



Skerries Parish Bulletin

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GOING THE EXTRA MILE

All of us have encountered people in our lives who have done more than we expected. Oftentimes, these same people are completely unaware that they are living the gospel. In fact, they might even tell us that they are not religious people. What they and we do not appreciate is that the goodness in people is the Godliness in them. The response to the psalm today is: "The Lord is compassion and love". This is very evident in those who give generously of themselves.

In the first reading from the Book of Leviticus (Book of the Law) Moses spells out clearly what is lawful and what is sinful. The language here does not differ all that much from what we read in the gospel except that Jesus offers us a way through what the old law teaches. The people he was speaking to were good Jews who knew their scripture according to the Old Testament. Laws were laws and that was it. Jesus speaks of a more loving God who is willing to forgive and to allow all to benefit from God's love as "he causes his sun to rise on bad men/women as well as good, and his rain to fall on honest and dishonest men/women alike".

The extract from St. Paul's Letter to the Corinthians asks: "Didn't you realise that you were God's temple and that the Spirit of God was living among you?" Each time you go that extra mile you are God's temple and the Spirit of God is alive in you in the here and now.

Know that God is with you always.

Holy Faith Sisters

MASS INTENTIONS

- Sat 18th: 10am:** Cora & Mick Cannon
- ✦ **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 & dec. members of family, Susan Woods and dec. members of family, Esther & Patrick Weldon, John JJ Reid
- ✦ **11am:** Dolores Ferguson (MM), Carol Russell, Ben Gaughran (1st A), Patrick Lawlor, Denis Keogh, John O'Dwyer Kitty & Tom Tyndall, Pat & Maura Ellis
- ✦ **Mon. 20th 10am:** Mass Card Intentions
- ✦ **Tues. 21st: 10am:** Gerry Mansfield, Nora & Peter Kelly, Declan O'Halloran, Anne O'Sullivan & dec. members of family, Alf Coleman (BR), Bernie Kiernan (BR), Anthony Morley
- ✦ **Weds. 22nd: 10am:** Eilish Healy & dec. members of the Healy & McGilly families, Janice Downing, Anne O'Sullivan & dec. members of the family,

Bunny Hughes (R), Brendan Hughes (BR)

- ✦ **Fri. 24th: 10am:** Cissie McDermott
- ✦ **Sat. 25th: 10am:** Special Intention
- ✦ **Sun. 26th: 11am:** Vincent Peters (MM) Fr Michael Flanagan, Joe & Carmel Boylan, Rachel & Ken Jones (BR) and the Jones Family, Helen Branagan

FEASTDAYS

Tuesday 21st: St Peter Damian,
Wednesday 22nd: ASH WEDNESDAY
Thursday 23rd: St Polycarp

Ash Wednesday

This year Ash Wednesday falls on 22nd February and marks the start of the season of Lent. Ashes will be blessed during 10 am Mass and will be distributed afterwards. This is the **ONLY** Mass that will be celebrated on Ash Wednesday. As per other years blessed ashes will be available in the church throughout the day for those who wish to avail of them.

We Welcome

Jack Paídí Whitney, who was recently baptised into our Parish Family.

Desert Fathers – 40 Days in the Wilderness with Jesus

This Lenten Program for men is undertaken by those men who want to use this special season to become more like Christ in the way they live their daily lives, and more firmly unite with Christ, through detachment from things that can get in the way. The Desert Fathers Program (though you don't have to be a father to join us) will target 4 key areas of our lives to bring about growth and change:

1. Spiritual (Prayer, Sacraments, penitential practices, etc)
2. Human (Exercise, healthy dietary habits, healthy lifestyle habits)
3. Intellectual (seek to understand areas of our faith more deeply)
4. Service of God and Others (caring for the people and situations God brings into our lives).

Desert Fathers aims to introduce a certain level of discipline and good habits across these 4 areas.

Group -set up & information meeting: In order to explain more about the program and set up on-line groups there will be a **zoom meeting** on Sunday Feb 19th at 8:30pm. Meeting ID: 494 625 9738 Password: 997298. An outcome from this meeting will be: groups set up, group co-ordinator agreed, mobile numbers shared with your group co-ordinator, anchors paired & weekly meeting time agreed so the group is ready to start "Desert Fathers" on Ash Wednesday – Feb 22nd.

Earthquake Disaster in Turkey/Syria -

Trocaire, Concern and Red Cross are all accepting financial donations to help alleviate the terrible situation in which survivors find themselves. Financial donations are most welcome, as goods and food can be purchased locally according to each area's needs.

30 YEARS AGO IN THE PARISH

- Ash Wednesday and the start of Lent were approaching
- Sunday was Temperance Sunday, and all parishioners were encouraged to consider taking the Temporary Pledge for the duration of Lent
- Skerries Harps sent congratulations to Laurence Bardon training with the Dublin Minors
- "The Copper Mines of Loughshinny" was the subject of the next historical talk in Loughshinny
- Skerries Active Retirement had set up a Bridge group on Mondays in Holmpatrick Hall

SKERRIES HARPS GAA CLUB

Sun 19 Feb. Senior football Div.1 v Clontarf, away at 10.30 and Inters v Clontarf at home at 10.30.

Minor Camogie v Annes, home at 10.30 and Minor Hurling v Ballyboden, home at 11.00.

Junior football v Clontarf at home at 12.15.

Check website for changes to fixtures.

Juvenile Academy every Saturdays at 10 a.m.

Club Shop is open during Academy for refreshments and sports equipment and also on Thursday nights at 7.30 pm.

The Gaelic4Motherscamp; Others initiative sees women playing Ladies Gaelic Football in a fun, non-competitive and social environment. Its an opportunity for women to get their recommended weekly exercise in a fun way while meeting other mothers / women from the area. Last year we welcomed over 40 ladies every Monday evening to our club to learn to play football, make new friends and have fun. No experience is necessary, only a willingness to laugh in a carefree environment.

Zingo result for 12 Feb. 3, 5, 2, 1, 4, 6, 7. No winners. Jackpot now €1,100. Play online or by envelope available in Club Bar. Thanks to all who play Zingo on a regular basis.

Annual Fashion Show returns to Clubhouse on Fri. 10th March at 8 pm. Event is SOLD OUT.

Tickets for the 2020 Show, cancelled due to Covid, remain valid.