



Skerries Parish Bulletin

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28th Jan – 4th Feb 2024

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

1 Corinthians 7:32-35

Mark 1:21-28

The importance of listening is one of the messages we can take from our readings. Moses, in the passage from Deuteronomy, foretells the coming of the Prophet Jesus, sent by God, and exhorts the people to listen to him. Psalm 94 asks us to make known our joy; to give thanks and above all to 'listen to his voice'.

Listening, hearing and discerning are actions we engage in on a daily basis, more or less consciously. In the context of how we live our lives, it is a challenge to free ourselves from worry and anxiety, as Paul in his letter to the Corinthians would have us do. To be able to abstract from the here and now; the world's affairs, would surely make us more open to listen to God's will. This was a challenge for the people at the time of Moses and remains one for us.

In Mark's Gospel, we learn how Jesus distinguished himself in Capernaum as a teacher with authority and a teaching that was new and with his power to identify and eliminate a force of evil, 'an unclean spirit'. In our day we also need and look for teachers; people with authority whom we trust. Can we, through our actions, through listening and hearing God's message, become teachers ourselves?


Church Readers

ANNIVERSARY / SPECIAL INTENTIONS MASSES

- ✦ **Sat 27th 10am:** Tom & Rose Sheridan & decd mbrs of the Sheridan family, Special Intention, Pauline Hanlon, Terry Justice
- ✦ **Sat 27th 6pm:** Patrick, Elizabeth & Helen Clarke, Robert McMahan & Alice Farrell & decd. mbrs. of the McMahan family, Kevin, Frances & Anne McDonough, Eileen & Ted Williams, Frank & Ann Rogan, Laurence & Sheila McNally, Betty & Peter Boylan
- ✦ **Sun 28th 9.30am:** Angela Lynch, Gay McGirl, Patrick & Winnifred Russell, Stephen & Jane Comey (Snr.), Bobby & Martha Aherne, Mary Aherne, Edward Aherne (Rec. Decd.)
- ✦ **Sun 28th 11am:** Phyllis Dardis (MM), Vincent Peters (1st A), Denis McKeown, Mary Nugent, Vincent & Eileen Boyle, Ellen & David O'Connell
- ✦ **Mon 29th 10am:** Mass Card intentions
- ✦ **Tues 30th 10am:** Pauline Daly (MM), Matt McBride, Nino Greco, Liam McKenna
- ✦ **Fri 2nd Feb 10am:** First Friday – Altar List
- ✦ **Sat 3rd Feb 10am:** Michael Halpin, Damian Boylan, Harry, Amy & Essie Boylan, Margaret Guinan, Louie Toal
- ✦ **Sat 3rd Feb 6pm:** Sean McConnell (MM) & Colette McConnell, Jim Lennox, James Coleman & Esther Casey, Phyllis Carr, Brendan McGuire & Mary Kelly, James Gervasio, (Rec. Decd.), Noel Martin, Richard Gaffney

- ✦ **Sun 4th 9.30am:** Mary & Chrissie Branagan
- ✦ **Sun 4th 11am:** Sean Carron (MM), Kathleen (Kay) Whelan & decd. mbrs. of the Whelan family, Michael McBride, Decd. mbrs. of the O'Leary & O'Toole families.

OUR SYMPATHY

 To the family of Margaret McCarthy, late of Hillside Close who died recently. May she Rest in Peace.

FEASTDAYS

30th Jan – St. Aidan, **31st Jan** – St. John Bosco
1st Feb – St. Brigid. Good wishes to our sisters in the Holy Faith Convent on their special feast day.
2nd Feb – The Presentation of the Lord

FRIDAY 2ND FEBRUARY – CANDLEMASS DAY

Candles will be blessed during Mass and will be available in the Parish Office after Mass.

PADRE PIO MASS FRIDAY 2ND FEB AT 7.30 PM

SAT 3RD FEBRUARY - ST BLAISE

Throats will be blessed after 10am Mass

WE WELCOME

Ailbhe Arthur who was baptised recently into our parish family.



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St. Patrick's Church, Skerries

Parish Pastoral Council

We are happy to announce that the new Parish Pastoral Council

has begun its work in our parish.

The role of the Council is to collaborate with the Parish Priest in building the parish into a vibrant Christian community that

promotes Gospel values of love, justice and peace.

The Parish Pastoral Council members are:

Declan Bowers (Chairperson)

Emma Ellwood

John Everard

Eithne Larkin

Sr. Veronica Maguire

Liz Maguire-Stubbins (Secretary)

Dara Westby

Fr. Melvyn Mullins PP

The Parish Pastoral Council can be contacted by email to:

'The PPC Secretary' at info@stpatricksskerries.ie

LAUDATE FESTIVAL OF SONG

🎵 As part of Catholic Schools Week, The Laudate Festival of Song will take place next **Tuesday 30th January in Our Lady of Victories Church, Ballymun Road at 7 p.m.** Almost 80 children from the choirs of St. Patrick's Junior and Senior Schools will take part in this uplifting evening of music, song and reflection. All families, friends and parishioners are invited to attend on the night and admission is free.

STUDY THEOLOGY ON LINE

The Priory Institute provides online Theology courses to degree level. Attend Saturday lectures in Tallaght or from the comfort of your own home. Register before February 14. Find out more on our website www.prioryinstitute.com.

SKERRIES LADIES BOWLS

The Spring competition got started last Monday and will continue until just before Easter - finishing with an Easter Bonnet Day.

A good discussion took place on the draft rules for the ILB competitions for the coming season. Well done to Div. 1 Winter league team who had a good win over Crumlinfull points. Hard luck to Div. 3 who played away and weren't so lucky.

30 YEARS AGO IN THE PARISH

The Parish Bereavement Group was holding its first meeting.

The AGM of Skerries Town Twinning Association was being held with a view discussion on how to celebrate the twinning ceremony in August next.

The Marian Society's production of Treasure Island continued to great acclaim.

Skerries Harps were delighted to see the selection of Brendan Dunne and Paul Walsh for the u-15 team to play in London in May.

SKERRIES HARPS GAA CLUB



Juvenile Academy is back each Saturday at 10am - Open to Boys & Girls born 2017 – 2020.

For registration see:

www.skerriesharps.com/academy

Juvenile Indoor Hurling/Camogie program runs in Gormanston each Sunday morning.

Skerries Harps ALL STARS meet each Friday at 4.30pm for children with additional needs who may not be interested in mainstream sports. Details from Odharnait 086 3719097.

Thanks to all who have signed up for the Irish Life Every Step Counts Challenge. You can still sign up by downloading the MyLife app

Sunday 4 Feb. Table Quiz in Clubhouse at 8pm. organised by the Ladies football team.

Friday 23 Feb. Gala Presentation evening in Bracken Court Hotel. Tickets now available online.

Summer Camp Dates – Club camps on 8 and 29 July and Cúl camps on 15 July & 12 August.

Congrats to Hannah McGinnis on her debut with the Dublin Senior Ladies in the league v Kerry. Hard luck to Killian, Ethan, Eoin and Eoghan on the O'Byrne Cup final defeat with Dublin.

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