



# Skerries Parish Bulletin

No 2200

7<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> February 2021

## Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading, Job 7:1-4, 6-7. Psalm 147: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6.

Second Reading, 1 Corinthians 9: 16-19, 22-23. Gospel, Mark: 1:29-39.

Today's Gospel can be divided into four different pieces. Verse 29-31, Jesus heals Simon's mother-in-law. Verse 32-34, many people are freed from their demons. Verse 35-37 Jesus, in the darkness before daybreak, went out into the desert to pray. His disciples find him and suggest continuing ministry in the same place. Verse 38-39, instead Jesus wants to go to the other villages to spread the gospel.

**'For this purpose I have come'.**

The healing touch of Jesus reaches out to all.

The Second Reading is a difficult passage. Earlier material in Paul's letter does help to throw light on this piece. In today's reading Paul's ultimate purpose and motivation is for the sake of the gospel and that he too should share in its blessings.

Pray that we may serve the Gospel with every fibre of our being.

In the First Reading Job sees man's life on earth as one full of drudgery and oppression, spent in dark restless nights. Anyone who has faced suffering, hardship, anxiety or injustice will be able to identify with the words of this short poem.

Psalm 147 constitutes a reply to the hopelessness expressed by Job. It balances the despair expressed by Job. It balances the despair of Job with the affirmation of the Bible that God comes to our help. Such faith bridges the cry of Job 7 and healings of Jesus Mark 1.

**'Praise the Lord, who heals the broken-hearted'.**

Scripture Group

## MASS INTENTIONS

- ✠ **Sat 6<sup>th</sup> 10am:** Peter Kelly, Matt Plunkett (BR), Special Intention
- ✠ **Sat 6<sup>th</sup> 6pm:** Tom & Rose Sheridan, James Coleman, Esther Casey, Patrick O'Beirne (MM)
- ✠ **Sun 7<sup>th</sup> 9.30am:** Jim Slattery (MM), Anne Lennox, Judy Hassett, Ann Joye, Joe McNally, Joe O'Connor (MM), Luke Patrick Archiudean, Patricia O'Sullivan (1<sup>st</sup> A) & O'Sullivan family
- ✠ **Sun 7<sup>th</sup> 11am:** Frances Chambers (1<sup>st</sup> A), Maura & Pat Ellis, Michael McBride, Teresa Holcroft, Andrew & Elizabeth Kettle and deceased members of Kettle family
- ✠ **Tue. 9<sup>th</sup> 10am:** Dr John Keane, Sheila McGillick, Ken Naughton, Special Intention
- ✠ **Wed 10<sup>th</sup> 10am:** Tommy Doyle, Joseph Gaffney, Benny Donnelly, Mae Roche & family, Edward & Anne Walsh, Hugh O'Boyle, (Rec.D)
- ✠ **Thurs 11<sup>th</sup> 10am:** Eileen Williams (MM), Ted Williams, Peter & Christina Creaner, Annie Hammond, John Mullins, Philip Fitzsimons & family
- ✠ **Fri 12<sup>th</sup> 10am:** Maryanne & Charles McMorrow
- ✠ **Sat 13<sup>th</sup> 10am:** Charles Clarke & family
- ✠ **Sat 13<sup>th</sup> 6pm:** James Ryan
- ✠ **Sun 14<sup>th</sup> 9.30am:** Richard Shanley (MM), James Everard, Theresa Long, Marie Moran,
- ✠ **Sun 14<sup>th</sup> 11am:** Theresa Quinn (MM), Tommy, Tom & Paddy Quinn, Colin Mooney, Lily McMahon, Ronnie Masterson, Matt (Matthias) Grimes (1<sup>st</sup> A).

## NEW ARCHBISHOP OF DUBLIN



Archbishop Dermot Farrell was installed in St. Mary's Pro Cathedral, Dublin on 2<sup>nd</sup> February. We wish him every success in his new ministry.

## FEASTDAYS

- 8<sup>th</sup> Feb – St. Jerome Emiliani & St Josephine Bakhita
- 10<sup>th</sup> Feb – St. Scholastica
- 11<sup>th</sup> Feb – Our Lady of Lourdes
- 13<sup>th</sup> Feb - The Blessed Virgin Mary

## ACCORD DUBLIN ANNUAL COLLECTION

The Annual Collection for ACCORD Dublin, the Diocesan Agency for Marriage and the Family, will take place over the weekend of **13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> February 2021**. ACCORD Dublin throughout the diocese offers:

- Marriage Preparation Courses - online, small groups.
- Counselling for couples and individuals experiencing difficulties in their relationships, currently online or by phone. Helpline 01 9059555.
- A Relationship and Sexuality Programme for schools.

ACCORD Dublin needs your support this year more than ever. Envelopes will be available on the tables in the church. Please give as generously as you can on 13/14 February.

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### PARISH BOOK CLUB

During the month of February, we will be reading **Live While You Can** by **Fr. Tony Coote**. Fr. Tony Coote was just fifty-three years old in February 2018 when he was diagnosed with Motor Neurone Disease. Just a few short months later he found himself confined to a wheelchair. But rather than succumbing to the darkness that threatened to overwhelm him in the days after his diagnosis, he drew on his powerful faith and found a way to hope and acceptance. **Live While You Can** is the inspiring, life-affirming account of finding peace in dark times and living every day in the now.

### COVID-19 AND CHURCH – 21: NEW SURVEY

The Mater Dei Centre for Catholic Education, DCU, invites all adult churchgoers in Ireland to take part in their new survey **Covid-19 & Church-21**. It aims to gather information on how churchgoing and faith have been impacted by the pandemic and to find out more about the different online and socially distanced services that have taken place during the varying restrictions.

Your input is much appreciated. All adults - lay, clergy and religious, are invited to participate in this anonymous study. For more, please see [Covid-19 & Church-21](#) or contact [bernadette.sweetman@dcu.ie](mailto:bernadette.sweetman@dcu.ie)

### YCD CONNECTED – BRINGING YOUNG PEOPLE TOGETHER

The Young Church Dublin invites you to join our connected group for Young Adults (20's 30's). We meet online every Wednesday, from 8.00-9.00pm for some time of fellow reflection on Scripture and prayer together. It provides an opportunity to connect in with other young adults in a community of faith. For more information please email: [kirsten.mahon@dublindiocese.ie](mailto:kirsten.mahon@dublindiocese.ie)

### 30 YEARS AGO IN THE PARISH

- Skerries Athletic Club members Michael Quirke, Nicola Peoples, Deirdre Moloney, Rossa Prendergast, Shane Hegarty and Shane O'Neill all qualified for All-Ireland Championships in Armagh
- Congratulations to the Holy Faith/de la Salle College French Quiz team of Sinéad Connolly, Jean Kelly, Barry Hennessy and Shane O'Neill who reached the quarter finals of the FTA national Quiz
- Ladies Coaching and Training had started at the Hills Cricket Club
- Skerries Foróige Youth Club elected a new Committee - Chairman, John Donnelly, Vice Chair, Paul Hickey, Treasurer, Eoin Trehay and Secretary Tammy Butterly
- Story time continued in the Library on Tuesdays at 3-4.30pm.

### YOUTH INITIATIVES:

**Faithfest Online** - Faithfest is back!! Join us for an evening of games, music, workshop, chats and prayer. Faithfest will take place 5 March from 6:30 – 8:30 online. You can register online using this link: <https://forms.gle/DwKDsXCuTornHFYA8>. For more information email: [faithfest@dublindiocese.ie](mailto:faithfest@dublindiocese.ie)

### SKERRIES HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Presents: **The Skerries Estate of James Hans Hamilton** by Brendan Grimes on **9<sup>th</sup> Feb at 8.15pm by Zoom**.

In 1831 James Hans Hamilton reached his majority and took over the running of his estates which he had inherited when his father, Hans Hamilton, died in 1822. Soon after he had maps made of his Skerries estates and again in 1861. With the aid of these maps, Brendan Grimes discusses how the town appeared in the early 1830s, the changes over the next thirty years, and some observations on the changes since then. Also discussed is the quality of the draughtsmanship in the production of the maps.

We will email members with a Zoom link closer to the time. Please ensure we have the correct email address for you. Non-members who wish to attend should email [oldskerries@gmail.com](mailto:oldskerries@gmail.com) and I will send the link. **Location & time: Zoom 9 Feb 8.15.**

### SKERRIES HARPS GAA CLUB



Our virtual Saturday morning Academy is back. Pitches are closed but the kids don't have to miss out on some skills and fun activities. Join us Saturday morning - contact our GPO Louise to sign up on 085 1465673. Group 1 - born 2014 -16 at 10am; Group 2- born 2012 -13 at 11.30am. Thanks to AllCare Pharmacy for their ongoing support of the Juvenile Academy. Skerries Harps Online Shop is open 24/7. Lots of great offers for anyone looking for club gear. See link on website. Zingo result for 31 January: 2-5-3-1-6-4-7. No winner of Jackpot or Dividend. Next Sundays Jackpot is €5,000. Play online to be in with a chance. Extra bonus - every ticket purchased helps support the club that continues to have ongoing overheads even during closedown. Entry is €5 for 3 lines. Never miss a draw or chance to win.

### ACKNOWLEDGEMENT – PATRICIA O'SULLIVAN

On her 1st anniversary, the family of Patricia O'Sullivan would like to acknowledge and express their sincere thanks and gratitude to all who sympathised and supported them during the past year. A very special thank you to Fr. Melvyn and Fr. James. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered for your intentions.

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