



Skerries Parish Bulletin

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10th-17th March 2024

2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23 Ephesians 2: 4-10 John 3: 14-21

Laetare Sunday is an invitation to rejoice during the season of Lent in a similar way to Gaudete Sunday, third Sunday in the season of Advent. Such celebrations give us opportunity to pause and reflect on the course of our individual faith journeys during these special times of the year.

The theme of exile as a consequence of wrong-doing and shameful practices appears in the first reading from the Old Testament and in the Psalm. Here the exile is physical and regret dawns and is expressed in an alien place, by the rivers of Babylon. In the second reading, St Paul's letter to the Ephesians and in the passage from John's Gospel, we hear of God's love for the world and of us as his work of art. We are reassured that God's aim is that we live a good life and have eternal life despite our weaknesses and failings. The good news and a reason to rejoice is that banishment and exile, whether physical or spiritual, can be avoided. Sin, evil or wrong-doing have not disappeared but since the coming of Christ and his ultimate sacrifice, we have been shown God's grace which is his gift to us. Our faith in his grace informs our actions, allows us to believe and trust in him and to live a life worthy of his gift.

Church Readers

Anniversaries/Intentions

Sat 9th: 6pm: Cyril Delaney, Frank & Francis Ryan, Paddy, Nancy & Tom Hand

Sun 10th: 9.30am: Noeline Hess, Annie Leonard, Agnes Josephine Jordan, Esther Kelly (rem)

11am: Rita Price (MM), Jimmy Dillon, Peter Keeley, Anna Hand, Audrey Melia

Mon 11th: 10am: Mass Card Intentions

Tues 12th: 10am: Larry Dowling (MM), Maureen Walls

Weds 13th: 10am: Melia Halpin, Don McBrien and deceased family members, Margaret Lynch and deceased members of the Lynch family

Fri 15th: 10am: George & Jennifer Peters (rem), Peter Doyle

Sat 16th: 10am: Kevin Earley (1st A), Joey & May Sherwin, Eithne Richard Gilsenan & Sandra Gilsenan (rem), Billy & Philomena Richard (rem), Edward & Maureen Arkins (rem)

6pm: Mary Burke, Leo & Kathleen Tolan, John Lannon, May Llewelyn, Mary McDonagh, Helen Ward

Sun 17th: 9.30am: Stella McAllister

11am: Tony Walsh (1st A), Leo Heffernan, Oliver Moore, Kay & Eddie Coleman, Patrick O'Brien, Terry O'Reilly Snr

Sympathy is extended to the family of Elizabeth Francis late of St Patrick's Close, who died recently. May she Rest in Peace.

Feast Days: 9th March – St Frances of Rome

11th March – St Aengus,

13th March – Anniversary of election of Pope Francis as Pope in 2013

16th March – 1st evening prayer of St Patrick,

17th March – St Patrick

St. Patrick's Day

We celebrate our national saint's feast day next Sunday 17th March. Mass times are the same as Sunday – 1st Mass of feast is on Saturday evening (Vigil) @ 6pm and on Sunday @ 9.30am & 11am

Monday 18th March is a Bank Holiday – morning Mass will be @ 11am.

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The Season of Lent – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed in the church on Tuesdays from 3 pm – 5pm.

New Bishop.

Pope Francis has appointed Fr. Donal Roche as a new auxiliary Bishop to the Archdiocese of Dublin. Heartfelt congratulations and prayers to Fr. Donal and his family.

St. Vincent de Paul Appeal

Monthly Collection will take place Saturday 16th and Sunday 17th March. Any contribution, no matter how small, will be truly appreciated.

Skerries Historical Society

Tuesday 12th March at 8.15pm, Skerries Bowling Club
Through the eyes of a child - 1937/1938 Folklore Commission's Schools Project - Holmpatrick, Milverton, St Patrick's Boys and Girls Schools By Geraldine McQuillan. All are welcome.

Easter Mass Cards are available in the Parish Office – all proceeds go to support Trocaire's Lenten Appeal. Also those who wish to support Trocaire this Lent are welcome to take a Trocaire box, available throughout the church. You can return the box to the parish office.

Confirmation - Service of Light & Third Confirmation Ritual

Congratulations to the girls & boys who celebrated their Service of Light during the week.

Reminder to please remember the **3rd Confirmation Ritual** will take place in the church this Wednesday night 13th March @ 7.30pm. Look forward to seeing you all then.

Mothers' Day. *Good wishes to all the Mothers and Grandmothers in Skerries*

Emmanuel 2024

Emmanuel 2024 will take place in The Helix from 12th – 14th March.

Over 2,000 young people – including some from our own Skerries Community College will gather over 3 nights for this festival of uplifting liturgical music and song. Come along and support them – tickets from the Helix.

SKERRIES HARPS GAA CLUB

An understrength Senior football team lost out to Thos. Davis in Div.1 by a last minute point – played at Gormanston College. Minor hurlers defeated Naomh Fionnbarra,. Sun 10 Mar. Inter Hurlers play Clan na Gael, away at 10.15 am and Minor footballers are home to Thomas Ashe at 11.00 am.

We host Skerries Forgetmenot Cafe on Wed 13 March from 11am-1pm at the Clubhouse.

Join us to kick start St Patricks Weekend Festivities with music by The Macks. on Sat 16 March from 9pm in the clubhouse - no cover charge!

Registration is open for our Easter HURLING & CAMOGIE blitz, 25 to 27 March, mornings.

This is a FREE event for our players and early registration is required as places are limited.

Sat 23 Mar. Elvis Spectacular in the Club – tickets only €25. Contact Pat directly on 087 2505479

Zingo for 3 Mar. 5, 2, 3, 1, 7, 4. 6. Dividend €100 won by Dave Walsh. Jackpot now €1,100.