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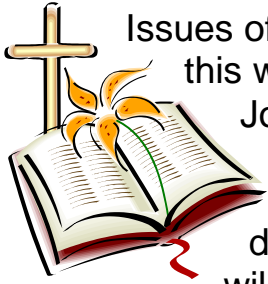
25 - 31 August 2024

TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Joshua 24:1-2, 15-18

Ephesians 5:21-32

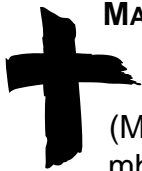
John 6: 60-69



Issues of choice, faith and how we nourish our faith are present in our readings this weekend. In the passage from the Old Testament, from the Book of Joshua, we hear about a gathering at Shechem, an ancient biblical city in Israel, where the prophet addressed the people. He challenges them to decide if they will follow the teachings of God, as he has done, thus abandoning all other gods. Their response, that they also will follow the Lord, is based on what they have witnessed, *-the great wonders-*, and their own experience, *-they have journeyed safely-*. The same issues of choice and our beliefs are echoed in the Gospel verses from John. Jesus realises that some of his disciples, despite their own experience, are wavering in their faith and find his doctrine too hard to accept. It is not difficult to empathise with this sentiment. While many did abandon Jesus, Simon Peter, when challenged about his beliefs and his discipleship speaks frankly when he says *Lord, who shall we go to?* He acknowledges the teachings of the Lord as *the message of eternal life* and he believes. Listening to this message of the Lord, being open to his teachings is our pathway to the life-giving power of his words; a life that has its source in the spirit.

Church Readers

MASS INTENTIONS/ANNIVERSARIES



Sat 24th 6pm: Mark Comey (MM), Robert Walshe (MM), Decd mbrs of the McGarry family, Frances

Mulholland, Helen Walsh, Collie Doyle, Daniel & Ellen O'Connell

Sun 25th 9.30am: Kitty Beggs, Louise O'Loughlin, Swanee Lokko

Sun 11am: Dolores Ryan (1st A), Oran Tully

Mon 26th 10am: Mass Card Intentions

Tues 27th 10am: Packie Markey(SI), Special Intention & the Holy Souls (x2)

Wed 28th 10am: Charles McGinty, Archbold & Coyle families (rem), Sheriff (Seamus) Corr, Bartle & Stephen Butterly

Fri 30th 10am: Kay Whelan, Rose O'Halloran, Joe & Catherine Stapleton, Kathleen & John Archer

Sat 31st 10am: Pauline Roche, Agnes & Jack Roche, Molly Malone (rem), Michael & Margaret White, Luke & Bridie Clogher, Anne Delaney

Sat 6pm: Pauline McBride (MM), Mary & James (Jimmy) Manning, Mairead Donnolly, The Fitzpatrick Family, The Brady Family

Sun 1st 9.30am: Colm Keogh (MM), JohnJoe & Annie McGuinness

Sun 11am: Nora & Tommy Keogh, Larry & Annie Roche, Ellen & Kitty Keogh, Margaret Cully, Nicky & Mary Cash, Tommie (Tom) & Margaret Farrell

FEASTDAYS:

27th Aug – St. Monica

28th Aug – St. Augustine

29th Aug – the Passion of St John the Baptist

31st Aug – St. Aidan

GOOD WISHES

to our secondary school students, most of whom are returning to school this coming week - the summer seems to have flown by, despite the changeable weather. In particular, we wish those who are transferring from primary school to secondary school good luck during the coming days. Congratulations to the Leaving Cert students who got their results on Friday. May you be blessed in your future paths.



SKERRIES TOWN TWINNING



Many many thanks to all who supported and helped us in so many ways during the 30th anniversary celebrations which took place over last weekend. In particular, thank you to the host families and the local businesses/groups who were so generous. The 26 French visitors were delighted with the warm welcome they received and enjoyed their trip immensely. If you've missed it, the Photographic Exhibition is still on view at Skerries Mills and is well worth a visit.

30 YEARS AGO IN THE PARISH

Newly baptised was Emily Kate Branagan. Mass at 12 noon was celebrated for all those buried in Ardla, Baldungan and St. Moibhi's graveyards.

Congratulations were sent to all the Parish Leaving Cert students who had received this exam results.

Skerries Tidy Towns were continuing their tidy up campaign in the town.

Skerries RFC was organising a fun Chariot Festival at the club ground.

Winners of the Round the Head swims were Kevin Rundle and Anne Carroll.

MEN'S ROSARY



Beginning on the 14th of September at 3pm there will be a men's Rosary in the Church. It will then be held on the second

Saturday of every month. More information will be available on the day.

SKERRIES HARPS GAA CLUB

Fixtures: Sat 24th Senior football championship v Thomas Davis, in Balgriffin at 6.00p.m; and Inter championship v St Judes, away at 6.30 p.m. Support for our teams welcome.

Football for our Juvenile girls resumes on Sun 25th with a list of championship games. Check fixtures at www.skerriesharps.com.

Zingo for 18 August: 7, 6, 4, 2, 3, 1. 5. No winners. Jackpot now €3,800 and Dividend €1,000.

A great day at the club last Saturday for the Annual Bryan Cullen Under 16 Football tournament.

Congrats to Cup winners Newtown Blues GFC and to our own Harps lads on their Shield win. Some excellent football on display from all 7 teams. Thanks to Bryan and all who took part. See report on our website and full set of photos available on our club Flickr @

https://www.flickr.com/photos/skerriesharps_gac

Our Social Golf outing to Royal Tara was won by Ciara Boylan with 41 pts. Many thanks to all who supported the Day. Our next outing is David Watsons Captains Day on Friday 6th September.

Next Bingo night is Mon 2 Sept at 8 pm and will continue every second Monday.

Juvenile Academy will resume in September – keep an eye on our Social Media page for details.