



Skerries Parish Bulletin

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Sustainable Living

Respect, Renew, Recycle, Refrain, Refocus and Reform ... these are the basic tenets of Sustainable Living – ‘A Greener Life’ – promoted at every opportunity via every media outlet. Sustainability is what lasts, is worth striving for, reassures us, helps us to grow at a steady, healthy rate and generally enriches our life. The spotlight is on the importance of Sustainable Living as never before. Rejecting it risks ruining the very thing we hold most precious, our existence and happiness on the beautiful Earth we inhabit.

The same imperatives are promoted in the Scripture passages today. This time, it is our spiritual life and eternal happiness which are in question. From the Genesis story of pride and loss to the Gospel story of Jesus overwhelmed by curious, sensation-seeking crowds, the message is the same. Our spiritual lives must be based on Respect for the Divinity, Renewal by the Holy Spirit, Recycling of familiar Scriptures so that they can be used in endless different and enlightening ways, refraining from opting for the quick and easy way, refocusing on what is spiritual and eternal, Reforming our often thoughtless, robotic living.

St Paul, writing as an old man to the Corinthians, urges them to ignore “visible things which last only for a time” and to concentrate on “invisible things which are eternal”. We should keep that thought at the front of our minds. It is not mainstream but it is vital.

Also vital are Faith and the Holy Spirit, St Paul underlying the importance of the first and Jesus delivering a dreadful warning to those who would mock and dismiss the Spirit. Without a spiritual dimension to our lives, they are ultimately not sustainable. We have been warned!

We sing today:

“Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart, naught be all else to me save that Thou art; Thou my best thought in the day and the night, waking and sleeping, Thy presence my light”

Skerries Church Choir

MASS ANNIVERSARIES/INTENTIONS

Sat 8th: 10am: Roisin Donnelly (1st A), John Greene, Margaret ‘Granny’ Clarke, Sr. Dolores Grady

6pm: Richard (Dick) Rankin (1st A), Leo Tolan (1st A), Mary Ryan, Nicholas & Mary Sheils, Nicky Sheils, Ken Ring, Basil & Kathleen Costello, Dennis & Mary Breen

Sun 9th: 9.30am: John Clinton (1st A), Joan Woodlock, Donie Beggs, Nancy & Joe Harford

11am: Mary Barnett (MM), David Kelly, J.J. & Nellie Gilsenan, Cahir & Noreen Boyle, Noel Tolan

Mon 10th: 10am: Mass Card Intentions

Sat 15th: 10am: William & Terry Boylan (50th Wedding Anniversary)

6pm: Deirdre O’Neill, Ray McNally, Imelda McNally, May Duggan, Bernard Cawley, Eilish & Terry Ward

Sun 16th: 11am: Jane, Billy & William Potter

George Hand, Jimmy & Peter Lambe, Carmel O’Reilly



OUR SYMPATHY

To the families of Tony Clarke, Martine Court, Skerries; Patrick Kenny, Clonard Close, Balbriggan; Pamela Dempsey, Rockabill Apts., Skerries; Ann McGee, Mourne Grove, Skerries; Mary Tobin, The Grove, Skerries; Pauline Keane, Strand Street, Skerries. May they Rest in Peace.

FEASTDAYS

8th June – Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary; 10th – St Columba; 11th – St Barnabas, Apostle; 13th – St Anthony; 14th – St Davnet

Dates to Note:

Blessing of the Graves: Sunday, June 9th at 2.30pm Ardla and 4pm Milverton.

The St Vincent De Paul wants to thank everyone for their anonymous donations in the blue envelopes, the poor box, and the collection boxes.

The next monthly collection for St Vincent De Paul is on Saturday 15th and Sunday 16th June. Any contribution, no matter how small, will be truly appreciated.

Skerries Historical Society, Tuesday 11th June at 8.15pm in Skerries Bowling Club
The Darkness Echoing: Ireland's places of famine, death and rebellion, a presentation by Gillian O'Brien. All are welcome. Non-members €5.

Skerries Sea Scouts: Our expression of interest form will be live from 1st to 30th June 2024 for anyone wishing to join Skerries Sea Scouts waiting list, for the September 2024 intake. Please follow the link :

<https://www.skerriesseascouts.org/>

Skerries Tidy Towns Annual Fundraiser

Please donate online or to a Committee member

We need your help to keep up our work in the community

<http://www.idonate.ie/fundraiser/TidyTownsSkerries2024>



Forget-Me-Not Café

Wednesday 12th June,
Skerries Harps GAA Club from 11am-1pm.
Open to people living with dementia, their families, carers and friends. Come for tea, a chat and meet others on a similar journey and to learn more about services in the area.



SKERRIES HARPS GAA CLUB

Sun 9th Senior football v St Marys, away at 10.30am; Inters v G Moran's, home at 10.30am and Juniors v Ballinteer, home at 12.15pm. Wed 12th Ladies v N. Olaf, home at 7.30pm.

Sat 15th Inter hurlers v Cuala, away at 6.30pm. Check fixtures at www.skerriesharps.com.

Juvenile Academy every Saturday morning at 9.45am for boys and girls.

Thanks to the organising committee for the well run Primary Schools finals last Monday.

Advanced Summer Camp 24th – 26th June and Acad Camp 8th – 11th July now taking bookings.

Congrats to Skerries Under 11's hurlers on winning Bronze medals in Comm Games finals, and to Shane O'Brien, winner of the Long Puck in Dublin Comm Games final; to our Under 14's boys – Shield winners in the All Ireland U14's football competition in N. Mearnog and to our Under 13's hurlers, runners up in the PJ Troy blitz – just pipped by Setanta.

Zingo for 2nd June. 6, 2, 1, 5, 3, 4, 7. No winners. Jackpot now €2,400. Draw on Sunday at 6pm.

Join online via link on website or by envelope on the night for only €2 per line or 3 lines for a €5.

Good Luck to all our players in the Junior Cert and Leaving Cert exams.

Festival in a Van

On Sunday 23rd June at 16:30pm in Floraville Park. Festival in a Van and Creative Fingal are delighted to present Sounds Like Summer, a free celebration of creativity and community spirit in Fingal. Join us for music from Niamh Bury, spoken word from Hazel Hogan, and more!

To learn more about Sounds Like Summer, visit www.festivalinavan.com