



Skerries Parish Bulletin

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'The leprosy left him and he was cured at once' (Mk. 1:40-45)



The leper in today's Gospel ignored the rule of social distancing as did Jesus. The law forbade any contact with lepers. Jesus was motivated by 'go first to the lost sheep of the house of Israel'. There was no one more despised than the leper. Jesus shows us the gospel mission: it is not about introducing a distant God to people. It is saying to people that God is more interested in you than you are in God. If you show any signs of a response through trust and love, as the leper did ('of course I want to') then the interest turns into a relationship that is life-giving. God is nearer than we think! Our belief is anchored on the truth be that 'God loved us first' (John 4:19)

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WE OFFER OUR SYMPATHY TO



The family and friends of Dennis (Dinny) Concannon, Rush Road and to the family of Siobhan Bennett, late of Skerries, who died in Newpark Care Centre Swords. At this time, we remember also Siobhan's husband, Jim who died last April. May they rest in peace.

Blessed Ashes on Ash Wednesday – 17th February



On Ash Wednesday, blessed ashes will be available in the church once the church opens after the 10 am Mass. The blessed ashes will be in individual sealed plastic bags. As you make your private visit for prayer to the church on Ash Wednesday you may take a bag with you. At home bless yourself and family members with the ashes. We will provide as many bags as possible (but we are limited) so please **ONLY TAKE ONE BAG** so that others can avail of them as well. When you are at home – open the bag, wet your thumb, dip it into the ashes and trace a cross on your forehead saying, 'Repent and believe in the Gospel'.

PRAYING TOGETHER IN THE PRESENCE OF JESUS DURING LENT



Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will take place each Wednesday evening of Lent. Join us on the parish webcam and radio for some prayer time together. We begin **Ash Wednesday evening 17th February @ 7.30pm.**

Accord Annual Collection

The Dublin Diocese's annual Collection for **Accord** will take place this weekend **13th & 14th February**. It will replace the Share collection. We realise that it will be much more difficult for parishes to support us this year – although the demand for services is greater than ever, as Gardai report higher levels of domestic violence during the pandemic. You can donate in the following ways:

Online www.accorddublin.ie, where you will find a donate button

By post to Accord Dublin, Holy Cross Diocesan Centre, Clonliffe Road, Dublin 3.

By bank transfer to ACCORD Dublin Catholic Marriage Care Service CLG, Bank of Ireland, 88 Lower Camden Street, Dublin 2. IBAN: IE27 BOFI 9001 1357 0742 03; BIC:BOFIE2D

Trocaire Lenten Campaign 2021



This year Trocaire's Lenten Campaign will focus on exploring the Impact of Conflict on Families in South Sudan. This Lent, we learn more about the suffering of people who have lost their homes and loved ones to war, and how they are rebuilding their lives through love, friendship and solidarity. Parish resources are now available at [Parishes - Resources Trócaire \(trocaire.org\)](http://Parishes - Resources Trócaire (trocaire.org))

Anniversaries Remembered

Sat. 13th 10 a.m.: Charles Clarke & family
Sat. 13th 6 p.m.: James Ryan, Elizabeth Grimes (rec.decd.Switzerland), Mary Cawley, Maura Ryan (rec. decd).
Sun.14th 9.30 a.m.: Richard Shanley (MM), James Everard, Theresa Long, Máire Moran
Sun.14th 11 a.m.: Theresa Quinn (MM), Colin Mooney, Ronnie Masterson, Lily McMahan, Tommy, Tom & Paddy Quinn, Patrick & Esther Weldon
Mon. 15th 10 a.m.: Mass Card Intentions
Tues.16th 10 a.m.: Anthony Kilkenny, Nora & Peter Kelly
Wed.17th 10 a.m.: Kathleen Larkin, Paul Wilde (50thA)
Thurs.18th 10 a.m.: Patrick Lawlor, John O'Dwyer
Fri. 19th 10 a.m.: Carol Russell
Sat. 20th: 6 p.m. Eva McGinty
Sun. 21st 9.30 a.m.: Gerry Mansfield, Patricia (1st anniv.), Anne & the O'Sullivan family
Sun.21st 11 a.m.: Denis Keogh (1st anniv.), Fr Michael Flanagan, Cora Cannon

Short-term pledge for Lent: contact Austin of the Pioneer Association via the Parish Office.

Join us for Pastoral Conversations !

On five Tuesdays starting 16th February @8pm.

1. **February 16th** - Let it Go
2. **February 23rd** - Would you listen to Him?
3. **March 2nd** - Songs of the Sanctuary
4. **March 9th** - Into the Light
5. **March 16th** - Seeds of Hope

Presented by a team from the Office for Evangelisation and the Liturgy Resource Centre. To book email lisia.cashen@dublindiocese.ie

SKERRIES TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB



Could it be you ? We are looking for a volunteer to act as our Public Relations Officer, to help promote our Club activities and report on current events.

Good publicity is always very beneficial to circulate to our members using the Parish bulletin and Social Media outlets, so all enquiries welcome .
Please contact : Owen O'Brien, Tel : 087 2584398 :
Email – owen.obrien1@gmail.com

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, now and throughout the pandemic. 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 information about the groups

<https://www.aware.ie/support/support-groups/>

All our services are on www.aware.ie

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. Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. The support line is open seven days a week, **8am - 8pm, by calling 0818 222 024.**

SKERRIES HARPS GFC

Zingo results: 3,6,2,1,5,4,7. Next Sunday's jackpot is €5,100 – play on line, €5 for 3 lines. Every ticket helps the club with its ongoing overheads which continue during the pandemic.

Our virtual Saturday morning is back ! Contact our GPO Louise, 085-1465673. Group 1 (2014-2016) at 10 a.m., Group 2 (2012-2013), 11.30. Thanks to Alcare Pharmacy for supporting this project.

Fitness February Team Challenge: A great response to this challenge with over 200 players taking part. As a club, we've covered 4869 km and the players have taken part in plenty of skills practice with 627 skills sessions. Also lots of players making good food choices and getting the correct amount of sleep.

Membership fees are now due ! You must sign up to play. You must be registered before you can even train. Fees can be paid on-line and by instalment by arrangement. Full details are on our website or contact club Registrar, Stuart Bund at skerriesharps.registrar@gmail.com or see www.skerriesharps.com



Happy St. Valentine's Day

Don't forget to tell someone you love them today. We all need a bit of love in these difficult times !