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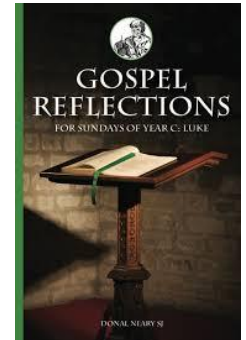
Reflections

“He’s the salt of the earth.”, “She lights up a room.” Most of us are lucky enough to meet people like this from time to time. Always we feel the better for meeting them. Often we wonder what makes them tick.

Today’s Scripture passages tell us all we need to know. The simplicity of Isaiah and of the Psalm, the humility of St. Paul and the encouragement of the Gospel passage provide the answers. Live generously, be modest, keep going, share your talents, modest or mighty, rely on the power of the Spirit, not on your own.

“How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace and bring glad tidings of good things!” This is what we sing this morning at Holy Communion. The mighty talent of George Frederick Handel, who composed the piece as part of his well-known “Messiah”, is no more praiseworthy than the modest talent of the doorkeeper who is always on time with opening up and never loses the key. Each one lives faithful to his own strengths. Being “the salt of the earth” and “the light of the world” certainly sounds like a tall order. Think again of those we know who reflect this.

Being cheerful, truthful, generous, reliable and modest are probably the qualities that stand out. Jesus says “Your light must shine...” Yes, it takes an effort and we need to remind ourselves regularly of our Christian values but by the power of the Spirit - not our own - our faithful living will spice up and brighten up life for everyone.....and we too may acquire “beautiful feet”!



Skerries Church Choir.

MASS INTENTIONS

- ✦ **Sat 4th 10am:** Kathleen (Kay) Whelan (1st A)
- ✦ **6pm:** Phyllis Carr (1st A), Aidan Francis (1st A), James Coleman, Esther Casey, Richard Gaffney
- ✦ **Sun 5th 9.30am:** Ken Naughton, Brendan & Loretta Buckley, Peter Kelly (BR), Francis Corr, Patricia O’Sullivan & deceased members of O’Sullivan family, Denis Concannon
- ✦ **11am:** Margaret Farrell (MM), Ronnie Fay (1st A), Michael McBride, Vincent & Eileen Boyle, Catherine Ruth, Peadar Keane, Andrew & Lily Kettle & deceased members of the Kettle family
- ✦ **Mon 6th 11am:** Mass Card Intentions
- ✦ **Wed 8th 10am:** Luke Archiudean
- ✦ **Fri 10th 10am:** Maura Davey (MM), Liam Davey (Rem)
- ✦ **Sat 11th 10am:** Peter & Christine Creaner & deceased members of the Creaner family
- ✦ **6pm:** Mary Cawley & Michael Conlon, James Ryan, John Mullins, Bernard (Benny) Donnelly

- ✦ **Sun 12th 9.30am:** Anne (Nano) Lennox, Maryanne & Charles McMorro, Jim Slattery (BR)
- ✦ **11am:** Terence Friel (MM), Christopher McDermott (1st A), Pat & Maura Ennis, Theresa Quinn, Gretta Devine, Liam Canavan & family, Elizabeth Murphy Donnelly, Special Intention

OUR SYMPATHY

To the family of Vincent (Vinnie) Peters, Sherlock Park, who died recently. May he Rest in Peace.



ACCORD COLLECTION

The annual collection for Accord Dublin, the Diocesan Agency for Marriage and the Family, will take place **February 11 & 12**. Accord Dublin offers Marriage Preparation courses – online, small groups; Counselling for couples and individuals experiencing difficulties in their relationships, currently online or by phone; A Relationship and Sexuality Programme for schools. Accord Dublin needs your support this year more than ever. Please give generously on February 11 & 12.

BLESSED CANDLES

The candles that were blessed on Thursday (The Presentation of The Lord) are now on sale in the Parish Office - €2 each.

PLEASE NOTE

Monday 6th February – St Brigid's Day Bank Holiday, Mass at 11am.

SACRISTAN SOUGHT IN CLONTARF

The Church of St John the Baptist, Clontarf, wishes to recruit a new sacristan. For further information, contact Fr John O'Brien at via www.stjohnsclontarf.ie or by calling 0830062411.

CONGRATULATIONS

to the boys and girls from St. Patrick's Junior and Senior schools who sang their hearts out at the Laudate Festival of Music last Tuesday evening. Maith sibh !

30 YEARS AGO IN THE PARISH

- Newly baptised into the Parish Family was Emma Murray
- Meeting for parents of those who would be celebrating their First Confession were organised in our Parish schools
- St. Vincent de Paul Society was looking for a suite of furniture and a breakfast cooker for their holiday home, Maria House
- Pupils from Mr. Shorten's 5th class, St. Patrick's, were taking part in a scheme to make the school garden more wildlife friendly.
- Tidy Towns appealed for the return of their floral painted boards, which had been "removed" from Thomas Hand Street over the Christmas period
- The Marian Society's production of The Mikado was under way in the Community Centre
- The Active Retirement Group was organising an outing to St. Enda's, Rathfarnham and to the R & R production of "A Song for You". Also planned was bridge group, if sufficient members interested
- The Blood Transfusion Service made Gold awards to Pauline Greene, Brenda Dungan and Catherine Doyle and Silver awards to Christopher Greene, Nuala McMahon, Catriona McDonagh and Antoinette Ruigrok

FEASTDAYS

7th Feb – St Mel,

11th Feb – St Gobnait.

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 8 February from 11am to 1pm in Skerries Harps GAA on 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. Please text 083 1192972 or email skerriesforgetmenotcafe@gmail.com New volunteers are always welcome.



HILLS CRICKET CLUB

Tea dance this Sunday 5th February at 3.30pm with refreshments. All welcome.

SKERRIES HARPS GAA CLUB

It was a proud day for the Club to see Adam, Greg and Killian named on the Dubs squad v Kildare as the National Football League started last weekend. Juvenile football games resume on Sat 11 Feb and Adult football on Sun 19 Feb with both the Seniors and Inters playing Clontarf. Gormanston Indoor Hurling/Camogie tournament continues on Sunday mornings till 12 Feb. Juvenile Academy is back on Saturdays at 10 am. Club Shop is open during Academy for refreshments and sports equipment; also on Thursday nights at 7.30 pm. Zingo result for 29 Jan. 4, 3, 7, 2, 5, 1, 6. No winners. Jackpot now €1,600. Play online or by envelope available in Club Bar. See www.skerriesharps.com/zingo. Membership for 2023 is now due - Family discounts & Payment Instalment options are available . All players should pay fees before playing season starts - per GAA rules. See website or contact skerriesharps.registrar@gmail.com . Bookings for our clubhouse for any events or celebrations can be made to Pat on 087 250 5479 or email bookings.harps@gmail.com. Summer Camp dates: Cul Camp1:10 to 14 July; Multi Sports: 24 to 28 July; Cul Camp2: 14 to 18 August, Acad Camp 2: 1 to 24 August. Registration details will be advised shortly.