



Treasure Hunt

If you were asked to name the greatest treasure you possessed, would you be able to? Would the answer vary, depending on who asked?

'Treasure' is the theme in today's Scripture Readings. Perhaps a Treasure Hunt is quite a seasonal thing, with holiday-time in full swing! Where might you start looking?

Christianity is essentially a practical way of life, based on the life of Jesus Christ. The Gospels are full of everyday activities by ordinary people; this is the world of the Christian message. Parables are all based on practical life. Jesus operates in this setting. Yes, the message behind everything He does and says is the absolute and infinite love of God for us, but the message is conveyed through human interaction.



Today's parable of 'the hidden treasure' and the 'pearl of great price' shines the spotlight on the human response to 'treasure'. The man who finds the buried treasure finds it by chance; the merchant who finds 'the pearl of great price' has spent a lifetime looking for it. For each of them, the precious treasure holds the promise of great things. That's what makes a treasure.

So back to our holiday Treasure Hunt. The well-known and much admired Scripture scholar, Fr. Kieran O'Mahony, puts the question like this: "what takes priority in my own everyday life? To what do I devote most of my time, my energy and my best self?" In the way Jesus tells it, this is where we find the treasure that holds great riches for us and leads us ultimately to longed-for happiness, perfect reunion with God, eternal life. Is this the clue we need to start looking? Worth remembering.....neither the field nor the oyster looked much at first!

Happy Hunting! Happy Holidays! "Where your treasure is, there your heart will also be".

Skerries Church Choir.

Our Sympathy is extended to the families and friends of **Mary O'Driscoll**, Hoar Rock; **Marie Kelly**, Strand St.; **Mary Plunkett**, Sherlock Tce.; **Elizabeth Armstrong**, Mourne Park; **Irene Nealon-Meinzolt**, late of Skerries and Germany, and **Saoirse Dowd**, Kelly's Bay Weir, who died recently. May they Rest in Peace.

Mass Intentions

- ✦ **Sat 29th 6.00pm:** Graham Barnett (MM) Kathleen Nolan (1st A), Kay Coleman McGilloway (1st A), Peggy and Paddy Coleman, James Nolan (Rem) and John Nolan (Rem), Peter and Rose O'Connor, Pat McNally, Joe Dowling
- ✦ **Sun 30th 9.30am:** Brian Tierney and the Tierney family, Esther Kelly (BR), Patrick Murray, Emily Schott (Rem), Michael and Margaret Harrigan (Special intention), Conners, Egan, Brennan, Walsh, Boyd and Harrigan families.
- ✦ **Sun 30th 11.00am:** Tom Duff (1st A), Tom McManus, Peggy McGirl, Patricia Jenkinson, Stephanie Ryan (Rem), Larry Hughes.

- ✦ **Monday 31st 10.00am:** Mass Card Intentions.
- ✦ **Tuesday 1st August 10.00am:** Pat Rice.
- ✦ **Wednesday 2nd 10.00am:** Fergus O'Nolan (1st A).
- ✦ **Saturday 5th 6.00pm:** Bernie Kinsella, Ellen and Christopher Fanning, Bill and Kathleen Kinsella, Lily and Jim Scanlan, Jim Martin, Teresa Donaghy, Bob Laughlin.
- ✦ **Sunday 6th 11.00am:** Joe Heffernan (MM), Pauline Treleaven (1st A), James and Josephine Dillon, Kathleen Everard, Bob Laughlin, John Archbold.

Feast Days

Monday 31st July: St. Ignatius of Loyola
Friday 4th August: St. John Vianney.

**Friday 4th August: First Friday – Altar list.
Mass at 10.00am and Padre Pio Mass at 7.30pm.**

Summer Dues: Summer Dues support the priests of the diocese. Envelopes are available throughout the church.

Pathways: Exploring Faith & Ministry Programme

Pathways is a 2 year, one evening per week, Adult Faith Development course, run by the Dublin Archdiocese on Thursday evenings in DCU St. Patrick's Campus, Upr. Drumcondra Road, Dublin 9. It runs from Sept - May (7pm - 9.30pm). Application is now open. Early application is advised.

Contact: *Pathways* Director, Eileen Houlihan at 01 8087594 or pathways@dublindiocese.ie

Meals on Wheels – Volunteers

Skerries Meals on Wheels are seeking Volunteer Drivers to help deliver meals to older people in their own homes in the Skerries area. Could you spare two hours one day a month at lunchtime from 12 - 2pm? Contact: 01 8058574 or 0860201151 Mon to Fri 12noon to 2pm.

Skerries Tidy Towns Annual Fundraiser

There will be no door-to-door collection this year. Donations online for a limited period only: www.idonate.ie/fundraiser/skerriestidytowns23 Please donate online or to a committee member. Please support. We need your help to keep up our work for the community.

Skerries Town F.C.

Congratulations to Skerries Town on progressing to the last 16 of the FAI Cup. Good luck to the team when they take on Finn Harps in the next round.

30 Years Ago in the Parish

- Newly baptised was Fiona Molloy.
- Blessing of the Graves was taking place in Holmpatrick this weekend.
- Active Retirement group was planning a trip to Wales in September and a tour to Avondale/Mount Usher gardens in mid-August.
- A big "thank you" from the Chernobyl children who had such a great holiday in Skerries.
- Welcome home to the 40-strong group of teenagers and their leaders who had spent a great week of sport and culture in our twin area, Canton of Guichen. A group of Skerries Sea Scouts are in camp there at present.
- Results of the sea races: Joe May Cups; the Men's Cup was won by G. McMahon and the Ladies by C. McMahon.

Legion of Mary: Light the Fire, August 6th, Hill of Slane. Bus leaving from St Patrick's Church, Skerries at 10.30am. Price €20. Phone Catherine 0857867558

Skerries Ladies Bowls



Another very wet Wednesday saw our Div. 2 ladies bravely battle the elements in Herbert Park. Very unlucky to lose two rinks by one point at the very end. The

cancelled match against Shankhill will now take place on Wed. 9th at home.

Best wishes to Chrissie Peters, Gisela Hoey, Eugenie Walsh and Nancy O'Rourke who have reached the semi-final of the Jun. Fours, to be played in Bray next Wed. 2nd at 2pm. Support welcomed. Also playing there will be Pat Redmond, John O'Dwyer, Mark O'Leary and Mo Hogan who are playing in the O'Leary Cup at the same time. Also good luck to our young player Owen Johnston who will be playing in the Railway Union (-25's).

Skerries Harps GAA Club



This Sunday is **All Ireland Football final day – Dubs v Kerry**. Skerries Harps have more than an outside interest in the game with Adam Fearon, Greg McEaney and Killian McGinnis on the Dubs panel; Bryan Cullen part of the backup team and Joe Rock involved in the Croke Park preparations. Join us in the Clubhouse on Sunday afternoon for the TV coverage followed by our Zingo draw. Our next Summer Camp is the Kellogg's Cul Camp No.2 on 14th August (sold out) but we still have a few places available for the Academy Camp on 21st August – for boys and girls aged 4 to 7 years. Register at <https://skerriesharps.clubzap.com/category/camp/products>. Zingo for 23rd July: 4, 6, 7, 2, 5, 1, 3. No winners. Jackpot now €3,400. Draw in Clubhouse on Sunday at 6.30pm with free draw for spot prizes. Zingo entry still only €2 per line. Our Golf Classic is on Fri 4th August at Skerries GC – and ELVIS returns to Skerries Harps clubhouse on 6th August. All our fundraisers help to support over 100 club teams fielded by Skerries Harps, adult and juvenile, male and female, plus our All Weather area development. Check www.skerriesharps.ie and Social media posts for latest Club news and fixture changes.