



Skerries Parish Bulletin

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Ecclesiasticus 15:15-20

Psalms 118

1 Corinthians 2:6-10

Matthew 5:17-37

Live heartily what one enthusiastically believes.

We can think of today's gospel as a series of little pieces; a rule on this, a rule on that, but this misses the whole point of the sermon by Jesus. The central point is that the message of the gospel is greater than the sum of its parts. It is not a new rule about this, a change in the rules about that, and so forth; rather the message is that God's love is greater than all. We are called to respond to God's love in a completely loving way, not simply by a formalistic fulfilment of regulations. Love always must go beyond 'box ticking' or it is not love. We can keep all the rules, but if our lives have not got that spark of love and laughter, then we are not following the God of love but the great policeman in the sky. That sparkle of love is what makes the difference between the saint and the intense rule-keeping grouch. That sparkle is the ability to see beyond the rules, to glimpse a mystery that is greater than the universe, to glimpse the love of God beckoning us. A few hundred years before Jesus walked the earth the author of Ecclesiasticus touched on the same teaching when he encourages his readers to always choose life.

St Paul in his letter to the inhabitants of Corinth tells them the reward for so doing. **We teach what scripture calls: "The things that no eye has seen and no ear has heard, these things beyond the mind of man, all that God has prepared for those that love him"**

Love is the sparkle of the good news, the joy of being a disciple, but it is never the easy option.

Lydia Gillen, Bible Study Group, and Fr Tom O'Loughlin, Catholicireland.net

MASS INTENTIONS

- ✠ **Sat.** 11th: 6pm: Mary Cawley and Michael Conlon, James Ryan, John Mullins, Bernard (Benny) Donnelly
- ✠ **Sun** 12th 9.30am: Anne (Nano) Lennox, Maryanne & Charles McMorro, Jim Slattery (BR), Tommy Quinn, James Everard, Deceased members of the Comey family
- ✠ **Sun.** 12th: 11am: Terence Friel (MM), Christopher McDermott (1st A), Pat & Maura Ennis, Theresa Quinn, Greta Devine, Liam Canavan & Family, Elizabeth Murphy Donnelly, Special Intention
- ✠ **Mon:** 13th: 10am: Mass Card Intentions
- ✠ **Tues.** 14th: 10am: Theresa & Paddy Long, Charles Clarke & family
- ✠ **Weds.** 15th: 10am: Catherine Maypothor (BR)
- ✠ **Fri.** 17th: 10am: Kathleen Larkin, Kitty & Jim Ryan, Elizabeth Mullen
- ✠ **Sat.** 18th: 6pm: Mary Gilbride (1st A), Colin Mooney, Paul Wilde, Eva McGinty,

Catriona McGinty (BR), Finley Gannon, Christopher Byrne, Joe McNally

- ✠ **Sun:** 19th: 9.30am: Vincent Woodlock, Anne O'Sullivan & deceased members of family, Susan Woods and deceased members of Woods family, Esther & Patrick Weldon
- ✠ **Sun.** 19th: 11am: Dolores Ferguson (MM), Carol Russell, Ben Gaughran (1st A), Patrick Lawlor, Denis Keogh, John O'Dwyer, Kitty & Tom Tyndall

Feastdays

Tuesday 14th: Sts Cyril & Methodius, Patrons of Europe: Friday 17th: St Fintan

Our Sympathy

Is extended to the family of Michael Kennedy (Late Hoar Rock), who died recently. May he Rest in Peace.

Welcome to all the boys and girls who will be receiving their First Communion this year, to the Bridge Mass today at 11 a.m.

WEEKLY EZINE

Sharing the Good News is the newsletter of the Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference. If you would like to receive this weekly ezine, you can do so at <https://catholicnews.ie/newsletter/>. You are encouraged to invite others to do so too. Send articles and photographs for use in *Sharing the Good News* to info@catholicbishops.ie

ACCORD COLLECTION

The annual collection for Accord Dublin, the Diocesan Agency for Marriage and the Family, will be made at all Masses on this weekend **February 11 and 12**. Accord Dublin throughout the diocese 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. This collection will replace the usual collection for Share. Please give generously!

St Vincent De Paul

The Monthly Church Collection for the local St Vincent De Paul will take place on Saturday 18th and Sunday 19th February. Blue Donation Envelopes are also available from the Parish Office. All Donations very much appreciated.

SKERRIES HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Agatha Muller who lived in Skerries in the 1950s – a talk by Paul Abbott will be held in the Bowling Club on 14th February 2023 at 8.15pm. All are welcome.

Skerries Ladies Bowls

A reminder that there will be a meeting for all members on Monday 13th at 12.15 in the Clubhouse. Hopefully there will be news of the proposed amalgamation of the BLI and LBLI and some idea of how leagues will operate in the coming season. Monday morning comp continues - sign in before 10.30 a.m. €2.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT

The Irish Hospice Foundation provides a free Bereavement Support Line. This National Freephone Service is available from 10am to 1pm, Monday to Friday, by calling 1800 807077. Visit www.hospicefoundation.ie for more information.

30 years ago in the Parish

- St. Patrick's Sen NS were hosting a talk for Parents of 6th class pupils on "Young People, Alcohol and Drugs" and also a meeting for parents of 5th Class pupils on the "Stay Safe" programme
- Bookings for the parish visit to Rome and Assisi were now being taken. The trip is in September 1993
- Pupils of Holy Faith/de la Salle College were busy preparing for the annual Fashion Show, organised and modelled by staff and students
- Skerries Active Retirement Group were heading on a historical outing to St. Enda's, Rathfarnham

Skerries Harps GAA Club

Sunday 12 Feb is Finals day in Gormanston Indoor Hurling/Camogie tournament – from 9.30 am. Juvenile games resume this weekend and Adult games next weekend. Fixtures on website. Juvenile Academy every Saturday at 10 a.m. Club Shop is open during Academy for refreshments and sports equipment; also on Thursday nights at 7.30 pm.

Our inter-County representation continues with Greg, Adam and Killian with the Dublin team in Limerick and with Cillian Emmett who captained Dublin Minor footballers v Mayo and Hannah McGinnis with Dublin Minor ladies v Tipperary. Stephen Smith played with Westmeath.

We are pleased to announce the opening of our new Players Gym, which together with our new Skills Wall will help to develop our players in all codes. Zingo result for 5 Feb. 1, 5, 7, 3, 2, 6, 4. Jackpot of €1,600 won by Kellie Tait. 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