



Skerries Parish Bulletin

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Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)

Nehemiah 8:2-6,8-10; Ps 19; 1 Corinthians 12:12-30; Luke 1:1-4, 4:14-21



The Gospel according to Luke, the Gospel of this liturgical year, begins formally today. The gospel readings today combine two distinct passages: the formal introduction to Luke's Gospel from Chapter 1 and the separate scene in Nazareth in Chapter 4. Today we hear the first part of Jesus' visit to the synagogue at Nazareth. Next Sunday's gospel will complete the telling of what happened there. Today we are told Jesus read from the scroll of Isaiah the prophet. He found the place where it was written. 'The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because He has anointed me to bring good news to the poor'. When He completed his reading He said to those attending the synagogue. 'Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing'. This is one of the most inspirational passages in the New Testament, underlining the gift of the Spirit and the anointing of Jesus as prophet and Messiah.

In the first reading Ezra, priest and scribe, reads to Jews, back from exile. about 400B.C. He sets out to revive the Mosaic Law, translating and explaining it to the people who welcomed it with veneration somewhat unlike the Jews at Nazareth to whom Jesus read. In the second reading St Paul's wants to help people understand that they did not come to God alone but as a member of the community of faith, with different gifts.

Pope Francis established the Third Sunday of Ordinary Time to be the Sunday of the Word of God, a day devoted to the celebration, study, and spreading of the Word of God. In his letter he clearly states that the relationship between the Risen Lord, a community of believers, and sacred Scripture is essential to who we are as Christians.

Scripture Group

MASS INTENTIONS

- ✦ **Sat 22nd 10am:** Philip (Phil) Duggan (MM)
- ✦ **Sat 22nd 6pm:** Hugh O'Boyle (1st A), John & Eithne Everard, Margaret Branagan, Brendan Branagan, Laurence & Sheila McNally
- ✦ **Sunday 23rd 9.30am:** Eugene Gaffney (1st A), Brendan & Bunny Hughes (Rem), Tommy Costello
- ✦ **Sunday 23rd 11am:** Denis McKeown, Angela Lynch, Jim, Rita & Joe Boylan, Richard Ruigrok
- ✦ **Monday 24th 10am:** Mass Card Intentions
- ✦ **Tuesday 25th 10am:** Chrissie & Mary Branagan
- ✦ **Wednesday 26th 10am:** Christina Davey, Peadar Gibbons
- ✦ **Thursday 27th 10am:** No Mass
- ✦ **Friday 28th 10am:** Jimmy Hughes, Damian Boylan, Harry & Essie Boylan (Rem), Margaret Guinan (Rem)
- ✦ **Saturday 29th 10am:** Pauline Hanlon (1st A), Elizabeth, William, Cora & Christy Grimes (Rem), Eamon Walsh (Rem), Liam McKenna, Nino Greco,
- ✦ **Saturday 29th 6pm:** Chrissie & Mary Branagan, Patrick, Betty & Helen Clarke, Jim Lennox, Tom & Rose Sheridan

✦ **Sunday 30th 9.30am:** Winifred & Patrick Russell

✦ **Sunday 30th 11am:** Mary Aherne, Bobby & Martha Aherne, Anne & Frank Rogan, Vincent & Eileen Boyle, Matt McBride

FEASTDAYS

- 22nd January – St. Vincent
- 25th January – St. Paul the Apostle
- 28th January - St. Thomas Aquinas
- 30th January - St. Aidan

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK 23 - 30 JANUARY

This year's Catholic Schools Week begins on **Sunday 23rd Jan** and concludes on **Sunday 30th Jan**. The theme for this year is: 'Catholic Schools: Living Life to the Full'. We are very thankful to all the staff of our local schools who give so much of themselves to our children in helping them grow in the Catholic faith.

SYNOD OF BISHOPS 2021 - 2023

Pope Francis has called for a Synod (walking together) so that we might all participate in seeking the way forward for our Church. We are at the early (Diocesan) stage now, and here in the Dublin Diocese people from our parishes have been trained to act as animators (facilitators). They, together with Parish Pastoral Councils, are to arrange meetings for the rest of

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us so that we might listen to one another as we each share what changes we would like to see taking place in our church. These sharings will be collated and sent forward to the Archbishop. The final part of the synod will be the assembly of all bishops in October 2023 in Rome.

The Second Vatican Council took place some 50 years ago and those of us who are old enough will remember the huge changes that took place, and that was with only the bishops participating! Now Pope Francis is trusting that the Holy Spirit will work through all members of the Church working together.

What can we do to prepare ourselves for this mighty work? We can pray for the Synod and we can go on to synod.ie and also the dublindiocese.ie/synod website, read the 20 page booklet and view the videos all of which are on line. We can talk to others and try to clarify our ideas so that we will be ready to share them at the meetings to be convened by the parish animators. Come Holy Spirit, Come.

OUR THANKS TO - Tommy Ryan, who has retired after many years of service as a Church Collector. We would like to make an appeal for more volunteers to help in any of the Church Ministries.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY SKERRIES

Once again, we are humbled by the amazing response from the People of Skerries to our Annual Appeal at Christmas. It was beyond all expectations and we are extremely grateful to each and every one of you who donated in any way. The requests for help this year exceeded all previous years. We envisage that this trend will continue into the foreseeable future in these very unpredictable times. Demands on people's resources continue to increase daily. We could not do what we do without your contributions. These funds sustain us throughout the year and enable us to respond to people's needs. Poverty comes in many shapes and forms and is not necessarily confined to low-income earners. We would please reiterate that we are there for EVERYONE. Do not let pride discourage you for asking for help privately. Thank you to Fr Melvin and his team in the office for your support during the year. May you and your families stay safe and we live in hope for a better year.

SKERRIES LADIES BOWLS



A great turn out last Monday morning despite the frosty weather.

A minute's silence to remember Ashling Murphy was observed before play started. For those who don't want to play competition, a relaxed roll-up on Wednesday afternoons from 2pm is now in place.

SKERRIES HARPS GAA CLUB



Membership Fees are now due and we wish to announce a new partnership with ClubZap for 2022.

This makes renewing your membership, signing up to academy and camps etc. much easier. You can renew your membership online on our website or through the App.

Academy Term 2 started **Sat. January 22** for children born 2015 to 2018. Advance registration is required to comply with Covid regulations. Details from:

skerriesharpsacademy@gmail.com

The registration/ payment are now all in one on ClubZap.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Bradley, Renée Graham (nee Robertson) (Skerries, Co. Dublin and Belfast). On this, her First Anniversary (January 22nd), her children extend their heartfelt gratitude to everyone who sympathised with them following mammy's passing. We were greatly comforted and supported by family, friends, neighbours and work colleagues who offered messages of condolence, sent Mass and sympathy cards, attended Renee's reposal and funeral, in person and online according to COVID restrictions. We are especially indebted to those who have continued to support us through the heartache of the last year. A special word of thanks to Fr. James for his pastoral care and Lannon's Funeral Directors for their meticulous professionalism. Trusting this acknowledgment will be accepted by all as a token of our sincere appreciation. MIZPAH

Ann McKeown wishes to thank most sincerely all those who sent flowers, mass cards and messages of sympathy on the recent death of her sister Marie McGeough. Your kind thoughts and wishes are greatly appreciated.