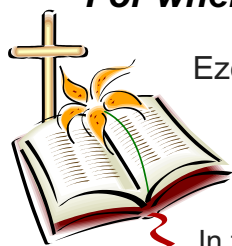


Skerries Parish Bulletin

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10th-17th September 2023

For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them



Ezekiel 33:7-9 Psalm 94 Romans 12:8-10 Matthew 18:15-18

The core message of today's readings is Love, the love God has for us, and some examples of how we need to love others.

In the Old Testament passage, the God of Love is warning Ezekiel that he has responsibility to lead the people out of evil. This is God letting us know that he will always try to get us out of a mess.

In the letter to the Romans, St. Paul is unequivocal as he repeats the words of Jesus, "You must love your neighbour as yourself." Love must be the motive for all our thoughts and actions.

In the Gospel, Jesus tells his disciples that where two or three are gathered in his name, he is there in the middle with us. This is what our community is about. Do I experience the presence of Jesus when we gather together? What helps me to be aware of his presence? What does not help me? We know that God is present everywhere at all times, but we often absent ourselves from the present moment because our minds and thoughts are elsewhere and we are not living in the present. Lord help us stay present to You at all times.

Lydia Gillen (Bible study group)

ANNIVERSARY / SPECIAL INTENTION MASSES

✠ Saturday 9th

10am Special Intention

6pm Joe Scully, Andy Scully, Tim Counihan, Baby Philip Workman (50th B'day Rem)

✠ Sunday 10th

9.30am Evelyn Sheridan, Thomas & Bridget Ellis, Greta Kelly, Terry & Ina Woods & deceased members of the Woods family

11am Michael O'Rourke, Patrick & Joseph Fitzgerald, Bill Hayes, Christopher Everard, Niall Dungan, Mary Rogan, Ursula Rooney, Tadhg Hassett (Rec. Deceased)

✠ Monday 11th 10am

Mass Card Intentions

✠ Tuesday 12th 10am

Mary Kelly, Niall Dungan, Joe & Catherine Stapleton, Kathleen & John Archer, Evelyn Sheridan, Jean & Niall Wilde, Ita Martin

✠ Wednesday 13th 10am

William & Bridget McDonough

✠ Friday 15th 10am

Joan & William Ruigrok, Kenneth Jones, Jennie Reynolds (A + B'day Rem), Sr. Mary Winifred Egan

✠ Saturday 16th

6pm Michael Flannery (Month's mind), Jonathon Flanagan (1st Anniversary), Gerry Maguire, Eileen Croke & Theresa Lamont, Cillian Shanley, Noeline O'Connor

✠ Sunday 17th

9.30am Mary Browne (rem), Noeline O'Connor
11am Elizabeth Nevin, Tony Grimes, Tony Anthony Smyth, Nellie & J.J. Gilsean, Nora & Tommy Keogh

FEASTDAYS

9th Sept – St Ciaran,

12th Sept – St Ailbe,

13th Sept – St John Chrysostom,

14th Sept – The Exaltation of the Holy Cross,

15th Sept – Our Lady of Sorrows,

16th Sept – St Cornelius

Legion of Mary Annual Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine takes place on Sunday 24th September



2023. Pick up points:

St. Patrick's Church, Skerries @ 7am and

St. Maur's Church, Rush, carpark @ 7.15am.

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CROSSCARE COLLECTION

Next weekend **September 16/17th**, the **Annual Crosscare Appeal for Homeless Prevention Services** takes place at all Masses. This will replace the second Share collection. Crosscare seeks your support to prevent more people from losing their homes as the housing and accommodation crisis continues. The number of people in emergency accommodation in Dublin is now well over 9,000; sadly, this includes almost 3,000 children. As well as providing residential homeless services, Crosscare is working with hundreds of families and individuals who are at risk of losing their existing accommodation. Please support the Crosscare collection next weekend at all Masses.

30 YEARS AGO IN THE PARISH

Tickets for the Legion of Mary pilgrimage to Knock at the end of the month were on sale.

A group of mature students was looking to rent/buy/borrow copies of a range of Leaving Cert. English textbooks.

Pray the Gospel, a 4 week course, using meditation was commencing.

Frank Mathews of Skerries Historical Society was presenting a talk entitled "Martello Towers and the Boney Bogey."

Tidy Towns Committee appealed to shop owners to sweep outside their premises to try and cut down the litter.

Under the EU Petra scheme, Skerries Town Twinning was welcoming a group of 8 unemployed young people who were coming to Skerries for a 12 week language and work experience programme.

The Blood Transfusion Service thanked the 199 local people who attended their recent visit to Skerries.

SKERRIES FORGET ME NOT CAFÉ

We are open on Wed 13th Sept 11am-1pm @ Skerries Harps GAA. The café is free of charge and open to people with dementia, their families, carers and friends. Come for tea and biscuits, a chat, to meet others on a similar journey and to learn more about dementia services in the area. Please let us know if you're coming. Phone or text 083 1192972. For more information please contact us on skerriesforgetmenotcafe@gmail.com

SKERRIES LADIES BOWLS

All lady members are invited to our "Pink Morning", tomorrow Monday 11th in the Clubhouse. Wear something pink and make a donation to St. Francis Hospice funds! Bring a plate for a celebration afterwards, when the results of the summer Monday morning competition will be announced.

SKERRIES HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Programme of talks recommences on Tuesday 12 September in Skerries Bowling Club @ 8.15pm – **World War 1, the Irish Sea and Skerries** by John Goodman

SKERRIES COMMUNITY CHOIR

The popular Skerries Community Choir has resumed rehearsals for the Autumn season. The group meets each Thursday night in Skerries Rugby Club at 8.30. In particular, they would like to see some new male members to augment their numbers, but all singers are most welcome to come along.

SKERRIES HARPS GAA CLUB

Adult hurlers defeated St Mark's, away in their JChampionship group game and both Minor Football teams also had Championship wins – v Brigid's and Fingallians. Sun 10 Sept. Senior Camogie v Peregrines, home, 10.30; Minor Hurling v Lucan at 12.00, home.

Junior Football v Ballyboden, away at 3 pm – all are Championship fixtures.

Juvenile Academy starts Saturday 16 September at 10 am for boys and girls born 2016 – 2019 with an Advanced Academy for children aged over 7 years. Registration now open.

Skerries Harps ALL STARS have resumed on Fridays at 4.30 pm for children with additional needs who may not be interested in mainstream sports activity. Contact Odharnait 086 3719097.

Thanks to all who have already contributed to our Go Fund Me page to help with the All Weather & Skills Wall project. All support greatly appreciated. See link at

<https://gofund.me/11815f6a>

Zingo for 3 Sept. 7, 6, 3, 2, 5, 4, 1 No winners.

Jackpot now €4,000. Draw on Sunday at 6.30 pm. Check www.skerriesharps.ie and our Social Media posts for latest Club news.