



Skerries Parish Bulletin

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Brief And To The Point.

Today's Scripture passages are a refreshing change from the philosophy and mystique of the past five weeks. St John's Gospel, in its philosophical and mystical teaching, is beautiful and uplifting. St Mark's Gospel, by contrast, is brief and to the point. - "Actions speak louder than Words"!

Two guiding principles come across in today's Scripture passages. The first is the true, simple plan for good living. The second is that holding on to old habits, rituals and regulations stifles and distorts the plan. In short, using both points, we should not lose sight of what a "religious life" really and truly means. Distinguishing between 'godly gold' and 'man-made dross' is essential to seeing the truth.

The clearest possible description of the law of God, by which we must live, is spelled out in the Psalm this week. After the question in the first line, everything is as clear as crystal. Look again! (**Ps. 14:2-5**). On the other hand, the clearest possible description of slavish, self-serving adherence to tradition comes in for a strong reprimand. Jesus warns "This people honours me only with lip-service, while their hearts are far from me. The worship they offer me is worthless, the doctrines they teach are only human regulations". Does that ring any bells? (**Mark 7:1-8**)

'De-cluttering' of any institution is an absolute necessity. Only when the Christian Church is stripped of all its "human regulations.... and traditions" will its true nature be revealed. It is a living institution and no other vehicle for spiritual development and human fulfilment is so rich. As members of the Church, we have a duty to help with this 'de-cluttering'. There are several ways in which we can do it. One of them is by engaging in the current Faith Development courses on offer from September. Another is by signing up to the preparation of the forthcoming Synod, recently announced by the Catholic Archbishop of Dublin. Development of our own faith is really important if we are to be effective. And we can pray; the silent power of prayer is never to be underestimated.

Let's leave the last word to St James,

"All that is good, everything that is perfect comes from the Father of Light...." (**James 1:17-18**)

Skerries Church Choir.

Fr. James Moving to a new Ministry.

You will have read in last week's issue that Fr. James has been appointed by the Archbishop to Old Bawn parish in Tallaght effective mid- September. We intend to hold an event to say 'Thanks' to him for his ministry to us here over the past four years and to wish him God's blessing in his new ministry. Keeping in mind that we are restricted as to what we can do we will mark his moving on in some way. Part of this event will be a presentation to Fr. James. If you would like to contribute to this presentation you might like to place something in an envelope and write on the outside '*Presentation*'. These envelopes may be left into the office or in the baskets at the weekend at your convenience.

Many thanks.
Fr. Melvyn

Mass Intentions

- ✦ **Sat 28th 10am:** Michael & Margaret White, Bridie & Luke Clogher, Seamus Sweetman.
- ✦ **Sat 28th 6pm:** James & Mary Manning, Charles McGinty, Thomas, Bridget, Miriam, Rita & Tom Clinton, Doreen Leonard.
- ✦ **Sun 29th 9.30am:** Brendan Mulkere (1st A), Pat Rice, Des Conneely, Fran Jordan.
- ✦ **Sun 29th 11am:** James & Mary Manning, Seamus 'Sheriff' Corr, Tommy & Margaret Farrell, Rose Murray, Esther Kearns, Kitty & Willie Beggs.
- ✦ **Mon 30th 10am:** Mass Card Intentions
- ✦ **Tues 31st 10am:** Terry Woods (1st A), Noreen Fennell (RD), Noel O'Hara (RD), Jennifer Peters, Bernadette Egan (special intention).

- ✦ **Wed 1st Sept 10am:** Stephen & Kathleen Attley, Derek Earley, Margaret Keogh, Tommy & Nora Keogh, Tom & Vera Noonan.
- ✦ **Thurs 2nd 10am:** Bernadette Kinsella (MM).
- ✦ **Sat 4th 6pm:** Hughie Horan (1st A), Bernadette Kinsella (MM), Bert & Margaret Horan, Anne Kelly, Sadie & William Johnston, Ronald (Ronnie) Boylan, Mairead Donnelly.
- ✦ **Sun 5th 9.30am:** Charles & Maryanne McMorrow, Joe & Nancy Harford, Thomas & Mary Butler, Margaret Keogh.
- ✦ **Sun 5th 11am:** Michael O'Rourke, Christopher Everard, Mary & Mike Keating, Josie & Christy Rogan, Joe & Collette May, Robbie, Treasa & Brian Cowley.

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**Friday 3rd 10am: Altar List and First Friday. 7.30pm
Padre Pio Mass.**



Our Sympathy

To the family of Edward (Eddie) Doyle, The Cross, who died recently. May he Rest in Peace.

Feastdays 31st Aug – St Aidan,
3rd Sept – St Gregory the Great,
4th Sept – St Mac Nissi.

Prayer of Abandonment - Blessed Charles de Foucauld:

Father, I abandon myself into your hands; do with me what you will.

Whatever you may do, I thank you: I am ready for all, I accept all.

Let only your will be done in me, and in all your creatures – I wish no more than this, O Lord.

Into your hands I commend my soul: I offer it to you with all the love of my heart,

for I love you, Lord, and so need to give myself, to surrender myself into your hands without reserve, and with boundless confidence, for you are my Father. Amen

Dublin Based Gospel Choir – Musical Director

A new Gospel Choir based in Dublin 5 is currently seeking **applications** for an energetic and dynamic musical director who can help bring new vision to life. The current core group of start-up members are experienced and enthusiastic gospel choir singers with an extensive back catalogue and they intend to group the choir with the assistance of an MD.

The successful candidate will have the opportunity to develop and creatively nurture a musical identity for this new choir with the assistance of a dedicated committee committed to supporting the MD and growing the choir. Remuneration will reflect the experience and qualifications of the successful applicant in accordance with the guidelines published by the Advisory Committee on Church Music. Full Job Description may be obtained from faithgospelchoirdublin@gmail.com

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Failte Isteach Skerries provides Free Conversational English classes to Non-native speakers in the Skerries area who wish to improve their English. Due to the ongoing pandemic classes will recommence online every Wednesday from 8th September. A number of spaces are currently available. If you are interested in joining or would like more information please contact us on our Facebook page 'Failte Isteach Skerries' or Text/WhatsApp +353 86 3668867.

30 years ago in the Parish

- Legion of Mary was organising a parish group to travel to Knock at the end of September
- Tidy Towns committee congratulated the following for their efforts in the Plant around a Tree competition - Lee Cronin, Townparks, the McNamee girls, Hillside and Daragh Geraghty, also from Hillside.
- Marian Players were auditioning for a one-act play for the Festival Circuit
- Skerries Credit Union paid tribute to their late member Florrie Power who died recently
- Results of recent Round the Head races - P. O'Connell, and T. MacManus, Ann Carroll and Caroline MacManus.

Back to school



We wish all our parish students and teachers who are returning to school a happy and safe year ahead.

Ladies Bowls Club



Best wishes go to our members Liz Kenny, Norma Radley, Eugenie Walsh, Sheila Kelly and Nancy O'Rourke who go forward to represent Skerries in the LBLI championships, the semi-finals and

finals of which will be played in Skerries in September. Many thanks to those former members who have donated their bowling equipment to the club for use by new members. If you would like to do likewise, please contact Mark O'Leary, 086 3214795.

Skerries Town FC

STFC MGL u16 girls squad are looking for new players including a goalkeeper for 2021 session, born 2006/2007. Call/Text 087-6970403 with details. Training is on Fridays at 7.30pm at the Mill pitches. Games are on Sundays. A great group of girls & environment. All abilities welcomed.

Skerries Harps GAA Club



Hard luck to our two Junior hurling teams who were both defeated in their AHL finals on Sunday. Senior Football Championship v Clontarf, now on Fri 10 Sept in Balgriffin

at 7.30pm.

Inter C'ship v St Vincents, away on Sunday 12 Sept at 11am and Juniors are home at 3pm. Check fixtures and results on www.skerriesharps.ie

Congrats to Jack Curran, winner of the Zingo Jackpot of €7,800 this week. Winning numbers were 6-2-4-1-3-5-7. We had a Dividend winner last week also – Peter Farmer picked up €150. Draw in the Club at 6.30 pm on Sunday. Enter online or by envelope.

After 5 years magnificent service with Skerries Harps, we said goodbye to Louise Byrne, our GPO. Louise moves on to work in a Coaching and Development role with DCU and we wish her well.

Next Social Golf Outing is to Skerries GC on Friday 3rd September. Tee times from 10am to 12.30pm. Contact Paul Murray at 0851740474 to reserve a tee time.

Tickets for Ladies All Ireland final on 5th Sept are available on Ticketmaster.