



Skerries Parish Bulletin

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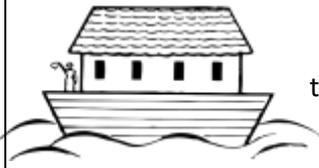
First Sunday of Lent

1st Reading Genesis 9:8-15; Psalm 24:4-9R.v.10, 2nd Reading 1st letter of St. Peter 3:18-22, Gospel Mark 1:12-15

Your ways, Lord, are faithfulness and love for those who keep your covenant.



In the Liturgy of today we read the account of the Flood and God's promise to Noah that He would never again destroy the earth by sending a flood.



In the Psalm, we acknowledge the faithfulness and love of the Lord, when we walk in his truth. However, when we face difficulties and hardship in our life, do we remember to call on the Mercy of the Lord to guide and help us? Reflect on the three verses of the Psalm to enrich your day.

As it is the first Sunday in Lent, let us take a moment or two to think on this time of repentance in preparation for Easter. In my youth, we always found our time in the Church sad and dark with all the statues and pictures covered in purple. A very wise teacher pointed out that in Lent, we should attempt to be more helpful at home, be better friends and try to help others rather than giving up sweets and treats.

Church Readers



Consecration to St Joseph: In response to Pope Francis declaring the **Year of St Joseph**, the Irish Dominicans are inviting you to join them online to make a collective consecration to St Joseph, while also asking his intercession for vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life. The prayer sessions

start at 8pm daily and will run to 19th March - the feast day of St Joseph. You can join them online **Zoom ID: 986 4005 1501 Passcode 122013**



PRAYING TOGETHER IN THE PRESENCE OF JESUS AT LENT: Join us each Wednesday evening of Lent via the Parish webcam or radio, for some prayer time together during the season of Lent. We continue this **Wednesday**

evening February 24th at 7.30pm with exposition of the Blessed Sacrament together with prayer, reflection and music.

Many thanks to those who contributed to last week's collection for ACCORD. Envelopes still available on the table inside the Church door.

Catholic Bishops submissions on Proposed assisted Suicide Legislation:

The Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference submission in respect of legalising assisted suicide and euthanasia in Ireland is available on www.catholicbishops.ie **Key Points:**

- the submission is rooted in our conviction that we have a moral responsibility to care for our "neighbour" according to the Gospel image of the Good Samaritan.
- within existing law and medical practice, good palliative care, by upholding absolute respect for human life and, at the same time, acknowledging human mortality, offers terminally ill people the best possibility of achieving "a dignified and peaceful end of life".

You are encouraged to make your own views known to public representatives who will be voting on this legislation.

Trócaire 2021

This year Trócaire is focussing on Southern Sudan, where people are trying to rebuild their lives after civil war displaced millions of families. Your donations can help! Get your Trócaire box in the Church and start dropping in those coins now !!

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Anniversaries remembered and special Intentions:

Sat. 20th 6pm Eva McGinty, Fergus (Fergie) O'Connor and Special Intention
Sun. 21st 9.30am Eugene Gaffney (MM), Gerry Mansfield, Anne & the O'Sullivan Family, Susan Woods and deceased members of the Woods family
11am: Thomas Hugh O'Boyle (MM), Denis Keogh (1st A), Fr Michael Flanagan, Cora & Mick Cannon, John JJ Reid (2nd anniv.), Helen Branagan
Mon. 22nd: 10am Mass Card Intentions
Tues. 23rd: 10am David & Margaret Noonan, Hugh McNicholas, Eilish Healy & deceased members of the Healy and McGilly families
Thurs. 25th: 10am Margaret Reid, Charlie Rankin Special Intention
Fri. 26th: 10am Christina Davey (MM), Peadar Gibbons (recently deceased)
Sat. 27th: 10am Bernard & Jenny Connor & family
6pm Pauline Hanlon (MM), Michael Buckley
Sun. 28th: 9.30am Rita Beggs McAllister (1st A), Michael Rice, Kevin & Aisling O'Leary, John Beggs
11am Mary Higgins(MM)

PARISH BOOK CLUB: During the month of February, we are 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.

30 years ago in the Parish:

- Recently baptised were: Henry Delaney, Emma Taaffe, Maria McCann, Conor McGovern, Thomas Hooper, Colin Tucker, Declan Graham, Rebecca McGilloway, Saidhbh O'Flynn, Sophie Greene, Stephen Carey, Stephen Scully, Anna Sweetman and Eoin Shiels
- Pupils from St. Patrick's Jun. School and Milverton had made their First Confession
- A talk for Church Readers on the Lenten readings was organised
- The Justice and Peace Group was holding Lenten lunches each Friday in the Methodist Church

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

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 for 14th Feb: 1,3,4,6,5 7,2. No winner. Next week's Jackpot €2,500, dividend €500. Play online to be in with a chance ! Every ticket purchases supports the club, which continues to have overheads during the lockdown. Entry €5 for 3 lines. Don't miss your chance to win – sign up for a week, a month or even a year !

Juvenile Academy is back – online. Join us on Sat. morning – contact Louise to sign up, 085 1465673. Group 1, (born 2014-2016), at 10 a.m., Group 2, (2012-2013) at 11.30. Thanks to Allcare Pharmacy for their ongoing support of the Junior Academy. Skerries Harps Online Shop is open 24/7. Lots of great offers. Link on www.skerriesharps.com

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 current events. Good publicity is always beneficial to

circulate to our members, so all enquiries welcome .

Please contact : Owen O'Brien, Tel : 087 2584398 :

Email – owen.obrien1@gmail.com

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT: Slattery

Maureen Slattery and family would like to express sincere thanks to their friends and neighbours for all their kindness following the recent passing of Jim.

We would especially like to thank Fr. James and Fr. Melvyn for all their support during Jim's illness and at the time of his death. Also, a special word of thanks to Joe Lannon. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered for your intentions.