



Skerries Parish Bulletin

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Wisdom is knowing what to do next

Today's readings Wisdom 7,7-11 Psalm 90,12-17 Hebrews 4,12-13 Mark 10,17-30.

Life is full of options; from the small everyday tasks to the huge life deciding decisions. The first reading today is a praise of Wisdom, "I esteemed her more than sceptres and thrones; Compared with her, I held riches as nothing." We recall that God told Solomon to ask for whatever he wanted. Solomon did not choose wealth nor power but requested a discerning heart (wisdom) so that he would be a good leader of the people. We too need wisdom to manage our way through life.



The young man in the gospel is on the brink of adulthood and comes to Jesus asking for advice. Jesus tells him to keep the commandments, but only mentions those which pertain to respecting fellow human beings. The young man is fully confident that he has done this, but when asked to make a total commitment to Jesus he stumbles and draws back. It is his possessions and his love of them that holds him back.

Life on this little planet is in danger of extinction because so many of us are using too much of the world's resources. Most of us want to save the planet, but many of us are very attached to the way we live and its comforts. We come running to Jesus. Goodness from God always comes through Jesus. Just like the young man, we too already know the answer. We know that discipleship with Jesus demands that we put love of neighbour before all else. The lives of millions now living on low lying lands depend on us using less of the world's resources today if they are to survive for tomorrow. It will be the poor as usual who will be first and most affected.

Lord, grant us the wisdom to discern what we must live without so that others might live.

Lydia Gillen (Bible Study Group)

MASS INTENTIONS

- ✦ Sat 9th 10am: Harold Gerrard, Pat Kane, Special Intention
- ✦ Sat 9th 6pm: Michael White, Nancy Dunne, Nicholas Kelly (RD), Nina Brennan, Nora Henneberry, Dr Dermot Fitzgerald
- ✦ Sun 10th 9.30am: Teresa McCann, Eddie & Marge Moran, Gabrielle Whelton, John Chapman
- ✦ Sun 10th 11am: Patrick McDonagh (1st A), Mary Rogan (MM), Charles Flanagan, Seamus Murphy, Johnny Murray, Jimmy Lambe & Peter Lambe
- ✦ Mon 11th 10am: Mass Card Intentions
- ✦ Tues 12th 10am: John Mullins, The Brennan Family, Special Intention
- ✦ Wed 13th 10am: John & Delia Devaney, Sally O'Brien
- ✦ Sat 16th 6pm: Rose Grimes (1st A), John & Valerie Fitzsimons
- ✦ Sun 17th 9.30am: Declan Friel, Pat Coleman, Joan Moorehouse, Brendan & Bunny Hughes, Frankie McGovern

- ✦ Sun 17th 11am: William Hoare, Betty Molloy, Isabella Nelson, Bella & Michael Murphy, Nelly Gilsenan

OUR SYMPATHY

To the family of Pauline Carty who died recently. May she Rest in Peace.



SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

You might notice a new piece of furniture in the glass area of the church. The Archdiocese instructed us to install a 'Tap & Go' Machine. Whatever you donate, the diocese has already set that it is divided 60% to the 1st collection and 40% to the 2nd collection Share. This is the initial split they decided upon. All monies donated using the Tap & Go will go directly to the diocese.

Please - if you have been using the envelopes and baskets to donate you do not have to use the new machine just continue as you were – no need to change anything – thank you.

PLEASE NOTE

For the foreseeable future there will be no morning mass on Thursdays.

SEATING IN THE CHURCH

If you wish to be seated when attending church – please use every second seat. The two metre distance no longer applies so please be kind and make room for others to share the seat with you.

FAREWELL & WELCOME –

New Principal for St. Patrick's SNS

Great celebrations were afoot in St. Patrick's SNS on Friday last as they and the community said farewell to Michelle Keane on her retirement as principal. Michelle has given generous service to our community for the past 15 years. Her kindness and care for staff, parents and especially the children in her care was unstinting. For Michelle the children were always at the centre of her care and encouragement. Having given so generously of herself to our parish and community it was fitting that we marked the occasion and had the opportunity to wish Michelle blessings and best wishes for the next chapter in her life. We also extend a warm welcome to Mr. Oisin McGinty, her successor and new principal at St. Patrick's SNS. As you will be aware Mr. McGinty has been a teacher in the school for some years and we wish him well and our support and blessings in all his endeavours in the future.

FEASTDAYS

9th Oct: St John Henry Newman,
11th Oct: St Canice,
15th Oct: St Teresa of Avila,
16th Oct: St Gall

ST JOSEPH'S YOUNG PRIESTS SOCIETY

The 10am Mass on the second Tuesday of October (12th October) will be offered for vocations to the priesthood. Your prayers and financial support for the Society are greatly appreciated. Meetings of the Society will resume when the restrictions are lifted.

30 YEARS AGO IN THE PARISH

- Holmpatrick Church was holding its Harvest Thanksgiving service to which all were invited
- Annual Blessing of Pets took place in the Community Centre
- Skerries ICA guild's monthly competition was for an Autumn Leaf arrangement
- Active Retirement group was starting a Yoga session, planning their Annual Dinner Dance and a visit to the R&R's "Gondoliers"
- Meals on Wheels urgently needed new volunteers to cook or drive on 2nd Friday of the month
- IWC Skerries Branch was hosting a talk on Owls by Don Conroy in Skerries Sailing Club
- The Physics Dept. of Holy Faith/de la Salle College was looking for the loan of an Astronomical Telescope for a few weeks

TIPS FROM 30 YEARS AGO!

These tips were printed in the Bulletin 30 years ago and seem to be timely even for today.

1. Avoid leaving your bins out overnight, if possible
2. Don't overload your bin, as excess attracts seagulls
3. Try and restrict your pets on Collection Day
4. Take in your emptied bin as soon as possible, particularly on a windy day
5. Consider starting a compost pile in your garden - thus providing you with a natural fertiliser for your soil.

SKERRIES LADIES BOWLS

Members were thanked for their great efforts when Skerries hosted the semi-finals and finals of the LBLI championships and congratulations to all the winners. There are now 53 lady members - a record. Coaching for new members available on Wednesday and Friday mornings in the Club.



SKERRIES HARPS GAA CLUB



Hurlers played a draw with Peregrines while the B team lost to Vincents; Minor A footballers lost to Kilmacud and Minor B team defeated St Maurs in Rush.

Senior ladies defeated Parnells. Both Girls Under 16 teams are through to Cup semi-finals with wins over Na Fianna and Lucan. Our Under 11 girls had a long awaited team day out in Flynn Park on the Aqua Lough last Sunday.

The coaching foundation course took place this week for new coaches. Over 30 new coaches attended. Mentors can register with club Sec. for the next one.

Well done to our cyclists in Coast to Curragh cycle for charity - Derek Derval, Paul Boyd, Martin Kenny, Stephen Stewart, and Fergal Lynch.

Saturday 9 Oct. Intermediate Football Championship v Erins Isle, home at 5 pm Sunday. Camogie v Erins Isle, home at 10.00; Minor Hurlers v Peregrines, home at 12.00 and Junior Football v Plunketts, home at 3 pm. Under 16 Girls are home v St Maurs, at 4.30pm. Check fixtures/results on www.skerriesharps.ie. Zingo 3 Oct. 7,4,5,2,6,1,3. No winners. Jackpot now €1,300. Draw in club Sunday at 6.30 pm

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Margaret and Shane O'Neill would like to thank all who sent cards, flowers and messages of sympathy on the sudden death in July 2021 of Margaret's brother, Paddy O'Toole of Corballis, Donabate, also Paddy's wife Teresa who passed away in 2020, both late of Perth, Australia.

The holy sacrifice of the Mass will be offered for all your intentions.

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