



Skerries Parish Bulletin

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IMAGINE THAT!

There are plenty of “Imagine that!” moments in the Scripture passages today. It’s a phrase that can be uttered in surprise, in disbelief and at times in disgust. The Old and New Testament stories are quite pictorial; it’s worth taking time to put ourselves in the picture and imagine what each scene was like. There are common themes: Rest, Recognition, Respect, Reception.

Abraham was ‘busy doing nothing’ outside his tent in the blistering sun of midday when his story starts. What was it about the three men whom he spotted? What did he recognize in them that made him react as he did? All of a sudden, after welcoming them, providing them with water to refresh and rest to revive themselves, he was dashing about the place, running to get things ready for them, giving orders left, right and centre. And when all was set before these men, he removed himself while they ate, and stood nearby, under a tree. Abraham treated these men with the utmost respect and received them with all the very best he could offer. Abraham was not a poor man but he fits the description in **the Psalm** of a just man. His reward was the unthinkable at his and Sarah’s age... the gift of a son!

It is not too difficult to see the parallels in the New Testament story about Jesus in the home of **Martha and Mary**. Of course it is guaranteed to bring many women ‘out in spots’ – mothers, mothers-in-law, older sisters, younger sisters, etc. etc... but that is missing the point altogether. Mary and Abraham, though totally different sorts of people and centuries apart, had one thing in common; they had an awareness of the Divine and an ability to recognize it, respect it and receive it wholeheartedly with the best they had to offer, Abraham of his wealth and Mary simply of herself. That is the message for us today - a valuable, potentially life-changing one.

It’s Summer; the days are long and bright, the weather is lovely and warm. Let us, like Abraham, get ‘busy doing nothing’ - rest and reflect, recognize the Divine in everyone and everything, respect it and receive it with all the best we have to offer! The reward? Truly Happy Holidays and a richer life! The last word to **St Paul**, addressed directly to you and me: “The mystery is Christ among you, your hope of glory: This is the Christ we proclaim....”

Skerries Church Choir.

MASS INTENTIONS

- ✦ Sat 16th 6pm: Joe Grimes, Peter & Rose O’Connor, Molly & Frankie Ryan, Kevin, Frances & Anne McDonough, Molly Costello
- ✦ Sun 17th 9.30am: Peggy Ferguson
- ✦ 11am: Annie Russell, Peter & Annie O’Connor, Teresa Donaghy, Dave Fenton, Greta & Matt Carey, Thomas & Bridget Ellis, Greta Kelly
- ✦ Mon 18th 10am: Mass Card Intentions
- ✦ Tues 19th 10am: Paddy Fennell
- ✦ Weds 20th 10am: John Harrison (1st A)
- ✦ Fri 22nd 10am: Eilish McLoone (1st A) in Donegal

- ✦ Sat 23rd 10am: Sean & Bella Alcock, James Doorty
- ✦ 6pm: Jim Hyland, Fiona & Andrew Downey, Frank & Sheila Downey, Johan & Catherine Saunders, Sheila McCullagh, Pennie Carren, Paul Crosbie
- ✦ Sun 24th 9.30am: Breda Kennedy, Sarah Ruigrok, Christy (Christopher) Casey
- ✦ 11am: Breda Kennedy, Mary Murphy, Tommy O’Brien

Feastdays

- Weds 20th: St Apollinaris
- Thurs 21st: St Lawrence of Brindisi
- Fri 22nd: St Mary Magdalene
- Sat 23rd: St Bridget of Sweden

OUR SYMPATHY

To the family of Maire O'Loughlen (late of Holmpatrick), who died recently.
May she Rest in Peace.

Grandparents Pilgrimage to Knock

The National Grandparents Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Knock will take place on Sunday, July 24. Pope Francis established the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, which took place for the first time in 2021. The Holy See has announced a series of indulgences that can be obtained by those taking part in the second World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly. For more details about the Knock pilgrimage, contact Connie at catholicgrandparents@gmail.com or 085 8704722.

PRIORY INSTITUTE SUMMER SCHOOL

The Priory Institute two-week online summer school will run from July 18 to 29 and again from August 15 to 26. The subject is *Mysticism in an Age of Calamity: Meister Eckhart, John Tauler and Henry Suso*. The course includes eight recorded presentations and two online zoom discussions and is very flexible as it is delivered entirely online. Find out more and register at www.prioryinstitute.com.

PATHWAYS: EXPLORING FAITH AND MINISTRY

Application is now open for the next intake of participants for Pathways. The programme, run by the Dublin Archdiocese, begins this year on Thursday, September 29, in DCU St Patrick's Campus. Places are limited so early application is advisable

Pathways is a two-year, one evening a week course, for adults of all ages who wish to explore their faith. It runs from late September to May each year, with breaks for Christmas, Easter and mid-terms. There are no exams and no written work. The only requirement is an openness to listening to others and to participate. The cost is €400 per year which may be paid in instalments throughout the year. Further info visit www.missionministry.ie or contact Pathways director Eileen Houlahan, CHF, PhD, at 018087594 or pathways@dublindiocese.ie.

Skerries Town Twinning

After an absence of two years, we will welcome a small group of French visitors from the Canton of Guichen from 21st - 25th. Many thanks to all those who are helping us make this a happy and safe visit.

Skerries Ladies Bowls

Well done to our Jun Cup team who had a good win and now will face Crumlin on Sunday 24th. Also well done to Liz Kenny who has played herself into the semi-finals of the Champion of Champions - best of luck to her today, 17th July. There will be a meeting of all ladies on Monday 18th at 12.15 in the Clubhouse. Hope to see all members there.

Skerries Harps GAA Club

Junior A hurlers defeated Castleknock on Sunday to gain promotion to Div. 4 for next season. They start their Championship group games on Tues 19 July in Skerries. The Junior B side finished top of the North section of their league to also gain promotion. Congrats to Jack Smith and Westmeath on winning the inaugural Tailteann Cup final in Croke Park. Tues 19 July: Junior Hurling Championship v Good Counsel, in Skerries at 7.15 pm Bar open at weekends for all TV sports and Zingo draw. Join us for All Ireland Hurling final on Sunday. Room Hire also available - contact Pat on 087 250 5479, or email bookings.harps@gmail.com Win 2 tickets to All Ireland Football Final. Entry €10 before 20 July. See Facebook page.

Summer Camps – Cul Camp No.1 last week had a great turnout in great weather. Our Multi Sport Camp runs from 25 to 29 July and the Nursery Camp: 15 to 19 August. Book online via Clubzap . Zingo for 10 July: 3,1,5,6,2,7,4. No winners. Jackpot next week is €5,300. Draw on Sunday at 6.30 pm with Free draw for Spot Prizes. Zingo entry Envelope €2 or 3 for €5 or play online. Our Annual Golf Classic will be held on Friday 29 July at Skerries Golf Club – always a great day.

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

Summer is here! Enjoy the good weather and please keep safe!

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