



Skerries Parish Bulletin

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ARCHAEOLOGY.

What is it about archaeology that fascinates us? A quick glance at any of the myriad TV channels will vouch for its popularity, right up there with the food and antiques. A good “Dig” reveals much about a site; the past is sifted through in great detail to make sense of the present. Who do we think we are? The passages of Scripture chosen for today seem to do something similar. This 3rd Sunday of Lent is not a bad time to survey some findings of this “Scriptural Dig”. Working back from St John’s Gospel we arrive at the basic, primitive foundation of the faith which we practise.

The Ten Commandments in the Exodus reading are the “planks” on which everything else stands. In this lowest layer of the dig, much of what is found is of its own time, suitable now for a museum, but the “planks” hold their importance. They are timeless. **(Exodus 20: 1 – 17)**. Next up is the layer of Psalms. This layer shows us a development of what was found in Exodus. There is little museum material here; everything is relevant and crystal clear. **(Ps 18: 8 – 11)**. St Paul’s layer seems a bit out of place in following the Psalms, but being “out of place” is nothing new where St Paul is concerned! All of what he has to say looks back as well as ahead, relevant in each age, right up to our own. Basically, to some, Faith is outmoded, cannot deliver on our perceived needs; to others, the whole idea of Faith is madness. **(Corinthians 1: 22-25)**. Finally, we come to the Gospel story. Exactly the same finds from Exodus crop up here; the first three commandments feature prominently. The one monumental addition is Jesus Christ and now we are brought right up to date. **(John 2: 13-25)**. So it seems all through the “dig” the same ‘Finds’ crop up. Much more can be revealed by finer sifting, but for our Lenten reflection, let us concentrate on these ‘Finds’ and, crucially, how they affect our relationship with our Creator, our Saviour and our Spirit.

God is Great; God is Just; God is Truth; God is Eternal; God is Good; God is All in All

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SKERRIES CHURCH CHOIR

PRAYING TOGETHER IN THE PRESENCE OF JESUS AT LENT:

Join us each Wednesday evening of Lent for some prayer time together during the season of Lent. We continue this **Wednesday evening March 10th @ 7.30 pm** with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament together with prayer, reflection and music.



Novena of Grace

The Novena of Grace began on Thursday 4th March and will conclude on Friday 12th March. Copies of the novena prayer are available throughout the church.

MASS INTENTIONS/ANNIVERSARIES

- ✦ Sat. 6th Mar: 10am: Denis Concannon (MM), Bobby & Martha Aherne (BR)
- ✦ 6pm: Fr Tony Hannick, Jimmy Coleman, Margaret O’Grady, Marie O’Malley (1st A), Agnes Josephine Jordan

- ✦ Sun. 7th: 9.30am: Mary Casey, Kathleen Browne, Eamon Branagan, Marion Beggs, James McNally (20th A), Annie Leonard
- ✦ 11am: Finn O’Gorman (1st BR), Betty Murphy, John Joe Donaghy, Peter Keeley, John Cannon, May Llewellyn, Charles O’Reilly, Josephine O’Reilly, Peter Smith (Snr)
- ✦ Mon. 8th: 10am: Mass Card Intentions
- ✦ Tues. 9th: 10am: Paddy, Nancy & Tom Hand
- ✦ Weds. 10th: 10am: Jimmy Dillon (20th A)
- ✦ Sat. 13th: 10am: Melia Halpin (1st A), Mary Sutton (1st A), Donal McBrien, Dermot McKenna
- ✦ 6pm: Margaret & Patrick Lynch and deceased members of the Lynch family, Leo & Kathleen Tolan
- ✦ Sun. 14th: 9.30am: Jean Rice (1st A), Esther Kelly, Richard & Kathleen Fagan
- ✦ 11am: Siobhan Bennett (MM), Lilian Murphy, Tony O’Neill

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Our Sympathy is extended to the family of Rena Potter, The Cross, who died recently. May she Rest in Peace.

FEASTDAYS

8th March: St Senan, St John of God

9th March: St Frances of Rome

11th March: St Aengus

EASTER CARDS

Easter Cards are now available in the Parish Office. Proceeds go to Trocaire's Lenten Campaign 2021.

TRÓCAIRE

The Lent Lecture with Cardinal Tagle is on Tuesday 9th March at 6.30pm. Registration is essential and the link to register is

https://trocaire-org.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_bLnu0_aLSYSONMPEi3AYpg.

Teen Hope Connected is a weekly Youth Group. It takes place every **Wednesday 6-7pm** via Zoom. Join us for fun, exploring faith and life with other Teens through small group discussions, top class games and prayer. If you are interested in joining, please email: kirsten.mahon@dublindiocese.ie

LET'S LIVE LENT: BRINGING THE LENTEN GOSPELS TO LIFE

Join us for Pastoral Conversations - **Tuesdays @ 8pm.**

1. **March 2nd** - Songs of the Sanctuary

2. **March 9th** - Into the Light

3. **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

Generation Tech is a free service and is run by volunteers. Volunteer run **FREE HELPLINE** to help older people in Ireland with tech issues. Our volunteers are tech experts and work in shifts from 8am-8pm Monday to Friday. Support is provided over the phone. If you need help with smartphones, tablets, social media, apps, PCs, printers, etc. **CALL US on: 01-9633 288**

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.**

30 years ago in the Parish

- Parishioners from Holmpatrick Parish had attended the funeral service of James Hans Hamilton in Trim
- A Storytime Quiz was being held in the Library on Tuesday for children 8-10 years
- Holy Faith/de la Salle College pupils had reached the semi-finals of the French teachers' Association inter-schools quiz
- Snuffles, a rescue seal, was being released back into the sea at Red Island this weekend
- Children from Realt na Mara had made their first Confession

Skerries Harps GAA Club

Congratulations to Lyndsey Davey, named on the TG4 Ladies Football Team of the Year 2020.

Our Zingo Jackpot for Sunday 7 March is €5,400 and Dividend is €400. To win the cash, all you need do is join our Zingo by 6 pm and match 7 numbers. Last Sundays numbers 5-1-3-2-4-6-7 and we had no winners. Entry is €5 for 3 lines. See link to Zingo on www.skerriesharps.com

Our Juvenile Academy is Online on Saturday mornings. Contact Louise on 085 1465673 to join up. Thanks to Allcare Pharmacy for their ongoing support of the Juvenile Academy. Skerries Harps Online Shop is open 24/7. Lots of great offers. Link on www.skerriesharps.com Membership for 2021 can be renewed online – before 31st March if possible. This ensures your vote at the AGM and participation in draw for All Ireland tickets. We ask players to sign up early as there is a requirement to have all players registered before they even train! Full details are on club website or email club Registrar skerriesharps.registrar@gmail.com

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