



Skerries Parish Bulletin

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“Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth.” Col 3:2

In the first reading today the speaker of the assembly, Qoheleth, seems quite forthright as he expresses how he sees things: “Vanity of vanities. All is vanity”. Vanity is used in the traditional understanding of the word in the Hebrew language – Water, shadow, smoke. When we use the phrase “It’s all a bottle of smoke” we come close to understanding what Qoheleth is talking about.

In the media we are bombarded with advertisements from insurance companies who assure us that we are taken care of always. Many of us respond so that all will be well. What does Jesus say in the gospel? Jesus recommends to the farmer with the well-stocked barn to think beyond gathering material possessions and to prepare himself to be rich in the sight of God. We do not know the day nor the hour when we will have to leave all behind. Where do you store your treasure?

St. Paul speaks clearly too regarding what we should value in our lifetime – “Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on earth.” This is not to say that we can be irresponsible. Rather, we are invited to be active participants in living our faith because

“There is only Christ: he is everything and he is in everything”.

Holy Faith Sisters

Mass Intentions

- ✦ **Sat 30th 10.00am:** Sean Cullinan (MM), Patricia Jenkinson, Larry Hughes, Gerry and Pauline Mackle, Patrick Murray, James (Jack) Clinton.
- ✦ **6.00pm:** Bernie Kinsella (1st A), Pat McNally, Jim, Brian and Alan Tierney and the Tierney Family, Ellen and Christopher Fanning, Bill and Kathleen Kinsella, Peggy and Paddy Coleman, Brendan and Aileen O’Connor
- ✦ **Sun 31st 9.30am:** Esther Kelly (BR), Bob Laughlin
- ✦ **11.00am:** Marcella Dunne (1st A), Tom McManus, Kathleen Everard, Joe Dowling, Brenda and Tony O’Reilly, William Foran.
- ✦ **Monday 1st August 11.00am:** Mass Card Intentions
- ✦ **Tuesday 2nd 10.00am:** Bernard and Moya Mackle.
- ✦ **Wednesday 3rd 10.00am:** Bob Laughlin.
- ✦ **Saturday 6th 10.00am:** Patrick and Ailish O’Brien.
- ✦ **6.00pm:** John Archbold (1st A), Collie Doyle, Jim Martin, Lily and Jim Scanlan.
- ✦ **Sunday 7th 9.30am:** Margaret Baldwin (MM)
- ✦ **11.00am:** James and Josephine Dillon.

Reminders: 1st August – Bank Holiday

Monday, Mass is at 11.00am

Friday 5th August: First Friday – Altar list.

Padre Pio Mass at 7.30pm.

Feast days

Thursday 4th August - St John Vianney

Saturday 6th August – The Transfiguration of the Lord.

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.

30 years ago in the Parish

- Newly baptised was Conor Ring.
- Plans were in hand for the Annual Blessing of the Boats at the harbour at the end of the month.
- Tidy Towns committee continued to urge everybody to play their part in keeping Skerries litter-free. Thanks to the Round Table for their help in organising three major clean-ups.
- At the recent visit from the Blood Transfusion Service to Skerries, 201 donations were made and Frances Duff and Sadie Garret received their Gold pins.
- Good wishes was sent to Barry Archer from the Hills Cricket Club, playing with the Irish u-15's against Wales.
- Skerries Rugby Club was reminding players that training for Schools SCT team and Club u-18's was resuming on 4th.

Skerries Ladies Bowls

Both ladies teams had good wins recently in their league matches. Hard luck to our Junior Cup team who were beaten by Crumlin in a hard fought contest. Club championships continue and all ladies welcome to our Monday morning roll-up.

Skerries Town Twinning



Sincere thanks and appreciation to all who helped make the recent visit by our friends from our twin (Canton de Guichen) such a tremendous success. In particular, we thank our host families, those who made donations, Skerries Allcare Pharmacy for the provision of Covid Protection gift packs, Skerries Harps, Skerries Men's Shed, Sustainable Skerries, Skerries Response to Ukraine Group, Skerries Mills, Skerries Golf Club, Loughshinny Community Association, Bare Acre Cafe, Rush Traditional Musicians, Currachaí na Scéirí, Skerries Boules and Aidan Herron (who donated copies of his book "Ardgillan Castle Revealed"). During the visit we launched our Candles of Friendship initiative which involves sending candles from Skerries via our twinning partners across Europe to Ukraine. Our thanks go to Terry Harte who helped with the design of the candles. The candles will be lit at Christmas to shine a "light of friendship" across Europe stretching from west to east. We will be encouraging other twinned communities across Europe to join in this gesture of solidarity with the people of Ukraine.

Aware - Support & Self Care Groups

If you, or those with whom you work wish to connect with people in relation to your mental wellbeing, please consider using the Phone in and Zoom Support & Self Care Groups, the Support Line or Support Mail, now and throughout the holiday season. These services provide support, coping skills and information – and most importantly help people who are in distress to know and feel that they are not alone in their experience. For more information about the groups

<https://www.aware.ie/support/support-groups/> and all of our services on www.aware.ie/ If you would like to volunteer with Aware, please see their website for more information: <https://www.aware.ie/get-involved/volunteering/>

Skerries Harps GAA Club



Next fixtures: Saturday 6 Aug:

Senior football championship v St Judes in Balgriffin at 5 pm and Inter football championship v St Vincents,

away, at 6.30pm.

Sunday 7 Aug. Junior football championship v Ballyboden in Skerries at 3.00pm.

Championship for Ladies team and Camogie on 10 and 14 August.

Gaelic for Mothers and Others and Gaelic for Dads and Lads teams continue to provide sporting entertainment for those who wish to play at a more leisurely pace.

Saturday 6 Aug. Skerries Harps presents Riffs 'n' Stiffs LIVE 1980's BAND at 8.30 pm. playing all your favourite 80's Hits DJ – Noel Power.

Video disco night - All the HITS on screen 70's – 80's – 90's. Kids under 35 must be accompanied by a genuine DISCO Fever Veteran. Tickets €10. Phone: Pat Delaney 087 618 1179 or Noel Smith 087 618 6701.

Zingo for 24 July: 2,5,6,1,7,4,3. No winners.

Jackpot next week is €5,500. Draw on Sunday at 6.30 pm with Free draw for Spot Prizes.

Zingo entry Envelope €2 or 3 for €5 or play online.

Next Summer Camp is Academy Kids camp on 15 August – some places still available.

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

Found: Handbag/purse left in the Church last weekend. Please contact the parish office by email info@stpatricksskerries.ie or by phone (01) 8106711.