



Skerries Parish Bulletin

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12th-19th September 2021

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Isaiah 50:5-9a. *'I have not rebelled-- I gave my back to those who beat me'* The Suffering Servant theme of the first reading gives us the background to the suffering of the Messiah in the New Testament.

Jesus suffered unjustly, yet he continued to trust in God. The servant is a model of faithfulness. He grows in trust despite the difficulties he has experienced.

2nd Reading, James 2:14-18. *'Faith if it does not have works is dead'* Today, living with Covid 19, by doing the very small simple things, wearing masks, washing hands, keeping safe distances, getting vaccinated, we can do so many acts of faith for each other. Archbishop Farrell's pastoral letter, The Cry of the Earth-The Cry of the Poor, is an invitation to all people to reflect on the climate crisis in new ways. He emphasizes that the climate crisis is a profoundly human crisis.

The Gospel, Mark 8, 27-35; acknowledges that Jesus is the Christ, the Messiah. Through Jesus we learn who God really is, a gentle, compassionate, suffering Messiah. In times of suffering we can become true disciples, faithful to God in caring for another, helping them in a difficult time of their life, am I not seeing Jesus, The Messiah still in action in our world?

'Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross and follow me' Psalm 116:
Berna Dennis, Lectio Divina

MASS INTENTIONS

- ✦ **Sat. 11th:** 6pm: Felix Murray (1st A), John Archbold (MM), Joe Gordon (MM), Joe & Andy Scully, Tim Counihan, Jean & Niall Wilde.
- ✦ **Sun. 12th:** 9.30am: Evelyn Sheridan (1st A), Terry Woods (1st A), Sean Ryan (MM), Pauline Sullivan, Mary Kelly
- ✦ 11am: Elizabeth Nevin, Bill Hayes, Pat & Patrick Fitzgerald, Niall Dungan, Tony Grimes, Noeline O'Connor
- ✦ **Mon. 13th:** 10am: Mass Card Intentions
- ✦ **Tues. 14th:** 10am: Thomas Clinton (1st A), Ken Jones, Noeline O'Connor, William & Bridget McDonough, Padraic O'Gracy (RD), Mary Tully (RD), Special Intention x 2
- ✦ **Weds. 15th:** 10am: Elinora Ryan (1st A), Tom Clinton (1st A), Fr Bob Curley, Kevin Duff, Joan Ruigrok
- ✦ **Thurs. 16th:** 10am: Tom Clinton (1st A)
- ✦ **Fri. 17th:** 10am: Eileen & Danny Croke, Jennifer Reynolds, Sr Mary Winifred Egan
- ✦ **Sat. 18th:** 6pm: Ryan Saunders, Annie Fitzpatrick & the Fitzpatrick Family, The Brady Family, Matthew Smyth, Tony Twomey
- ✦ **Sun. 19th:** 11am: Eddie Doyle (MM), Dorothy Murray, Sheila & Paddy Brady

OUR SYMPATHY

To the family of Joan Smyth, Shenick Road, who died recently. May she Rest in Peace.

FEASTDAYS

- 12th Sept – St Ailbe;
- 13th – St John Chrysostom,
- 14th – The Exaltation of the Holy Cross,
- 15th – Our Lady of Sorrows;
- 16th – St Cornelius

Crosscare Annual Collection 2021 – will take place on **18th and 19th September** – and will replace the usual Share collection. Through their services for Homeless, Youth, Migrants and Refugees, Crosscare focuses on helping people and families when they are most in need and cannot find support anywhere else. Please support as generously as you can.

St Joseph's Young Priests Society

The 10.00a.m. Mass on the second Tuesday (14 September) of the month will be offered for vocations to the priesthood. Meetings of the society will resume when the restrictions are lifted.

Skerries Theatre Group, formerly the Marian Musical & on Friday 17th September, at 6.30pm (venue opens at 6.15pm). All current and past members, friends and Patrons are invited to join us on the 17th to take the opportunity to re-connect and perhaps reminisce a little. If possible, let maryshannon1@gmail.com know if you are planning to attend. Note: Covid regulations will be adhered to. Dramatic Society, will be launching our 75th Anniversary Celebrations in Floraville

Skerries Historical Society are holding a talk via Zoom, on Tuesday 14th September at 8.15pm. The topic of the talk is "Steven Crowe Remembered" presented by Brendan Crowe. For access codes to the Zoom meeting, please request by emailing oldskerries@gmail.com

Skerries Ladies Bowls

Congratulations to newly elected Lady Captain Sheila Kelly. Sheila will take over from Liz Kenny from 1st October. Monday morning competition has started - still not too late to join, there are nine more Mondays. Sign in by 10.15, 1 € per player. LBLI semi-finals and finals will take place in Skerries on Sat. 18th and Sat. 25th Sept.

Skerries Chess Club reopened on Tuesday 7th Sept. at 7pm on Zoom. We are opening virtually for now but hope to resume over-the-board chess every Tuesday at our usual venue in the near future. For more details see our website: skerrieschess.com or contact John at skerrieschess@gmail.com or 086 3745410. Beginners and masters are equally welcome!

FINGAL POETRY FESTIVAL, 16TH-19TH SEPTEMBER, IN AND AROUND SKERRIES, ALL EVENTS IN SAFE OUTDOOR VENUES. POETRY & MUSIC FOR ALL. BILINGUAL (IRISH & ENGLISH) READINGS AND SOME EVENTS WILL HAVE SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETATION. TICKETS- FINGALPOETRYFESTIVAL.COM OR BY TEXTING 0871477975

SKERRIES HARPS GAA CLUB

Championship wins for Adult Hurlers v Faughs and Minor Footballers Lucan at weekend. U16 Hurlers Championship - A team draw with Clondalkin, away and the B team won v O'Dwyers. Although the Dublin Ladies went down to the better team, Lyndsey Davey did us all proud with a terrific display, covering every inch of Croke Park. Congrats to Meath. Fixtures: Sunday. Inter Ch'ship v St Vincents, away at 11 am and Juniors v Th. Davis, home at 3 pm Check fixtures/results on www.skerriesharps.ie Club Shop is open on Thursday evenings from 8 to 9 pm for playing gear and leisure wear.

Zingo for 5 Sept. 4-7-3-2-5-1-6. We had no winners, next week's Jackpot is €1,200. Draw in the Club at 6.30 pm on Sunday, with in house draw for Spot Prizes. Enter Online, or by Envelope.

Social Golf Outing to Skerries GC on Friday 3rd September won by Tom O'Rourke with 42 points. Next outing is our Christmas Charity outing.

Thank You from Fr James

I wish to thank you all for your kindness, support and prayers during my ministry here in Skerries. Many thanks for your cards and kind messages over the last few weeks. The Lord has given me the privilege to journey with you during the ups and downs of life. It has been a blessing for me to share in your joys and sorrows, tears and laughter. As Skerries was my first parish it will always have a special place in my heart and I will miss you all.

I wish to thank all those involved in the many parish groups and the Holy Faith Sisters who contribute so much to the sense of welcome, prayer and care that is at the heart of our parish community. It has been a joy for me to visit and work closely with the parish schools, their principals, teachers, staff and pupils who always gave me such a warm welcome. Thanks to all those on the Parish Team who work with such dedication and commitment in the service of the parish and the Lord. A special word of thanks to Fr. Melvyn for his friendship and support and I know that you will support him in the challenging times that lie ahead. Be assured of my prayers always and please pray for me

Fr. James leaving & new appointment

Over the course of this weekend Fr. James will celebrate his last Sunday Masses with us in St. Patrick's. During his four years with us he has been generous and caring at all times in his ministry always mindful of those he ministered to and with. He has accompanied many families in times of sadness at the loss of a loved one and also in joyful moments too. His visits to the housebound and those in hospitals formed an important aspect of his care of the vulnerable and unwell. His dedication to the celebration of the Eucharist along with his homilies has given many encouragement and insight into the sharing and living of faith today. He has given dedicated service to the staffs and children in our parish schools as well as giving of himself serving on Boards of Management.

May the Lord who brought him to us continue to accompany him as he begins a new chapter in his priesthood in the Archdiocese.