



Skerries Parish Bulletin

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The image of a shepherd runs through all the Scripture passages today. The Shepherd has been used from time immemorial as a figure of safety, simplicity and faithfulness. We humans, like the ditzzy, disorganised, though endearing 'sheep' that we are, forever need someone to keep us on the right track and save us from ourselves. That's where a shepherd comes in.

For Christians, "The Good Shepherd" is immediately recognised as Jesus Christ. Although the Psalms date from well before the coming of Christ, the most famous of them, which features today, portrays a beautiful image of safety, simplicity and faithfulness. The image, so comforting and reassuring, also provides food for thought. Far from the Dresden figurines and paintings of earlier ages, not to mention the music (who remembers "Nymphs and Shepherds" - a 'smash hit' of the 1950s?!) the shepherd, in reality, leads - and has always led - a harsh, self-sacrificing life. This sort of life is well described in our passage from St Mark's Gospel. The Shepherd is always on duty; Countryman or Cleric, the same holds true today. Neither can ever call his time his own - an enormous sacrifice.

What is the challenge for us, then? We may first of all rest assured that we are safe in the faithful love of God, no matter what happens. We must truly acknowledge Him and trust Him completely. Secondly, however, as Christians we are disciples too, called upon to shepherd others. In a contemporary world where strife, violence and widespread confusion at every level reign, it is our duty to defuse as much of the hysteria and hype as we can. We have it in our power, by grace, to assure others of rest, peace of mind, freedom to hope and the mental clarity to realise dreams. Without these things, life holds little meaning, little attraction. This Christian duty demands our sustained effort of body, mind and spirit, inspired by the heart. We might use at least some of holiday-time to digest such food for thought, nourish our spirits and strengthen our resolve.

No hymn to end today - we're on holidays - but a sublime documentary about the life of a 21st century shepherd in the English Lake District is wonderful; "The Great Mountain Sheep Gather". BBC Channel 4.

Skerries Church Choir

Church Carers Team

The Church Carers Team is looking for new members (men or women) to help maintain the cleanliness of the church. Our aim is to create a warm and inviting church environment. The Team meets every second Wednesday at 2pm for about an hour. Our next session will be Wednesday 30th July. If you would like to help, we would be most grateful if you will contact us via the Parish Office. Thank You

Our sympathy



Is offered to the family and friends of Edith (Edi) Walsh, late of Rush Road, whose funeral took place in the Parish this past week. May she rest in Peace.

This week's Feast Days:

Mon. 22nd: St. Mary Magdalene

Thurs. 25th: St. James, Apostle

Fri. 26th: Sts. Joachim and Ann, parents of the Blessed Virgin

Parish Office – opening hours

The Parish Office is open for your convenience on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m..



We ask for your continued patience as work continues on the stretch of pavement outside the Church porch. This sometimes means that the side passages are temporarily closed. It will be all worthwhile in the end.

Anniversary Masses/Special Intentions

Sat. 20th 10 a.m.: John & Rose Harrison & their son Richard

6 p.m. Mary Plunkett (1st A), Aileen O'Connor, Mary Murphy & Molly Ryan

Sun. 21st 9.30.: Sarah Ruigrok, Fred Jones, Claire Nolan

11 a.m.: Jim Hyland, Bridget & Richard Lambe, Annie Russell, Freddie Russell, Peggy McGirl, Pauline Treleavan (Br), Peter & Annie O'Connor

Mon. 22nd: Mass Card Intentions

Tues. 23rd: Sean & Bella Alcock, James Doorty, Lar Croke, Owen, John & Donal Lamont

Wed. 24th: Saoirse Dowd (1st A)

Fri. 26th: Bill & Patrica Baker

Sat. 25th: 6 p.m.: Teresa Donaghy, Joe Grimes, Mary O'Driscoll (1st A), Joe & Annie Culleton, Peggy & Paddy Coleman

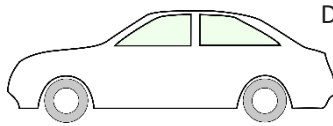
Sun. 26th: 9.30: Christy Casey, Patrick & Margaret Lynch

11 p.m.: Tom McManus, Breda Kennedy, Kay Coleman McGilloway, The Tierney family

Many thanks from Sail 2024

On behalf of the fundraising team related to the Table Quiz which was held in Skerries Rugby Club on 6th July, for Sail 2024, we would like to tell you that a total of €700 was raised on the night, from donations and attendance. A big thank you to those who contributed raffle prizes and funds towards this cause. We will continue fundraising for this event throughout the month of July. The Tall Ship Sail for people with connections to 'Prosper Fingal' and 'Remember Us' will begin on the 5th of August.

Need to get out and about ?



Don't forget that there is a Community Car provided by Fingal County Council which is

available for use by members of our community. This car is manned by local volunteers for use by our older residents or those with mobility issues. It can be used for medical or dental visits, as well as for outings such as shopping trips, coming to Mass etc., going to social clubs, meeting friends. The car basically helps our older and less able residents to get out and about. In order to make use of the car, you need to complete a membership form, which is available in the Parish Office (see opening hours overleaf). If this service is not utilised fully, it may be withdrawn from our town, which would be a great shame. So sign up now!!!

Another fine day outing available !



Why not treat yourself, family members or a friend to a trip around Red Island and Skerries Harbour? Through Fingal County Council's Active Travel Unit, a tri-shaw, manned by local volunteers, is available. It is free of charge. Just send an email (or ask a family member or friend to do it for you) to cyclingwithoutage@fingal.ie, with your preferred time, date and location for pick-up. And, there's a free 99 from Storm in a Teacup included !!

Skerries Twinning Association

The committee is gearing up to celebrate its 30th anniversary. We will welcome 26 visitors from the Canton of Guichen from 15th-21st August. An interesting programme of events is promised, in particular the launch of a Photographic Exhibition, which is a joint project between Skerries/ the Canton of Guichen/ and Srem, Poland (a partner of our French friends). Spread over 18 panels it represents the heritage, lifestyle and everyday life of the three communities. It will remain in Skerries for a number of weeks.

SKERRIES HARPS GAA CLUB

Senior footballers played Kilmacud-Crokes, away, on Thursday last in their final Division 1 game losing by 4 points - 3 - 9 to 2 - 16. We meet again on 9 Aug in the Championship in Parnell Park.

Minor footballers won v St Maurs and Adult hurlers lost to St Jude's.

Sunday 21st Adult hurlers v Lucan, home in the Junior Championship at 11.00 a.m

Thurs 25th Junior camogie in the Summer 7's - this week at home at 7.15 p.m versus Lucan, Castleknock and St Vincents. Check fixtures at www.skerriesharps.com. Join us in the Club on Sunday afternoon for the Cork v Clare All Ireland Hurling Final - followed by the Zingo draw with the Jackpot now €3,050.

Zingo for 14 July: 3, 7, 5, 2, 4, 1. 6. No winners.

Jackpot now €3,050 and Dividend €1,000. Draw will take place on Sunday at 6 p.m, after the match. Join online via link on website or by envelope on the night - entry €2 or 3 for €5.00.

Next Bingo Night on Monday 29 July at 8 p.m with cash prizes.

Next Society Golf Outing on Fri 16 August to Royal Tara. Contact Tony 087 6498177 for details.

Notices: Black Walking Stick lost in Skerries town. If found please call 8491524

Girl's phone found - collect in the parish office