that can help us appreciate the 'inexhaustible riches' of the Word of God. Some helpful resources include:

- **The Bible in a Year** podcast, hosted by the affable Fr. Mike Schmitz, is a free podcast that runs for only 20-25 minutes per episode and features Scripture readings, a reflection and guided prayer to help you hear God's voice in His Word. Visit: [The Bible in a Year - ascensionpress.com](http://TheBibleinayear.com)
- **Word on Fire:** Bishop Robert Barron is founder of Word on Fire - a global media ministry that reaches millions of people drawing them into or back to the Catholic faith. If you register on their website you will receive the Gospel reading and reflection for each day of the year. Visit: wordonfire.org
- **Tarsus:** Tarsus provides wonderful resources for all things scriptural - run by Fr. Kieran O'Mahony, OSA it provides commentaries on the weekend readings as well as online courses. Visit: www.tarsus.ie

If you have time over the coming week, why not visit these websites and allow the Word of God to be truly active and alive in your life.

Mass Intentions

- ✦ **Saturday 23rd 10.00am:** Richard and Sinead Ruigrok, Special intention.
- ✦ **6.00pm:** John and Eithne Everard, Letitia McEvoy.
- ✦ **Sunday 24th 9.30am:** Margaret Branagan, Brendan Branagan, Mary Branagan, Stephen and Jane Comey Snr. and family. Gerard Simons (RD in UK)
- ✦ **11.00am:** Joe Boylan (1st A), Denis McKeown, Carmel Boylan, Patrick, Elizabeth and Helen Clarke, Eddie and John Dunne and all deceased members of the Dunne family, Bobby and Martha Aherne.
- ✦ **Monday 25th 10.00am:** Mass Card Intentions.
- ✦ **Wednesday 27th 10.00am:** Damian Boylan.
- ✦ **Friday 29th 10.00am:** Nino Greco (1st A).
- ✦ **Saturday 30th 10.00am:** Una Cavanagh (1st A), Matt McBride.
- ✦ **Sunday 31st 9.30am:** Jim Lennox.
- ✦ **11.00am:** Vincent and Eileen Boyle.

Pioneer Association 2021 calendars are back in stock in the parish office. €2.50 each.

Our Sympathy is extended to the families of Theresa Quinn, Sherlock Park, and Richard Shanley, Palmer Rd, Rush, who died recently. May they Rest in Peace.

Feast Days this week

25th St Paul,
26th St Timothy & Titus,
27th St Angela Merici,
28th St Thomas Aquinas,
30th St Aidan, Bl. Margaret Ball and Bl. Francis Taylor

Dates to note:

Tuesday 2nd February - the Presentation of the Lord – Candlemas Day

Candles will be blessed at Mass and will be available for purchase in the Parish Office afterwards.

Wednesday 3rd February – Feast of St. Blaise

Those participating in Mass via webcam/radio may have their throats blessed during the celebration.

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Parish Book Club: During the month of January, we will be reading **Catholicism - A Journey to the Heart of the Faith** by **Robert Barron**. Starting from the essential foundation of Jesus Christ's incarnation, life and teachings, Bishop Barron moves through the defining elements of Catholicism. This book is paired with Bishop Barron's acclaimed documentary film series of the same name which can be viewed on **wordonfire.org**

30 Years Ago in the Parish

- Special prayers were being organised in the Parish for all those involved in the Gulf War
- The Church Choir was seeking male members who would commit to one Sunday per month
- The AGM of Skerries Meals on Wheels group was being held in the Parochial Hall
- Exam fees for the Leaving and Intermediate Certificate were due
- Story time for 8-10 year olds was being held in the Library each Tuesday
- Wildlife Conservancy group was holding its annual Quiz and organising a Walk in the Woods of Newbridge House
- Tidy Towns committee was seeking new helpers to help paint the flower tubs
- Adult Education classes in the Sailing Club included French, German, Sailing, the Environment and Crafts.

Irish Hospice Foundation - Living with Loss

We are now accepting bookings for the 2021 series of Workshops on Loss and Bereavement which will be delivered online via Zoom from January - June. Details and booking process can be found on the following link

<https://hospicefoundation.ie/education-training/bereavement-training/workshops/> Please note bookings and payment for the workshops can only be made by using the following link to Eventbrite <https://www.eventbrite.ie/o/irish-hospice-foundation-31883804183>

Aware - Support & Self Care Groups

If you, or those with whom you work, wish to connect with people in relation to mental wellbeing, please consider using the Phone-In and Zoom Support & Self Care Groups, the Support Line or Support Mail. These services provide support, coping skills and information – and most importantly help people who are in distress to know and feel that they are not alone in their experience. For more group information <https://www.aware.ie/support/support-groups/> and all of our services on www.aware.ie



The Annual Collection for Accord Dublin, the Diocesan Agency for Marriage and the Family, will be made at all Masses on the weekend of 13 and 14 February 2021.

The Collection for ACCORD will replace the usual Share Collection

COVID-19 Support Line for Older People

ALONE manage a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to 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, 8am to 8pm, by calling 0818 222 024**. Calls to the ALONE National Support Line cost no more than a local call to a landline. Calls from Vodafone or landline bundles, PAYG bundles, and mobile contracts are free.

Skerries Harps GAA Club



Skerries Harps 'Every Step Counts challenge' is back!! The GAA Healthy Clubs Initiative brings you the 'Every Step Counts Challenge'. This is open for everyone (over 18) in the community to get involved. The challenge is for the club to total 4000 km over 7 weeks. If we reach the target, we will be entered into a draw for €2,500 in sports vouchers!

We encourage everyone in the community to get involved, whether you walk, jog or run 1km or 20km it all goes towards our 4000km goal! The challenge concludes Wednesday March 3rd. Download 'MyLife by Irish Life' app from your Google play or App store and register. Join at Social > Challenges > Leinster GAA Every Steps Counts > Skerries Harps GAA Club. Please adhere to COVID-19 & latest public health guidelines while participating in this challenge.

Our Allcare Pharmacy Juvenile Academy is deferred. You can register interest by filling in the Google form provided by Louise (0851465673). Term 2 will be for children born 2014 to 2016. Numbers restricted in accordance with guidelines. Zingo result for 17 January: 1-5-2-4-7-6-3. Dividend of €500 won by David Cahill. Next Sundays Jackpot is €4,800. Play online to be in with a chance. Extra bonus - every ticket purchased helps support the club. Entry is €5 for 3 lines. Never miss a draw or chance to win, you can sign up online for the year! 52 draws for €90 - that's 7 free entries!

Membership for 2021 is now open and can be paid online. We can also accommodate payment of fees by instalment. Full details are on www.skerriesharps.ie or contact club Registrar, Stuart Bund at skerriesharps.registrar@gmail.com