



Skerries Parish Bulletin

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The Compassionate and Abiding Love of God.

Today's readings highlight in different ways the compassion and love God has for us, his faithfulness in loving us and his abiding presence with us. In the first reading from the book of Chronicles, which incidentally is the very last book of the old Hebrew Bible, (The Christians later changed the order of the books) the author refers to the transportation of the Hebrew people to Babylon and their exile there, their subsequent return home to Israel and finally rebuilding the Temple. Psalm 137 is a response to that: "By the Rivers of Babylon, there we sat and there we wept." God had not forgotten his people. His love was faithful. The salvation described is material and even political.

However after Christ had come to dwell with us, and by his life, death and Resurrection had saved us, (remember the word save come from the Latin word salve - to heal) we read, "But God being rich in mercy, because of his great love with which He loved us, even though we were dead in transgressions, made us alive together with Christ". "By grace you are saved." We are healed, and "For we are God's workmanship." We are each a work in progress.

Finally in the Gospel we hear those fantastic words: "For God so loved the world that he gave his only son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life." That life is not something that starts way out in the future. It is here and now.

Life is meant to be a love affair between God and us. God planned it such. We make it such.

(*Bible Study Group, Lydia Gillen*)

EASTER TIMETABLE ENVELOPES

As the church is not open for public Masses due to COVID, it is not possible to arrange collection and distribution of the Easter Timetable Envelopes as in previous years. This year envelopes will be available for collection in the glass area of the church on Thursday 18th and Friday 19th March, between 3pm and 5pm.

Your help in distributing the Easter Envelopes will be very much appreciated. Thank you.

MASS INTENTIONS

- ✦ Sat 13th 10am: Melia Halpin 1st A, Mary Sutton 1st A, Donal McBrien, Dermot McKenna, Jim & Kitty Ryan
- ✦ Sat 13th 6pm: Margaret & Patrick Lynch & deceased members of Lynch family, Leo & Kathleen Tolan, Mary O'Loughlin, Edmond, Roseanne & Vera Sheeran
- ✦ Sun 14th 9.30am: Jean Rice 1st A, Esther Kelly, Richard & Kathleen Fagan, Frank Ryan Snr & Frances Ryan Jnr
- ✦ Sun 14th 11am: Siobhan Bennett MM, Lillian Murphy, Tony O'Neill, Peter Doyle, Laurence Davey, Denis & Máire Fox, Nellie Crinion
- ✦ Mon 15th 10am: Mass Card Intentions
- ✦ Tues 16th 10am: Noeline Hess, Margaret Noonan, Joey & May Sherwin
- ✦ Wed 17th 9.30am: Cissie McDermott, Patrick & Louise Ryan
- ✦ Wed 17th 11am: Leo Heffernan, Paddy O'Brien, Jack Roche
- ✦ Thurs 18th 10am: Bernice McDonnell
- ✦ Fri 19th 10am: Stella & John McAllister, Oliver Moore, Valerie Fitzsimons
- ✦ Sat 20th 10am: Rory Ward, Catherine Lacy
- ✦ Sat 20th 6pm: Richard & Mary Maguire

- ✦ Sun 21st 9.30am: Joe & Bridie Conroy, Willie & Teenie Tallot
- ✦ Sun 21st 11am: Josephine Flanagan, Michael McKenna, Brian Taylor, Pat, Lil, John, Rae & Catherine O'Brien, Mona Wall, Rosemary Malone

MASSES & SERVICES FOR ST PATRICK'S DAY

Tuesday 16th - Vigil Mass at 7.30pm

Wednesday 17th - Mass at 9.30 and 11.00 am

Music Celebration – 7.30pm



PRAYER & MUSIC CELEBRATION OF OUR PATRON ST PATRICK

Join us on **St. Patrick's evening on the parish webcam and radio at 7.30pm** as we celebrate in prayer and music our national and parish patron, St Patrick. We are delighted that Catriona Grimes will provide the music for this special evening.

OUR SYMPATHY

To the family of Barry Keenaghan, RIP, Milverton, who died recently.

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FEASTDAYS

17th March – St Patrick's Day

18th March – St Cyril of Jerusalem



HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

We wish all mothers in our parish a very Happy Mother's Day. Many thanks for all you do.

TROCAIRE LENTEN CAMPAIGN 2021

This year Trocaire Lenten Campaign will focus on exploring the impact of conflict on families in South Sudan. 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. More information from www.trocaire.org.

EASTER CARDS

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

PARISH BOOK CLUB

During the month of March, we are reading **The Lamb's Supper: The Mass as Heaven on Earth** by **Scott Hahn**. With unique scholarship, style and exuberance Scott Hahn reveals a long-lost secret of the Church. A great read for the season of Lent as we prepare for the great celebration of Easter.

GENERATION TECH is a free service and is run by volunteers. They run a **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**.

AWARE - SUPPORT & SELF CARE GROUPS

If you, or those with whom you work wish to connect with people in relation to your 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. Get more information about the groups and all of our services 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.

YCD CONNECTED – BRINGING YOUNG PEOPLE TOGETHER

The Young Church Dublin invite you to join our connected group for Young Adults (20's 30's) We meet online every Wednesday, 8.00-9.00pm for time of reflection on Scripture and prayer. 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

30 YEARS AGO IN THE PARISH

- Plans were underway to book for the annual Parish Pilgrimage to Lourdes in August
- Tidy Towns thanked all the new volunteers ready to help for 1991 season
- Ireland Wildlife Conservancy group was organising a talk on the roseate tern colony on Rockabill
- Congratulations to Shane Hegarty who won the bronze medal 60m hurdles at the National Indoor Championships and to Eva Flood who won the Leinster Schools Cross-Country Championships
- Skerries Historical Society was presenting a talk on "Impressions of Skerries in the 1950s" by Terry Wheatley

SKERRIES HARPS GAA CLUB

Zingo Jackpot for Sunday 14 March is €5,500. Last Sundays numbers 1-2-5-3-7-4-6, we had no winners. Entry is €5 for 3 lines. See link to Zingo 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. See link on club website. Regarding dates for Adult and Minor competitions - the GAA at national level is not yet in a position to produce a fixtures programme for inter-county games. Until we know when the restrictions on club activity are to be lifted, it is impossible for our CCC to produce our fixtures programme for Dublin. We will continue to await guidance from NPHET / Government and Central Council on when it will be safe to commence Club games. When that guidance is forthcoming the CCC will discuss a fixtures programme. The type of games programme we produce will depend on the County first or Club first decision to be made at central level and the amount of time available to us for Club fixtures.

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