



Skerries Parish Bulletin

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I am the Bread of Life

Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15 Psalm 78, Ephesians 4:17-24, John 6:24-35

Today's gospel follows last week's, when we heard of Jesus feeding the more than five thousand people with five barley loaves and two fish; a small boy's lunch. Today we hear that the crowds came looking for Jesus on the following day, and Jesus told them, "Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures to eternal life." They grasp what he is saying and ask, "What must we do if we are to do the work that God wants?" Jesus gave them this answer, "This is working for God: you must believe in the one he has sent." and later on Jesus says, "I am the bread of life." It is Jesus himself who is our daily nourishment. He has been sent by the Father to be our daily bread; our daily nourishment, "It is my Father who gives you bread from heaven."



Christ is always present to us in order to nourish us as we go about our daily lives; walking the beach, shopping, partaking in the Eucharist, reading scripture, reading any book, talking with friends, caring for our family, watching television etc, etc. Obviously at times we are more open to his presence. The 'reality' of Jesus being present to us is greater than our understanding of it. The Risen Christ is fully present always and everywhere to everyone. Believing this and acting accordingly is doing the work of God.

As Jesus came down from Heaven to give life to us all, so too we should be a source of life to others. A small boy's lunch was used to feed more than five thousand, so too our little bit can be used to nourish others. We thank God for those who have been a source of nourishment to us throughout our life and we pray that we also will be a source of nourishment to those we interact with each day.

Lydia Gillen (Bible Study Group)

PARKING ON THE FOOTPATH IN FRONT OF THE CHURCH

Recently I received complaints regarding cars being parked on the footpath in front of the church. They were made from a public safety point of view and especially regarding the safety of children walking on the footpath where they should not expect to find a car - either parked or driving onto the footpath or driving off it. None of us would like to see anyone injured or hurt as a result of this practice. I ask you once again to **please refrain from parking on the footpath at all**. If people see one car parked on it, human nature being what it is, others will follow suit. Thanks in advance for your cooperation. *Fr. Melvyn*

MASS INTENTIONS

- ✦ Sat 31st 10am: Ann Curtis & William Schule Curtis, Eileen Hillan, Jack Clinton
- ✦ Sat 31st 6 pm: Esther Kelly (BR), Bob Loughlin, Jim Martin, Larry Hughes
- ✦ Sun 1st 9.30am: Bill & Patricia Baker, Edyta Keeling née Ostapkiewicz
- ✦ Sun 1st 11am: Tom McManus, Kathleen Everard, Joe Dowling
- ✦ Mon 2nd 10am: Mass card intentions
- ✦ Sat 7th 6pm: Lily & Jim Scanlon
- ✦ Sun 8th 9.30am: Paddy McGirl, James & Josephine Dillon
- ✦ Sun 8th 11am: Miriam Keogh, Jenny & Brendan Memmery

BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY MASS TIME

As this Monday 2nd August is a Bank Holiday morning Mass will be 11am and not the usual 10am.

FIRST FRIDAY MASS & PADRE PIO MASS

Friday 6th August is the first Friday of the month - the 10am Mass will be offered for the Altar List of the Dead. The Padre Pio Mass will be celebrated on Friday evening at 7.30 pm.

OUR SYMPATHY

To the family of Marcella Dunne, Mourne View, who died recently. May she Rest in Peace.



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FEASTDAYS

31st July, St Ignatius of Loyola

4th August, St John Mary Vianney

6th August, The Transfiguration of the Lord

VACANCY FOR PARISH SECRETARY AT HOLY TRINITY PARISH, DONAGHMEDE

Holy Trinity Parish is currently advertising a position within the Parish Office for Parish Secretary on a part-time basis of 15 hours per week (Monday to Friday). Applications in writing including a current CV to Fr Gerry Corcoran C/O Parish Office, 12 Grangemore Grove, Donaghmede, Dublin 13 or by email to info@holytrinityparish.ie by **5pm Friday 13th August 2021**. For more information <https://holytrinityparish.ie/2021/07/job-vacancy-parish-secretary/>

VACANCIES FOR TWO YOUTH MINISTRY COORDINATORS

The Archdiocese of Armagh seeks to appoint two motivated and talented professionals, each to undertake the full-time roles of Youth Ministry Coordinator. The Youth Ministry Coordinators will work with the Diocesan Pastoral Team and be responsible for implementing the youth ministry element in the Diocesan Pastoral Plan. The plan reaches out to all young people in the Archdiocese of Armagh to provide faith formation and to enable the development of peer ministry. This will involve developing a wide range of network communications with parishes, families, schools, and community organisations. This is an excellent opportunity and challenge for two experienced candidates to join our Diocesan Team. Closing date for receipt of completed applications is **Friday 13 August 2021 at 5pm**.

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.

30 YEARS AGO IN THE PARISH

- The graveyard at Holmpatrick was being blessed with Mass in the Church at 12 noon
- St Vincent de Paul Society was re-locating, so they could not accept donations of clothes, households goods for the coming weeks
- A Mobile Screening Unit was available in the Community Centre for three days to screen for Serum Cholesterol, Blood pressure and BMI.
- A group from the Canton of Guichen was visiting the town to explore the possibility of a twinning relationship between the two areas
- Work parties on Tuesdays and Fridays were being organised by Tidy Towns Committee
- Skerries open sea races continued each weekend - Around the Head this weekend
- Congratulations to David Moloney, winner of the Lambay Lodge Cup and Ann Carroll winner of the Moloney cup

PRAYING FOR VOCATIONS

Archbishop Farrell is asking for people and priests to pray for vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life on a regular basis. As you are well aware, the need is great, so let's answer God's call and "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send labourers into his harvest."

SKERRIES HARPS GAA CLUB

Junior Camp starts on 3rd August (4 day camp) and then Cul Camp #2 from 9 to 13 August. Good Luck to our 3 Dublin Minors in the Leinster final v Meath on Monday 2nd August. Our U16A Camogie finished their league unbeaten while the U16B team won their playoff.

Sat 7th: Senior football v Clontarf, away and Inters v Man O'War, home - both at 6.30 pm. G4M&O's team had an enjoyable run out v Starlights on Sunday last and v Donabate on Friday. Check all fixtures/results on www.skerriesharps.ie.

Zingo for Sunday 25 July 3-4-7-5-6-1-2. No winner. Jackpot is now €7,500 and Dividend €250. Entry envelopes available at the draw in the Marquee at 6.30 pm on Sunday - or enter online. Thanks to all who supported our Annual Golf Classic on Fri 30th July and particularly to C&T for their sponsorship of the event.

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