

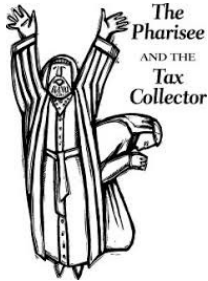
Skerries Parish Bulletin

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A CAUTIONARY TALE.

All the parables of Jesus could be described as cautionary tales. Today's story of the Pharisee and the Tax Collector is a fairly black and white example – Pride v Humility. It is not right to be boastful; it is right to be humble.



Black and white may be the starting point but lived life is actually grey! The parables of Jesus apply to lived life i.e. grey reality based on black and white ideology, you might say. It is too much like a child's fairytale to say "All Pharisees are bad; all Tax-Collectors are good". As adult Christians, we move on from that. In any case, what the Pharisee boasts of does actually represent a good life. Look at it again with an open mind. The Tax Collector, on the other hand, is a collaborator with an occupying power – something with which we are familiar from our recent history. Not only that, he collects financial support for that power! What matters in the story, of course, is that the Pharisee is sure of his favour in the eyes of God whereas the Tax Collector knows he's not at all perfect.

We no doubt identify less with the boastful Pharisee and more with the humble Tax Collector. We know we are not perfect and pray for forgiveness. But do we also, in the comfort of knowing this, subconsciously think "Well, thank goodness I know my place. I'm not like those awful self-righteous people who...." etc. That would be a turn-up, wouldn't it? Today's Cautionary Tale has, perhaps, a little more caution to it than meets the eye!

Skerries Church Choir.



We Welcome Dara Conor Trears, Molly Hannah Kavanagh, Liam J.P. Lamont and Charlie James Keating to our parish family.

Mass Intentions

- ✠ Saturday 22nd 10.00am: Paddy, Nancy and Tom Hand.
- ✠ 6.00pm: Charles Cooper, Bella and Michael Murphy, Teddy and Mary Ferguson, Terence Ferguson (rem), Joseph Plunkett (rem), Michael and Sheila McNamara.
- ✠ Sunday 23rd 9.30am: Brian McEvoy.
- ✠ 11.00am: Esther Crosbie, Jane Dardis, Tony Forde.
- ✠ Monday 24th 10.00am: Mass Card Intentions
- ✠ Tuesday 25th 10.00am: Peter McMahan.
- ✠ Friday 28th 10.00am: Michael McGealy, Margo McAuley, Finian Murray, Michael Guiney and deceased members of the Fox and Guiney families.
- ✠ Saturday 29th 6.00pm: Tom and May Redmond, George McMeel, Barry Carey, Tony McDermott, Eamonn Farrell.
- ✠ Sunday 30th 9.30am: Anna McDonald.
- ✠ 11.00am: Michael Daly, Garry Westby, Joe (Galway) Connolly, John Tattan, Anna Walsh, Patricia McGrath, Kathleen Keeley.

November Remembrance Mass 2022

The annual Mass to remember our loved ones who died during this past year will take place on **Monday 7th November at 7.30pm.**

Feastdays

- 22nd Oct – St John Paul II, Pope,
- 25th Oct – Bl. Thaddeus McCarthy,
- 27th Oct – St Otteran,
- 28th Oct – Simon & Jude, Apostles,
- 29th Oct – St Colman

World Mission Sunday – This Weekend

World Mission Sunday is the Holy Father's annual appeal for spiritual and financial support so that the life-giving work of overseas mission and missionaries can continue. It always falls on the second last Sunday in October, meaning this year it will be celebrated over **this weekend** and is coordinated in Ireland by Mission Ireland. All offerings made on behalf of World Mission Sunday become part of the Holy Father's Universal Solidarity Fund. This fund supports missionary activities in over 1,100 young dioceses, mostly in Africa, Asia, and Latin America. As young dioceses grow, so do their needs. On top of this, they are often found in remote areas devastated by conflict or natural disasters. The Universal Solidarity Fund provides aid so that missionaries can continue to go to these places to share the love of God.

November Altar List Envelopes

As we approach the month of November and we remember our loved ones, Altar List of the Dead Envelopes are now available in the church.

30 Years ago in our Parish


- A Parish Pilgrimage to Rome and Assisi was being planned for 1993 - a savings scheme was being put in place.
- Active Retirement Association was heading to the Gaiety.
- Local groups and societies continued to raise funds for famine relief in Somalia.
- A local video "The Hidden Jewel" was now on sale in a number of outlets.

The Start of a Lasting Friendship



30 years ago, a group of 17 people from Skerries made their first official visit to the Canton of Guichen in Brittany. While there they visited schools, community centres and other community groups. This laid the foundation for the official twinning in 1994 and which has survived all the ensuing years. Even Covid didn't stop events - our Language Buddy scheme was put in place. This scheme links adults in both areas so as to improve their language skills. At the end of November, a three country photo exhibition will be unveiled in Guichen. Under 18 headings, photos from Skerries, Guichen and Srem (Poland) will be unveiled with representatives present from each area. Also our Candles of Friendship have made their way to France and Poland and will hopefully be in Lviv (Ukraine) in time for Christmas Eve, when it is hoped all four candles will be lit. We are hoping other twinned towns in Ireland will replicate our idea and that Ukraine will know they have the support of many towns and cities across Europe.


Scoil Réalt Na Mara



Enrolment for Scoil Réalt na Mara Junior Infant classes 2023/2024 is currently taking place. Closing date for receipt of applications is Friday 20th January 2023.

Contact the office 01-8490049 or details on the website www.realtnamara.ie

St. Patrick's Junior National School



Enrolment for St. Patrick's JNS Junior Infant classes 2023/2024 is currently taking place. Closing date for receipt of applications is Friday 20th January 2023.

Details on the website www.stps.ie or contact the office on 01-8490836.

Dates for your Diary

On Saturday 12th November at 8.00pm, Cór Fingal [Irish Institute of Music & Song] will perform Faure's Requiem in the church.


On Sunday 4th December Skerries Sea Sharps choir Christmas performance will take place in the church at 7.00pm.

On Thursday 15th December at 7.00pm, come to a concert for all the family and enjoy 'Hallelujah Christmas Concert'.

Ukrainian Catholic Chaplaincy

Fr. Vasyl Kornitsky is Chaplain to the Ukrainian community and curate in Donnycarney Parish. He can be contacted at 086 2359561 or ugccie@gmail.com. Ukrainian Mass (Divine Liturgy of St John Chrysostom, Byzantine rite) is held every Sunday at 1.00pm in Our Lady of Consolation Church, Donnycarney.

Skerries Harps GAA Club



Results – Junior footballers lost to Parnells, in the Ch'ship quarter final. Under 16 hurlers had Championship win over Kevins and Under 13 Camogie lost to Naomh Mearnog in Shield semi-final.

Sun 23 Oct. Minor football v Na Fianna, home at 1.00pm – Championship. Minor Camogie v Naomh Olafs, home at 10.30am – Shield Fina. No Juvenile Academy on Bank Holiday weekend. Club Shop open Saturday during Academy for sports gear/leisure wear etc. and on Thursday nights at 7.30pm till 8.30pm. Our Juvenile Committee have organised two underage Discos on Fri 28 Oct. See Facebook page. We have an Adults only '80's' Disco Night on Sunday 30 Oct at 9.00pm.

The Skerries Harps Golf Society's Captain's Day (Joan O'Brien) winner was Alan Moore. Niall Murphy will be Captain for 2023. Congratulations Niall.

Next *Skerries Forget Me Not Cafe*, for people living with Dementia, their families, carers and friends, is on 9 Nov. For information, phone or txt 083 1192972 or email to skerriesforgetmenotcafe@gmail.com. Clubhouse Rooms available for Functions, parties etc. For bookings, contact Pat 087 2505479 or email bookings.harps@gmail.com. Zingo result for 16 Oct.: 2,4,1,5,3,6,7. No winners. Jackpot now €2,000. Draw on Sunday in Clubhouse at 6.30pm. To play online download the Clubforce App. For all club news follow us on Facebook or www.skerriesharps.ie