

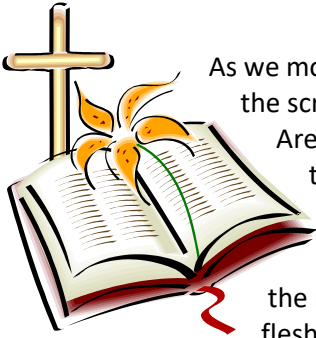


Skerries Parish Bulletin

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32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time



“I shall be filled, when I awake, with the sight of your glory, O Lord” Ps16 V15

As we move towards the end of the liturgical year the reality of death and resurrection is explored in the scripture readings. One thing is sure and certain for us, we will not get out of this world alive! Are we prepared? Are we looking forward or are we so occupied with the affairs of this world that we give little thought to our demise?

In the first reading from Maccabees 2 the fate of the seven brothers is horrendous. How could they face such torture with such calm! Immediately before this extract is the story of the martyrdom of Eleazar. His crime was equal to that of the brothers as he refused to eat pig’s flesh. Being a man committed to the Law he reasoned:

“Even though for a moment I avoid execution by man, I can never, living or dead, elude the grasp of the Almighty. I shall have left the young a noble example of how to make a good death, eagerly and generously”. Pretty heroic!

The fourth of the young men in the Maccabees’ reading for today expresses a similar kind of heroism:

“Ours is the better choice, to meet death at men’s hands, yet relying on God’s promise that we shall be raised up by him”.

The conundrum set for Jesus by the Sadducees in the gospel leads Jesus to confirm that the resurrection brings us to an unimaginable new life where we are neither married nor given in marriage.

In the extract from St. Paul’s letter to the Thessalonians he recognises that life throws up many challenges and that conflicts arise even in relation to one’s beliefs. There is plenty of evidence of such conflict and bigotry in our history books as well as vast evidence of the persecutions resulting in the martyrdom of many valiant people.

Paul makes it clear that faith is not given to everyone. Faith is pure gift. Like any gift it needs to be opened to be discovered and enjoyed.

Our faith GIFTS US with belief in the resurrection. Treasure it!

Holy Faith Sisters

Anniversary/Special Intentions:

Sat. 5th: 10am Frank McDonagh Snr., Frank McDonagh Jun., Michael McDonagh, Brigid McDonagh, Ann Fardey

6pm George Sweetnam,(1st anniv.), Seán O’Lachtnáin, dec. members of McMahan & Crowley families, Melissa O’Sullivan, Breege & Peter Moran, Tony Lokko, Michael Lynam

Sun. 6th 9.30am Adda Abid, France (month’s mind), Andrew, Susan & Bernadette Woods, Margaret Doolan, Gerald Griffin (1st anniv.)

11am Christine O’Brien, Tom Murphy, Patrick Russell, Matthew & Margaret Russell, David Ryan, Flanagan family

Mon. 7th: 10am Mass Card Intentions

Tues. 8th: 10am Maurice McAuley Jr., Sean Darcy, Ken Drumm Jun..


Wed. 9th :10am Mary B. Keane, Fr. Michael Mulvihill

Fri. 11th: 10 a.m., John Power, Dessie McGirl, Michael & Sheena Flavin

Sat. 12th : 6pm: John Costello(1st anniv), Kieran Bowers(b’day rem. decd) Raymond & Patricia Bowers

Sun. 13th : 9.30am Irene Martin
11 a.m., Angela Burke(month’s mind), Ultan Ryan (1st anniv.), Kathleen & Tommy Wherity

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

Christmas Mass Cards



Christmas Mass Cards are available in the Parish Office. As in previous years proceeds from the sale of the Christmas Mass Cards will go to Brother Kevin, Capuchin Homeless Day Centre, Dublin

Feast days for the coming week

7th Nov – St Willibrord, 9th Nov. Dedication of the Lateran Basilica, 10th Nov – St Leo the Great

Forget-me-not Café

Skerries Forget-me-not Café is a meeting place for people living with dementia, their carers, friends and family. The next café will be on Wednesday 9 November from 11am to 1pm in Skerries Harps clubhouse on the Dublin Road. Come to make new friends, exchange stories and ideas, to find out more about dementia services in this area and to have a little fun. It's free but if you can let us know you're coming it helps with planning. New volunteers are always welcome: text 083 1192972 email skerriesforgetmenotcafe@gmail.com

Holmpatrick Church Restoration Fund

We are delighted to announce the winners of our Exclusive 200 Draw -
1st prize was won by Áine McGuinness, 2nd prize went to Eileen McDonald, 3rd prize won by Lynda Dwyer, and 4th prize won by Ger Montgomery. We are hugely grateful to the wonderful community of Skerries for their support and goodwill; thank you all.

Skerries Tidy Towns

Dear helpers and supporters. Good news! After an interval of two years, our helpers' party is back. As a thank you, for your help and support we would like to invite you and representatives of your committee/organisation/business to an evening of wine and cheese on Wednesday 9th November at 8pm upstairs in Joe Mays. During the evening, prizes will be awarded for our local competitions which include best estate, best presented house and best presented business among others. We hope you can join us on the night. Please let us know if you are coming either by return email or calling 087994663

And..... congratulations

To our Tidy Towns Committee, who worked under such difficult circumstances this year, but who once again did the town proud – Gold Medal in Category F (towns of 10,001-15,000 population), large Town Regional Winner of the Pollinator Award and a County second award. Well done for all your work on our behalf!

Birdwatch Ireland

November talk by Sean Pierce "A seabird, sailing and kayaking adventure from the Falklands to South Georgia", Joe May's, Thurs. 10th Nov., at 8 p.m..
November field trip, guided tour of Turvey Nature Park, Sat. 12th Nov., 10 a.m., meet in Main Car Park.

Skerries Historical Society

The next meeting of the society, "The Gentry of Balrothery, 1641-1670," presented by Séamus Murray will take place on Tuesday next, 8th November, at 8.15 in Skerries Bowling Club. A reminder that the current edition of "Time and Tide 13", the annual publication of papers from the Society is now on sale. A lovely Christmas gift from Skerries.

30 years ago in the Parish

Newly baptised were Rebecca Davey, Steven MacManus, Gavin Howarth, Martha Byrne, Graham Daly, Orla O Ceallaigh and Cormac O'Brien. The death had occurred of Fr. Philip Martin, who was a familiar face in our Parish for many years. Holmpatrick School was holding a Centenary Supper in the Windmill. Skerries Historical Society was holding a talk entitled "Shades of Skerries" by Maisie Grimes.

Skerries Harps GFC

Congrats to our Under 14 Camogie team – winners of their Shield Final v Trinity Gaels. The Under 13 Final was deferred until 13 Nov. Under 21 footballers defeated Clontarf in their Quarter-final.
Sun 6 Nov. Minor football v Fingallians, away at 1.30 pm.

Fri 11 Nov our Dads & Lads team play Colmcilles, in Skerries at 8 pm

Sat 12 Nov. Under 21 Football Championship v Ballinteer, away at 2.15 pm
Juvenile Academy each Saturday morning at 10 am.
Club Shop open Saturday mornings during Academy for Teas/Coffees and sports gear; also on Thursday nights from 7.30 pm till 8.30 pm.

Juvenile Awards night on 26 November in Comm. Centre and the Club Annual General meeting will be held on 1st December.

Clubhouse Bar open Saturday and Sunday from 3 pm. Rooms available for functions, parties etc. For bookings, contact Pat 087 2505479 or email bookings.harps@gmail.com

Zingo result for 30 Oct.: 3,4,1,7,6,5,2. Dividend €450 won by Emer Corcoran. Jackpot now €2,200. Draw on Sunday in Clubhouse at 6.30 pm. To play online download the Clubforce App. You can opt for auto-renewal and ensure you never have to worry about missing a draw again.

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