



## Fourth Sunday in Lent

Readings : 1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a Psalm 23, Ephesians 5:8-14, John 9:1-4.

The Fourth Sunday in Lent is also known as Laetare Sunday. By describing the anointing of David as the second king of Israel, the first reading illustrates how blind we are in our judgements and how much we need God's help.

The Responsorial Psalm (Ps 23) celebrates the care of God, our Good Shepherd, as we sing;  
*'even though I walk in the valley of darkness, no evil do I fear; You are there with your crook and your staff, they give me comfort'*.



In the second reading Paul reminds the Ephesians of their new responsibility as children of light.

*'Live as children of the light, for light produces every kind of goodness and righteousness and truth'*

In today's Gospel Jesus gives sight to a blind man, teaching us the necessity of opening the eyes of our mind by Faith. Those who acknowledge their blindness are given sight while those who assume they know the truth are often blind.

*'There are none so blind as those who will not see'*

To live as Christians is to see, to have a clear vision about God, about ourselves and about others. We are asked to live as children of light, seeking what is good and right and true. Let us look at others and see them as children of God and love them as our own brothers and sisters.

*'Give us clear vision that we may know where to stand and what to stand for, because unless we stand for something, we shall fall for anything'*

Peter Marshall, former chaplain to the United States Congress.

*Bible Study Group*

### Easter Timetable Envelopes

Envelopes will be available for collection in the parish office on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March between 2.30pm and 4.30pm. They may also be collected after 10.00am Mass on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> March. Your help in distributing the Easter Envelopes will be very much appreciated. Thank you.

### Mass Intentions

- ✦ Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> 6.00pm: Michael Coleman (MM), Richard and Mary Maguire, Mary Burke, Mary McDonagh, Helen Ward, Oliver Moore, For all who sympathised with the family after the passing of Marie Richardson.
- ✦ Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> 9.30am: Esther Kelly (rem) Mother's day, Stella McAlister.
- ✦ 11.00am: Rory Ward, Shelagh Douglas, Terry O'Reilly, Margaret Tully, Valerie Fitzsimons and the Roche family.
- ✦ Monday 20<sup>th</sup> 10.00am: Mass Card Intentions
- ✦ Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> 10.00am: Brian Taylor and deceased members of the Taylor and McKenna families
- ✦ Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> 10.00am: Michael McKenna, Joe Murray.
- ✦ Friday 24<sup>th</sup> 10.00am: Sarah and Margaret McGuinness.

- ✦ Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> 6.00pm: Patricia (Patsy) Horrigan (1<sup>st</sup> A), Phil Dowling, Jenny Hyland, Breeda Fitzgerald, Sean Farrell, Michael Harford.
- ✦ Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> 9.30am: Tom and Peter O'Rourke, Annie Leonard, Brian O'Loughlin, Mona Wall, Maurice and Margaret Wynne.
- ✦ 11.00am: James McMahan (1<sup>st</sup> A), Noel Russell (1<sup>st</sup> A), James (Jimmy) Hoey (1<sup>st</sup> A), Colm Sherlock (1<sup>st</sup> A), Josephine & Colm Flanagan, Rosemary Malone.

**Our Sympathy** is extended to the families of Carmel Cullen, Strand Street, and Tony Walsh, Red Island, who died recently. May they Rest in Peace.

**We Welcome** Penny Rose Mannion, Patrick Joseph McDonagh, Dorothy Frances Nally and Alex Murphy Urbani to our parish family.



**Congratulations** to James Fogarty and Eilish Ferguson on their recent marriage in our parish

**Feast days**

21<sup>st</sup> March – St Enda, 24<sup>th</sup> March – St Macartan, 25<sup>th</sup> March – The Annunciation of the Lord

**Easter Mass Cards** are now available in the Parish Office – all proceeds from the cards will go to TROCAIRE to assist them in their work. **First Communion and Confirmation Cards** are also available in the Parish Office.

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** every Tuesday during Lent from 2 to 5pm

**Congratulations** to the girls/boys in 6<sup>th</sup> class who celebrated the third and final Ritual in preparation for their Confirmation on last Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> March.



**St Francis Hospice Spring Memorial 5K Walk**  
The hospice is encouraging supporters to do their own walk as a family or with others, perhaps in a place that holds special memories for them or their loved ones. It can take place at any time, anywhere throughout the months of March & April 2023. Registration costs €25 per adult and children are free just go to [www.sfh.ie](http://www.sfh.ie) or call 01-8327535 to register. St. Francis Hospice intends to construct a new 24 bed in-patient unit and will include all support facilities. Participation will help to raise much needed funds for the services the hospice provides.

**30 Years Ago in the Parish**

- The Parish pilgrimage to Rome has added a trip to Sorrento to its itinerary.
- Oral Irish exams were starting for Leaving Certificate students and parishioners were asked to support them with your prayers.
- Lenten lunches in aid of Third World and Eastern European charities would be held each Wednesday in the Methodist Church.
- Congratulations were sent to trainees of Fingal Training Workshop who had taken part with success in the Leinster Special Olympics. The group received the trophy for the best overall performance.
- Marian Musical and Dramatic Society was presenting "Big Maggie" in the Little Theatre.
- Loughshinny & Rush Historical Society was presenting a talk on "Placenames of Fingal".

**LOST** - Black purse lost on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> March around 5.30pm on Church Street/Church Lane. Any information please contact: 0872821654



**Daffodil Day**, in aid of the **Irish Cancer Society**, is Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March. During the day there will be **collectors** at various locations around the town. Please support this very worthy cause. Every donation makes a difference!

Also on 24<sup>th</sup> March there is an Irish Cancer Society fundraising **Coffee Morning in the Man O'War GAA Clubhouse** from 10.00am to 1.00pm. You are all invited to drop in for a cup of tea/coffee and cake.



**Skerries Ladies Bowls**



Monday morning competition continues. It will finish with an Easter Bonnet morning on April 3<sup>rd</sup> - so get trimming those hats! Names still being taken for the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner Dance in the Golf Club on 30<sup>th</sup> June - deposits to Mary Attley. Many thanks to the Club for their recent donation to the Bulletin expenses.

**Skerries Harps GAA Club**

Sun 19 Mar: Senior Football v Lucan, away at 10.30; Juniors v Clanna Gael, home at 12.15. Congrats to Cillian Emmett who will captain the Dublin Minor Football team for 2023! Our Annual Fashion Show returned with "Style" last week. Thanks to all who came along to the event and, to our team of volunteer models. The organising committee and volunteers led by Denise & Catherine spent months planning the show and it all came together perfectly on the night. Thanks to the local shops who provided a selection of stunning outfits and accessories for our models. Membership is now due - the deadline for all playing members to be registered with the relevant association (GAA/Camogie/LGFA) is almost upon us. Closing date for registration is 31<sup>st</sup> March but we need details to be in by 25 March to allow time for processing. See link at [skerriesharps.clubzap.com/membership\\_signup](http://skerriesharps.clubzap.com/membership_signup) Zingo result for 12 Mar. 6, 7, 4, 1, 2, 5, 3. No winners. Jackpot now €1,500. Draw in Club each Sunday evening with Free Draw for Spot Prizes. See [www.skerriesharps.ie](http://www.skerriesharps.ie) and our Facebook page for latest Club news.

