



Skerries Parish Bulletin

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The Totality Of God.

Let's start at the end, in the last of today's Scripture passages!

Jesus says "I still have many things to say to you but they would be too much for you now" (**John 16: 12-13**) That's a comfort when grappling with the concept of The Holy Trinity - The Totality of God - which we honour today! No matter when or where, from the dawn of time, we humans have always sought answers and explanations. The mystery of Creation is immense. What help is there in Holy Scripture?



TRINITY SUNDAY

In **The First Reading**, a rich, poetic outpouring by "The Wisdom of God" conveys the magnificence of Creation. Beauty, Harmony, Unity and Peace define it. "The sons of men" too are a source of delight. (**Proverbs 8: 22-31**)

The Psalmist asks "What is man that you should keep him in mind, mortal man that you should care for him?" Our insignificance is, however, coupled with our power: "Yet you have made him little less than a god". (**Psalms 8: 4-9**)

St. Paul speaks of human peace with God but includes too its disruption by suffering and struggle. In Nature, power-struggles and destruction give rise to new life. The same holds true for human life. This must always be born in mind. Think Jesus and Crucifixion. (**Romans 5: 1-5**)

The Gospel reading emphasises the Spirit of Truth, reflecting "The Wisdom of God" in Proverbs. "He will lead you to the complete truth....he will tell you of the things to come.....he will glorify me..." (**John 16:12-15**)

Surely "The Wisdom of God" these days is conveyed through contemporary prophets such as David Attenborough and Brian Cox, ever searching, ever exploring the mysteries of Creation – "The Totality of God". Let's prick up our ears, widen our eyes and open our minds! Let us dream and believe! Faith in the Divine Unknown is never in vain. The hymn puts it well:

Immortal, Invisible, God only Wise; in light inaccessible, hid from our eyes;

Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days, almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

Skerries Church Choir.

Mass Intentions

- ✦ Saturday 11th 6.00pm: Nicholas and Mary Shields, Basil and Kathleen Costello, Dennis and Mary Breen, Pam Dardis.
- ✦ Sun 12th 9.30am: Deirdre O'Neill.
- ✦ 11am: David Kelly, JJ and Nellie Gilsean, Cahir Boyle
- ✦ Monday 13th 10.00am: Mass Card Intentions.
- ✦ Tuesday 14th 10.00am: Shirley Archer.
- ✦ Wednesday 15th 10.00am: Jane, Billy and William Potter.
- ✦ Friday 17th 10.00am: Noel and Teresa Dempsey.
- ✦ Saturday 18th 6.00pm; Terry Ward, John Fitzsimons and deceased members of the Fitzsimons Family, Kathleen Farrell.
- ✦ Sunday 19th 9.30am: Ann Moore (MM), Paddy Richardson.
- ✦ 11.00am: Mai and Joe Crowe, John Crowe, Pauline and Denis O'Brien, John Lally, Carmel O'Reilly, Baby Sean McDonagh Gaffney.

Feastdays

11th June - St Barnabas, 12th June – the Holy Trinity, 13th June – St Anthony, 14th June – St Davnet, 19th June – Corpus Christi

Summer Dues

From Sunday 19th June please support the priests of the diocese through the Summer Dues collection. Summer Dues envelopes are available on the tables throughout the church.

Our Sympathy and prayers are extended to the families and friends of Catherine (Kitty) Sheridan, Killester and Townparks, Sr. Triona McGinty, St. Louis Convent, Dundalk, and Kenneth (Ken) Ring, Downside Park, who died recently. May they Rest in Peace.

Blessing of the Graves

Sunday 12th June: Ardla - 2.30pm
Milverton - 4pm

Parishioners may bring their own bottle of water. This will be blessed during the prayers and may be used to bless the graves of their loved ones.

Continued good luck to our examination students as they enter the second week of their "marathon" Please keep them in your prayers.

Skerries Historical Society will hold a talk "Selection of Photos from the Joe Murray Collection on Tuesday, 14 June, at 8.15 in the Bowling Club.

Skerries Tidy Towns ask for financial support once a year from businesses and residents in the town. Any donation made goes back into the town to keep it looking well, enhance the environment and support biodiversity.

You can follow this link to donate

www.idonate.ie/fundraiser/SkerriesTidyTowns

Or go directly to iDonate and put in Skerries Tidy Towns. The link is also on our Facebook page.

If you prefer you can give your donation to any committee member or pop it in an envelope and drop it into the Community Centre on the Dublin Road. All donations are very much appreciated and help with our on-going work in the town.

Skerries Ladies Bowls



Matches next week - Div. 2 are away to Clontarf and Div. 3 are away to Blackrock. We wish them every success. Good luck too to those

entered in the Championships, Round 3 is now underway. A weekly roll-up continues on Monday mornings at 10.30 and team practice is on Tuesdays at 2.

Notice of **Skerries Community Association** AGM to be held online on Thursday 23rd June starting 8.00pm. The official Notification for AGM 2022 and the audited accounts for 2021 are now available on the SCA website at <https://www.skerriesca.com/category/news/> where you can also register to attend the AGM.

The Community Centre is marking its **40th anniversary** on Sunday 7th August. There will be a range of activities and events on the day for all the people of the town. More details nearer the date.

Skerries Town Twinning is hosting visitors from our twin (Canton of Guichen, Brittany) from 21 to 25 July. Twinning aims to foster friendship between different communities. During the visit it is planned to light a special "Candle of Friendship"

which will be brought back to Brittany and hopefully onwards to Srem in Poland and with luck to Ukraine. Srem is twinned with the Canton of Guichen. Srem is one of many Polish towns that are providing a huge amount of support to Ukraine. We hope that the Candle of Friendship will strengthen the links between our communities. Wherever the candle lands along the route the local community will be asked to light its own Candle of Friendship from the Skerries candle and then pass on the Skerries candle to the next community. All the communities will be asked to light their Candle of Friendship on Christmas Eve night so as to shine a Light of Friendship across Europe. For more info please email skerriestwinning@gmail.com



Skerries Community GoCar is a volunteer run scheme that was established in 2019 but unfortunately, due to COVID-19, it ceased to operate. We are currently recruiting volunteers and looking for passengers who would like to use this community vehicle. It is planned to restart the service this month. These services include social or medical appointments. If you would like to volunteer or use the car, please contact Patricia on 1800 303 707 or email: patricia@locallinklmf.ie

30 Years Ago in the Parish

- Congratulations were sent to all Parish children who received the Sacrament of Confirmation last week
- An invitation to join the Parish Pilgrimage to San Giovanni in October was extended to all parishioners
- The Legion of Mary asked for prayers for a group of legionaries travelling to Romania soon
- Judging was starting for the Tidy Districts competition and the Tidy Towns committee urged everybody to play their part in cleaning up their estate
- Skerries Sailing Club was organising their annual Treasure Hunt on the Waves - lots of fun and proceeds to St. Michael's House and Fingal Training Workshop
- The first open sea race of the season was taking place - the South Strand Swim- at 122 noon, South Strand to the Springboards

Skerries Harps GAA Club



Sun: Adult Hurlers play Realt Dearg in Skerries at 11 am; Wed: Senior football v St Vincents, away at 7.30 pm; Inters v Naul, home at 7.30 pm and Senior

Ladies v St Maurs, home at 7.30 pm.

Thanks to all who made the Primary Schools Tournament Finals such and outstanding success on Bank Holiday Monday - even the weather was smiling. Bar open at weekends for all TV sports and Zingo draw. Room Hire available or if planning a function contact Pat on 087 250 5479, email bookings.harps@gmail.com

Summer Camp Dates: Multi Sport Camp: 25 to 29 July. Nursery Camp: 15 to 19 August. Book via the Clubzap App. Please note that our Cul Camps in July and August are now fully booked. Zingo for 5 June: 6,4,3,5,2,1,7. No winners. Jackpot next week is €4,800 and Dividend €200. Draw on Sunday at 6.30 pm with Free draw for Spot Prizes. Zingo entry €2 or 3 for €5.

The Elvis Spectacular Show returns to Skerries Harps on 16 July. Strictly Ticket Only Event. Details from Pat 087 2505479.

For all club news follow our Facebook page or see www.skerriesharps.ie