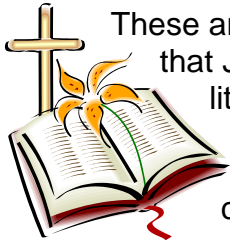




Casting Fire Upon the Earth

‘I came to cast fire upon the earth...I came, not to bring peace, but rather division.’



These are strange words to hear from Jesus. We could mistakenly think with these words that Jesus came to cause division and conflict. The words are not meant to be taken literally. Jesus was gentle but he wasn't weak. When the situation demanded it he could be very assertive. Jesus taught that the Kingdom of God was open to everyone – saints and sinners, Jews and Gentiles. This in itself brought him into conflict with the establishment. Jesus words shocked some and infuriated others.

To the community that Luke was writing for – today's Gospel would have been a source of consolation. At the time, as today, conflicts were common among families and communities. We might think though that 'surely the Christian message is one of peace and joy.' Luke says, 'not always.' It is normal for Christian communities to experience conflicts and struggles. Jesus brought salvation by walking the Way of the Cross, and for us there is no other way to share in that glory than the Way of the Cross. When we fail we are encouraged to be strong and to be faithful. We should be sorry for our failures but not discouraged by them. The journey of faith for the Christian following the Gospel is a lifelong one. Let's encourage each other along the way.

Fr. Melvyn

MASS INTENTIONS

- ✦ **Sat 13th 10am:** John & Kathleen Mackle, Anne Lohan (Birthday Rem.)
- ✦ **Sat 13th 6pm:** Joe Gordon (1st A), Sean Ryan, Catherine & James Heraghty, John Stapleton, Peter Redmond
- ✦ **Sun 14th 9.30am:** Noelle Lacey (MM), Alice Farrell, Robbie Cowley, Joseph May, Noel Cappock, Frank Phelan (RD)
- ✦ **Sun 14th 11am:** Eileen Marry (MM), Noelle Lacey (MM), Joseph Radley, Michael Sweeney, Willie Marks, Miriam Keogh, Jenny & Brendan Memery
- ✦ **Mon 15th 10am:** Mass Card Intentions, Holy Day – The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- ✦ **Mon 15th 7.30pm:** Holy Day – The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- ✦ **Tue 16th 10am:** Special Intention
- ✦ **Wed 17th 10am:** Michael & Abby Conlon
- ✦ **Sat 20th 10am:** Yvonne Courtney Laughton (Memorial Mass)
- ✦ **Sat 20th 6pm:** Deceased members of the McGarry family, Frances Mulholland, Daniel O'Connell, Phil & Nancy Walls (BR)
- ✦ **Sun 21st 9.30am:** Louise O'Loughlin, Jean, John & Johnny Cavey, Katherine Ryan, Rose Murray, Ester Kearns

- ✦ **Sun 21st 11am:** Marie O'Loghlen (MM), McCourt & McManus family, Michael & Mary Lyons, Michael Browne, Mona O'Brien.

OUR SYMPATHY

- ✦ To the families of Tom Duff, Tennis Court Lane and Pauline Treleaven (Cronin), Church Street, who died recently. May they Rest in Peace.

THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY – HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

Monday next the **15th August** is the feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary and is a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass on Monday morning will be at the usual time of 10 o'clock. Mass will also be celebrated on Monday evening at 7.30 pm.

FEASTDAYS

- Saturday 13th – St. Fachtna
- Wednesday 17th – Our Lady of Knock
- Saturday 20th – St. Bernard

CONGRATULATIONS



Best wishes to Regina Geoghegan and Gerry Finn who were married in our parish recently.

DUBLIN DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

The diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes takes place from September 7 to 12 this year. The Pilgrimage Office has a new address at 51 Home Farm Road, Dublin D09 W5W4 which is the old presbytery in the grounds of Corpus Christi church on Griffith Avenue. Details are available from the office on 01-837 6820 or www.lourdes.dublindiocese.ie

NATIONAL NOVENA AT KNOCK

The National Novena to Our Lady of Knock will take place from **this Sunday, August 14, to Monday, August 22**, offering nine days of reflection and prayer and a chance to connect with your faith in the unique and sacred space of Knock Shrine. This year's theme is 'A Journey in Hope'. For more information and the programme of events, visit knockshrine.ie.

LEGION OF MARY CENTENARY CONCERT

To mark the 100th year anniversary of the Legion of Mary, a concert will take place in the historical surroundings of St Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin, on **Saturday, September 3**. Special guests include award winning soprano Celine Byrne, the Dublin Concert Band, Lorraine Mathews. Book at Eventbrite. Tickets are €30 (premium – seating in reserved area) and €20 (general admission).

CHOOSE HEALTHCARE CHAPLAINCY

Choose healthcare chaplaincy as a profession in the health service – study Theology and Pastoral Theology/Healthcare Chaplaincy. A bursary is available with the support of the Bon Secours Health System for those choosing to train as Healthcare Chaplains for work in the Irish Health Service. Further information is available from the Healthcare Chaplaincy Board at informationHCBoard@gmail.com.

SECRETARY VACANCY AT GARRISTOWN

The Pastoral Area of Garristown, Naul, Rolestown is currently recruiting a Secretary. This role is offered initially on a one-year fixed term and part-time basis; 12 hours per week. Closing date is **Monday, August 15**. Visit <https://www.pastoralareagarristown.com/> for more information.

SKERRIES COMMUNITY CENTRE - 40 YEARS CELEBRATIONS

What a day last Sunday! The sun shone, a great success!

The Centre caters for everyone, Playschools, All Sports, Meals on Wheels & A Day Care Facility for Older Persons.

Thank you to all the Residents who over 40 years ago contributed 100 PUNTS each household. It is a very successfully run Centre. Well done to the Manager Sharon, Board of Management, Staff and Volunteers.

SKERRIES LADIES BOWLS



Following a free week, due the LBLI Championships, it's back to normal next week. On Wednesday, Division 2 will be away to Westmanstown and on Thursday, Div. 3 are away to Blackrock A. Best of luck to both teams. Don't forget our normal Monday morning roll-up from 10.30 onwards.

SKERRIES HARPS GAA CLUB



Championship results from last week - Seniors lost to St. Judes, Intermediates played a draw with St. Vincents and Juniors won v Ballyboden.

Sunday 14 August: Senior Camogie Championship v Na Fianna, at Mobhi Road, at 10.30 am and Junior Hurling Championship v St. Marks, away at 11 am.

Wed 17 Aug: Ladies Inter Championship v Clan Mhuire, home at 7.15 pm.

Fri 19 Aug: Senior Football Championship v Thos Davis, in St. Margarets at 7.30 pm.

Sat 20 Aug: Intermediate Championship v Oliver Plunketts, home at 6 pm. Zingo for 7 August: We had a Jackpot winner – Melanie Clarke was present at the draw to see her numbers drawn - 3,4,2,5,1,6,7. Melanie wins €5,600 – CONGRATULATIONS! Jackpot next week is €1,000. Draw on Sunday at 6.30 pm with Free draw for Spot Prizes.

Zingo entry by Envelope still only €2 per line or 3 for €5. You can also play online.

Academy Kids Summer camp starts **Monday 15 August** for 4 to 7 year old boys and girls – some places still available. We finish up with our second Cúl Camp on **22 August**. This camp is fully booked. For all club news follow our Facebook page or see www.skerriesharps.ie