



## 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent

**Genesis 2:7-9,3;1-7. Psalm 50;3-6.12-14., Romans 5;12-19. Matthew 4;1-11.**



In the first Reading from Genesis, we read of God's creation of man and woman and the fragility of their minds as they allowed themselves to be tempted by the Serpent.

In this the beginning of Lent, let us focus our minds on the realisation that God knows our weakness. He is there to help us through life, to lead good and caring lives, doing the best we can to help others less fortunate than ourselves.

“Have mercy on me, in your kindness.  
In your compassion blot out my offences.”

In today's world it is difficult for us not to be tempted to indulge ourselves in the huge availability of so many things. May I suggest we take a few moments each day to reflect on the promises of the Lord which are so important and try to do something small to improve the lives of others. For example through prayer, fasting or helping someone in difficulty with a friendly visit.

“A pure heart create for me, O God, put a steadfast spirit within me.”

*Church Readers*

### Mass Intentions

- ✦ **Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> 11.00am:** Vincent Peters (MM), Fr. Michael Flanagan, Joe and Carmel Boylan, Rachel and Ken Jones (BR) and the Jones family, Helen Branagan, Jay Kulkarni (RD in Florida).
- ✦ **Monday 27<sup>th</sup> 10.00am:** Mass card intentions.
- ✦ **Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> 10.00am:** Rena Potter, Rita McAllister (Rem), Special intention, Alice and Joseph McGuinness, Agnes Josephine Jordan.
- ✦ **Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> Mar. 10.00am:** Maura McNally (1<sup>st</sup> A), Mary Browne (Rem), John Kakanya (RD).
- ✦ **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> 10.00am:** Eughain McLeod, Sheila O'Loughlin.
- ✦ **Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> 6.00pm:** Michael Buckley, Fr. Tony Hannick, Gerry Foran, Jimmy and Eddie Coleman. Margaret O'Grady, John Joe Donaghy.
- ✦ **Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> 9.30am:** John and Marian Beggs.

- ✦ **11.00am:** Betty Murphy, Anne Smullen, Peter Keeley, Maura and James McNally (Rem), Mary Lambe and deceased members of the Lambe family.

**Our Sympathy** is extended to the families and friends of Michael Coleman, St. Patrick's Close, Terry McDonald, Shenick Park, and Catherine Gaffney, Baltrasna, who died recently.

May they Rest in Peace.

### Feastdays

Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> St. Casimir

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March:** First Friday 10.00am.  
Padre Pio Mass 7.30pm

**The Irish Hospice Foundation** provides a free Bereavement Support Line. This National Freephone Service is available from

10.00am to 1.00pm, Monday to Friday, by calling 1800 807077. For more information visit [www.hospicefoundation.ie](http://www.hospicefoundation.ie)

### Collection for Turkey/Syria

The 2<sup>nd</sup> collection this weekend [Feb 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>] will be taken up as a special collection to aid the relief in Turkey/Syria following the earthquake and its aftermath. This collection will replace the usual Share collection and all proceeds will be forwarded to Trocaire who are already working with partners in the area and can assure the proceeds arrives where it is most needed.

**Skerries Ukulele Strummers** Turkey/Syria earthquake fundraiser takes place on this Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> from 12 noon in Floraville.

### Skerries Harps GAA Club



Sun 26 Senior Camogie v Peregrines, home at 10.30am and both Minor football teams home at 11.00am. Inter Hurlers away to Kilmacud at 10.15am

and Junior Hurlers home to Sylvesters 2.30pm. Senior footballers made a good start to Division 1 by beating Clontarf, away. They play at home next Sunday, 5 March, v Sylvesters at 10.30am. Check website for changes to fixtures.

Congrats to Eoghan O'Connor Flanagan (Captain) and Ethan Dunne, proud winners with DCU of the All Ireland Freshers A Football Championship. The 2 lads were joined by Eoin Wilde on the Dublin Under 20 side that defeated Kerry on Saturday.

It's all about the colour, movement and fun at our weekly All Stars Session, each Friday at 4.30pm. A special initiative for children with additional needs in the area, it's a registered community inclusion initiative under the PPN Community Groups with Fingal County Council and was launched with the support of Skerries Harps GAA and under the GAA for All Programme. For details contact Denise 087 2843590 or Odharnait 0836 3719097.

The Gaelic4Mothers and Others and the Gaelic for Dads and Lads teams are both gearing up for the new season. These teams play on a purely social basis and welcome all who wish to join in. Zingo result for 19 Feb. 2, 1, 4, 3, 5, 6, 7. Dividend €150 won by Michelle Rice. Jackpot now €1,200. Play online or by envelope available in Club Bar. Thanks to all who play Zingo regularly. See [www.skerriesharps.ie](http://www.skerriesharps.ie) and our Facebook page.

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### Skerries Town Twinning is seeking



expressions of interest from anybody who would like to visit the Canton of Guichen (Brittany) from 17 to 21 August. Food and accommodation will be provided by host families. For details please email [skerriestwinning@gmail.com](mailto:skerriestwinning@gmail.com)

**Skerries Men's Shed** extends its sincerest sympathy to Lucy and the Coleman family on the recent death of Michael RIP. Michael was a member of our shed from the early days and will be sadly missed by all who knew him.

**Study** looking for adults (70 + years) to take part in our Protein and Online Exercise classes for 12 weeks by PhD student Catherine Fallon from University College Dublin. All appointments and classes will be done from your own home. For more information, please contact 0867240910 or [Catherine.fallon@ucdconnect.ie](mailto:Catherine.fallon@ucdconnect.ie).

### Acknowledgement

As the First Anniversary approaches, the family of the late **Maura McNally** wish to acknowledge with heartfelt thanks the many expressions of sympathy extended to them on their loss.

We acknowledge with gratitude beyond words the presence of so many at her reposal and funeral Mass - the many condolences from relatives and friends meant so very much. The tributes of former Aer Lingus colleagues showed the esteem in which she was held and were a source of great comfort to us. We thank her friends and fellow members in Skerries Golf Club for turning out in such numbers - the dignified and moving Guard of Honour was such a genuine expression of regard. We were so grateful for the support and help of Fr. Melvyn and the Parish Team and of Lannon's Funeral Directors. We express our deep and lasting gratitude to our valued friend Fr. John Brickley, who officiated at Maura's funeral and travelled the sad journey with us.

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Maura's First Anniversary Mass will be at 10.00am on March 1<sup>st</sup> in St. Patrick's Church, Skerries and on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> March at 11.00am.