



6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

“OF COURSE, I WANT TO!” “BE CURED!”

READINGS: Lev 13:1-2,44-46, Psalm 31:1-2,5,11, 1Cor 10:31-11:1. Mark 1:40-45.

Sunday, February 11th, is World Day for the Sick. The sick and their need for healing is reflected in the Readings. In the Gospel the spotlight is on the leper coming to Jesus and pleading with him for healing saying, “If you want to, you can cure me”. This scene evokes memories of the times we pleaded the same as we prayed for healing for ourselves or loved ones. Let us reflect on the response of Jesus to the leper: “Of course, I want to!” he said, “Be cured!”. What compassion, love and understanding are in that answer! Jesus says the same to us. At times we may not have received the answer to our requests in the way we wanted but our faith tells us that no prayer goes unheard.

As we begin our Lenten journey let us remember the leper and his desire for healing. We too need healing be it physical, emotional or spiritual. So why not be an ambassador for healing during Lent? Let us pray each day for healing for ourselves, our families, our friends and for our broken world. Let's not stop there. Look for opportunities to bring healing to those we meet by a kindly word, an outstretched hand, a phone call or an invitation for a cuppa. The opportunities are endless.

May we listen to the Spirit within us calling us and guiding us to become whole and holy this Lent.

Church Readers

Anniversary / Special Intention Masses

- ✦ **Saturday 10th 10.00am:** Catherine Gaffney (1st A) and Joseph Gaffney, Mary Browne, Cora and Mick Cannon, Tommy Doyle, Patricia O'Sullivan and deceased members of the O'Sullivan family, Rosaleen Neary, Joe McNally.
- ✦ **6.00pm:** Annie Lennox (rem), Ronnie Masterson, James Ryan, Aidan Francis, Catherine, Gerry and David Payne.
- ✦ **Sunday 11th 9.30am:** Peter and Christina Creaner, John Mullins, Jim Slattery (BR), Maryanne and Charles McMorro, Patricia O'Sullivan and deceased members of the O'Sullivan family
- ✦ **11.00am:** Gerry Halpin (MM), Pat and Maura Ellis, Greta Devine, Liam Canavan.
- ✦ **Monday 12th 10.00am:** Mass Card Intentions.
- ✦ **Tuesday 13th 10.00am:** Charles Clarke and family, Paddy and Theresa Long, Dolores and Hose Louis Sala, Special Intention, Catherine Maypothor (BR).
- ✦ **Wednesday 14th 10.00am:** Ash Wednesday.
- ✦ **Friday 16th 10.00am:** Elizabeth Mullen, Eilish Healy and deceased members of the Healy and McGilly families, Liam Cullen and Carmel Cullen, Bernadette Ulrich, Ken Jones (BR).

- ✦ **Saturday 17th 10.00am: Colm McGilly Recently deceased. (Memorial Mass).**
- ✦ **6.00pm:** Michael Coleman (1st A), Kathleen Larkin, Paul Wilde, Finley Gannon, Bernard (Benny) Donnelly.
- ✦ **Sunday 18th 9.30am:** David and Margaret Noonan, Vincent Woodlock, Anne O'Sullivan and deceased members of the O'Sullivan family, Susan Woods and deceased members of the Woods family.
- ✦ **11.00am:** Patricia (Pat) Reilly (MM), Tommy Quinn, Carol Russell, Declan O'Halloran, John O'Dwyer, Ben Gaughran, Terry Justice.

Our Sympathy is extended to the family of Joan McDonnell, Mill Hill Park, who died recently. May she Rest in Peace.

Ash Wednesday

This Wednesday 14th Feb is Ash Wednesday which marks the start of the season of Lent. Ashes will be blessed during 10 o'clock Mass on Wednesday morning. Please note this is the only Mass for Ash Wednesday. As in previous years – blessed ashes will be available in the church during the day for those who wish to avail of them. Ash Wednesday is a Day of Fast and Abstinence.

The Season of Lent – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

We are asked to mark the season of Lent in some way so as to prepare for the great celebration of Easter. With this in mind the blessed sacrament will be exposed in the church on the Tuesdays during Lent from 3 pm to 5 pm starting Tuesday 20th February.

Accord Collection



The 2nd collection next weekend (Feb 18th) will be taken up as the **Annual Collection for Accord Dublin**, the Diocesan Agency for Marriage and the Family. This collection will replace the usual Share collection.

Feast Days

10th Feb – St. Scholastica,
11th Feb – World day of the Sick,
14th Feb – Ash Wednesday,
16th Feb – Day of Prayer for victims of abuse,
17th Feb – St. Fintan

Skerries Historical Society

Tuesday 13 February, 8.15pm, Skerries Bowling Club: *A snapshot of life in Skerries 1895-1900 from newspaper reports* by Brendan Grimes. All are welcome.

Skerries Ladies Bowls

Monday morning competition continues each week - sign in please by 10.30. No joy this week for our Winter League teams (Wednesday competitions).

30 years ago in the Parish

- Parishioners were asked to do something special on each Friday of Lent, e.g., fast, visit the church, show mercy to others.
- Meetings for parents of children in our Primary schools who would be making their First Confession shortly.
- A Lenten Garden was being placed on the altar to mark the passing of the lenten weeks
- Marian Society members had auditioned to take part in the Gay Byrne Community Talent Radio Competition with great success.
- Skerries Town Twinning Association were holding a Table Quiz to raise funds for their twinning ceremony in August.
- Well Done to members of Skerries Athletic Club who won the Northside League Perpetual Trophy.

Pioneer Total Abstinence Association of the Sacred Heart.

Short-Term Pledge for Lent

Enrolment will take place at rear of church after all Masses this weekend 10/11th February. We are also taking names for our new quarterly magazine, cost €20 including postage.

Skerries Forget-me-not Café

Wednesday 14th February 11am – 1.00pm

in Skerries Harps GAA Clubhouse, Dublin Road. The café is free of charge and is open to people living 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. For more information, please contact us on skerriesforgetmenotcafe@gmail.com. Phone or text 0831192972 to let us know you are coming.

Skerries Town Twinning



We are looking for people to help us host visitors (mixed ages) from our French twin, Canton of Guichen in Brittany, who will be in Skerries for 4/5 nights in August (15th to 19th approx.) to celebrate our 30th anniversary. Twinning offers a great opportunity for friendship and new experiences. If you'd like more information please contact Brendan Friel on 087 6181244 or email skerriestwinning@gmail.com

Skerries Harps GAA Club



Juvenile football season opens this weekend with the boys Under 12, 13, 14 and 15 teams and the remaining age groups starting next weekend.

Adult football teams return to play on Sunday 18 Feb with the Seniors v Ballyboden, away at 10.15, Inters v St Marks, home at 10.15, Juniors v Ballymun, away at 12.15 and Minor Hurlers v Fingallians, away at 11.00.

Gala Presentation Night on Friday 23 Feb in the Bracken Court Hotel - tickets are €30.

Juvenile Academy each Saturday at 10am. To register see www.skerriesharps.com/academy Juvenile Indoor Hurling/Camogie program runs in Gormanston each Sunday morning

Many thanks to all who supported the Senior Ladies Footballers Fundraiser Table Quiz and thanks also to the many local businesses who sponsored prizes!

Zingo for 4 Feb.. 3, 4, 6, 2, 5, 1, 7 No winners - Jackpot now €6,100 and Dividend is €400. Draw on Sunday at 6.00pm in Clubhouse Bar. Play Online or by Envelope for €2 per line.