



## 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent

**Gen. 12:1-4 Psalm 32 2 Tim. 1:8-10 Mt. 17:1-19**



We are all called by God. As always vocation begins with God's call to us. It's God's initiative. The reading from Genesis tells us of Abraham's (Abram, in the reading) call to leave everything that is familiar to him and trust in the promise he receives from God. This call is personal and Abram's response is personal too. It's a response that requires trust on the part of the believer. For all of us this trust in God is made in faith and can by times be challenging and maybe costly but God never leaves us. He is always faithful even if we are not sometimes.

Matthew's gospel tells us of the Transfiguration. Jesus goes up the mountain where the Father shows himself and proclaims Jesus' divinity before Peter and James. He calls them to listen to his 'beloved' Son. God is showing himself to us all the time. During Lent we are invited to listen and to notice God in our day. As with Abram and all God's people – he never abandons us but helps us through grace to 'be transformed' ourselves as his presence and action in our lives.

*Fr. Melvyn*

### Mass Intentions

- ✦ **Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> 10.00am:** Special Intention Tony Yurdakul (1<sup>st</sup> A) and family
- ✦ **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, Frank Ryan.
- ✦ **11.00am:** Maura (1<sup>st</sup> A) and James McNally (Rem), Betty Murphy, Anne Smullen, Peter Keeley, Mary Lambe and deceased members of the Lambe family. Patricia McGrath (BR), Anthony Broderick.
- ✦ **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> 10.00am:** Mass Card Intentions
- ✦ **Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> 10.00am:** Special Intention.
- ✦ **Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> 10.00am:** Paddy, Nancy and Tom Hand.
- ✦ **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> 10.00am:** Francie and Peggy Ferguson (rem), Jack McGuinness (rem), Eamon Branagan.
- ✦ **Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> 6.00pm:** Eddie Coleman (1st A), Cyril Delaney (1st A), Jimmy Dillon, Leo and Kathleen Tolan, John Lannon, May Llewellyn.
- ✦ **Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> 9.30am:** Margaret Noonan (rem), Noeline Hess (rem).
- ✦ **11.00am:** Michael and Meta Rice, Jean Rice, Mary Rice.



**Our Sympathy** Is extended to the family of Patricia Wieland, New Street, who died recently. May she Rest in Peace.

**A big Thank You** to all who contributed to our special collection last weekend to aid the relief in Turkey/Syria following the earthquake and its aftermath.

### Feastdays

March 6<sup>th</sup> – St Kieran, March 8<sup>th</sup> – St Senan, March 11<sup>th</sup> – St Aengus

**We Welcome** Adam Hogan, Fionn Roughan, Fionn Horgan and Peggy Abid who were recently baptised into our parish family.

**Date to Note:** 8<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm: Service of Light (Confirmation Classes) via Webcam.

### Skerries Forget Me Not Café

Next café will be Wednesday March 8<sup>th</sup> from 11.00am – 1.00pm at the Skerries Harps GAA clubhouse. The café is a new meeting place for people living with Dementia, their carers, friends and families. Come to make new friends, exchange stories, to find out more about Dementia services in this area and to have a little fun.

### 30 Years Ago in the Parish

- Newly baptised were Ronan O'Leary and Caoimhe Mullen
- During Lent, there were prayers, musical reflection and guided meditation each Sunday afternoon from 3.30-5.15
- Woman's World Day of Prayer, with the theme "God's People - Instruments of Healing", an ecumenical service, was being celebrated in our Church this year
- Skerries Active Retirement Group was planning a Spring break in the Gleneagles Hotel, Killarney, 15<sup>th</sup> -19<sup>th</sup> March
- Mock Examinations for Inter and Leaving Cert pupils were being held in the College
- Skerries Harps wished "Good Luck" to Barry O'Kane, taking part in the Dublin Senior Trials shortly
- The possibility of starting a Karate Club locally was being explored- a meeting to be held in Fingal Training Workshop

**Many thanks** from the Skerries Ukulele



Strummers for the very generous response to their fundraiser last Sunday morning in Floraville to raise funds for the Turkey/Syria

earthquake disaster. The sunny morning brought out the crowds which helped make the event such a success.

**Skerries Chess Club** Our U13s won gold while our U11s won silver medals in the Dublin Finals of the Community Games Chess competition held in Coláiste Éanna recently.



Congratulations to them. See reports with pictures on [skerrieschess.com/team/junior](http://skerrieschess.com/team/junior)

### Seachtain na Gaeilge

#### Áras an Contae Sord, County Hall Swords.

Óiche Cheoil do Sheachtain na Gaeilge ar Dé Ceadaoin, 8 Marta, 7.00 go 9.00 pm. le Bernadette Nic Gabhann, Eilís Murphy agus Megan Nic Fionnghaile.

Saor in aisce and sólaistí ar fáil!

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March from 7.00 to 9.00pm.

Free event and light refreshments!

[Eolas@fingal.ie](mailto:Eolas@fingal.ie).

### Skerries Ladies Bowls



Following the special meeting of ladies last Monday, it was decided to mandate our delegate to vote for acceptance

of the proposed draft Constitution for the amalgamation of the BLI and LBLI. Thanks to all the ladies who attended and to those who sent their votes by email or text. For the coming season, there will be no change in the arrangements for leagues/competitions and new guidelines have been put in place regarding the use of substitutes (i.e. using male players for ladies matches). Monday morning competition continues at 10.30 each Monday. Plans are being put in place to celebrate the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Club - a celebration dinner in Skerries Golf Club on 30<sup>th</sup> June. Deposits of €10 now payable asap to Mary Attley.

### Skerries Harps GAA Club



Sun 5<sup>th</sup> Mar Senior football v St Sylvesters, home, 10.30am Div.1.  
Inters v St Finians, away Div.4.

Minor hurling v Raheny, home at

11.00am Check website for changes to fixtures.

Congrats to Alix Buckley, on Dublin Senior Camogie v Tipp, her sister Robyn on Dublin Intermediate Camogie v Offaly, to Rebecca Beggs, captain Dublin Under 16 Camogie v Laois and to Keren Ndjatang with Dublin Under 14 Camogie v Cork.

We are running 2 Easter Camps both of which are FREE OF CHARGE.

Advanced Camp for U13/U14/15 Boys/Girls. Tues 4<sup>th</sup> - Thurs 6<sup>th</sup> April (12 noon – 3.00pm). Football, Hurling & Camogie.

Junior Camp for Primary School Kids (Age 5-12 yrs). Tues 11<sup>th</sup> - Thurs 13<sup>th</sup> April (11.00am – 2.00pm). Hurling & Camogie only.

To register, see

<https://skerriesharps.clubzap.com/categories/camp/products>

Zingo result for 26 Feb. 1, 2, 6, 5, 4, 7, 3. No winners. Jackpot now €1,300. Play online or by envelope available in Club Bar. Thanks to all who play Zingo regularly.

[www.skerriesharps.ie](http://www.skerriesharps.ie) and our Facebook page.