



Skerries Parish Bulletin

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A Sensitive Issue

Two of the four Scripture readings today are a 'full-on' declaration about the subject of divorce. It is not recommended. The sixth Commandment hasn't changed. That is the fundamental position of the Christian Church. The position of the Jewish Faith is still as described at the beginning of the Gospel extract. At the moment in Britain, some Jewish women are trying to have the "Letter of Dismissal" from their husbands declared illegal as a radical infringement of their human rights. A Jewish woman who wants a divorce still has to be "released" by her often unwilling husband.

Divorce is a fact of life. People of all faiths and none avail of it. The heartbreak, upheaval, bitterness, anger and sorrow which come with it cannot be denied. The effect on children cannot be measured. Socially, it is disastrous; the evidence is all around us. But it remains a fact of life; it's nothing new. People are involved – human hearts and souls.

Stating a fundamental position is a risky thing to do these days. Facts stand very little chance against feelings and responses can range from the measured to the thoughtless, the irrational, the ill-informed, even the hysterical. The words of Jesus in the Gospel passage state facts, nothing less - but nothing more. We should remember that. The only thing He EVER condemned was hypocrisy. We should remember that too. By contrast, the number of times He loved and forgave, encouraged and embraced are endless. Broken hearts, broken lives, broken homes are why Jesus came among us. God loves us, all of us. Jesus is God in human form and God is Love. How desperately we need that love! Finally, look what He says about the most innocent among us: "Let the little children come to me, do not stop them....." Then He put his arms around them, laid his hands on them and gave them his blessing.

Skerries Church Choir

Day for Life is celebrated annually by the Catholic Church in Ireland, Scotland, England and Wales. It is a day dedicated to raising awareness of the meaning and value of human life at every stage and in every condition. This year's *Day for Life* will be celebrated in Ireland on **Sunday 3 October** on the theme 'The Good Samaritan: A Model of Compassion'.

In the context of the recent proposal to introduce assisted suicide, both in Ireland and the UK, this year's message invites Catholics to consider a more positive and compassionate response to the care of people who are in the final stages of life. A copy of the Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference message on this year's Day for Life is available on the tables throughout the church. Please take one.

OUR SYMPATHY

To the family of Brigid (Cissy) Lally, Sherlock Park, who died recently. May she Rest in Peace.

Anniversaries/Intentions

- ✦ Sat. 2nd Oct: 10am: Maeve Larkin, Jack & Agnes Roche, Molly Malone
- ✦ 6pm: Joan Smyth (MM), Florence (Florrie) Casey, Dermot Higgins, Dermot O'Loughlin, Patrick Monks, Sheila & Sonny McNamara
- ✦ Sun. 3rd: 9.30am: Josephine & James Dillon, Matthias & Catherine Grimes, Sean Barry Kane (1st A), Denis O'Gorman, Hughie McDonnell
- ✦ 11am: Philip Fagan (1st A) and all those who sympathised and supported the family, Eanna O'Kelly, Claire O'Kane, Michael Bissett, Kay & Marguerite Heeney, Charles Harte
- ✦ Mon. 4th: 10am: Mass Card Intentions

- ✦ Tues. 5th: 10am: Desmond Frazer, Laurence & Julia Kennedy, The Foran Family, Joan Murray, Denis O’Gorman, Special Intention
- ✦ Weds. 6th: 10am: Charlie & Mary Martin, Margaret Fitzsimons (1st A), Sheila McDonough
- ✦ Fri. 8th: 10am: Joan Smyth (RD)
- ✦ Sat. 9th: 10am: Harold Gerrard
- ✦ Sat. 9th: 6pm: Michael White, Nancy Dunne, Nicholas Kelly (RD), Nina Brennan, Nora Henneberry
- ✦ Sun. 10th: 9.30am: Teresa McCann, Eddie & Marge Moran
- ✦ 11am: Patrick McDonagh (1st A), Mary Rogan (MM), Charles Flanagan, Seamus Murphy, Johnny Murray, Jimmy Lambe and Peter Lambe

FEASTDAYS 2ND OCT – THE GUARDIAN ANGELS, 4TH – ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI, 7TH – OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY, 8TH – CHILDREN’S DAY OF MISSION PRAYER, 9TH – ST JOHN HENRY NEWMAN

WE WELCOME

RIHANNA DOCKRELL,
JAMES FARRELL,
TADHG NOLAN AND
AOIBHINN BYRNE, WHO
WERE RECENTLY BAPTISED INTO OUR
PARISH FAMILY



30 years ago in the Parish

- Today was Harvest Thanksgiving Sunday in the Methodist Church
- Frances Hogan was giving a series of four talks to foster a better understanding of the Gospels
- Skerries 65 Club was opening for its Autumn season
- Adults education classes in Yoga, Sailing, Bridge, French Creative Writing, Personal Development, Photography and Crafts were starting up again
- The Marian Society was holding auditions for their Christmas panto production of "The Snow Queen"

Skerries Community Choir started back on 30th Sep and will be meeting every Thursday at 8.30pm in the Rugby Club. New members especially welcome.

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.**

Skerries Ladies Bowls

Many thanks to all members who helped in so many ways to make the LBLI Championships a great success in Skerries. Well done to Jun. Pairs Winners from Sheila Kelly and Nancy O'Rourke, Eugenie Walsh, runner-up in Jun. Singles and to Liz Kenny who contested the Sen. Singles semi-finals. We welcome our new Lady Captain Sheila Kelly from 1st October and thank retiring Lady Captain, Liz Kenny, for all her good work during her three-year term. A meeting of all lady members will be held on Monday next 4th October, after play at 12.15.

SKERRIES HARPS GAA CLUB

Senior Footballers came within an ace of beating current Dublin champions Ballymun when drawing 0 -15 to 1 -12. Inters defeated Plunketts and Minor Hurlers defeated Cr. Ciaran. Junior Footballers lost narrowly to Vincents. Saturday 2nd. Hurlers v Peregrines, home at 5 pm. Sunday; Minor Football v Kilmacud, home at 11 am; Minor B team v Rush, away; Junior B Hurlers home to Vincents at 3 pm. Fri 8th. Seniors v Thos Davis in Parnell Park at 7.30 pm Sat 9th. Inters v Erins Isle, home at 5 pm in Ch'ship Zingo results for 26 Sept. 3-2-1-7-5-6-4. No winners. Jackpot next week is €1,200. Draw in the Club at 6.30 pm on Sunday, with in-house draw for Spot Prizes. Our Juvenile Academy continues on Saturdays at 10 am. Prior registration only – no walk ins. For details, email co-ordinator at skerriesharpsacademy@gmail.com