

## What Following Jesus Will Mean in Our Lives

### I will follow Jesus Christ



In today's Gospel, we are in the small villages around Caesarea Philippi. The inhabitants were forced to live like slaves under the Romans, and crucifixion was the usual form of punishment for anyone who was a threat to the power of Rome. Jesus asks his followers a question: 'Who do people say I am?' Peter answers: 'The Christ.' Jesus then tells his disciples that he is the Son of Man and that his future is one of rejection and crucifixion. This is not what they want to hear, and Peter contradicts Jesus. Jesus tells Peter he is not thinking like God does, but the way

people do who have not heard his word. We must be willing to lose everything we value, even our lives, to follow him. Are we willing to commit ourselves to solidarity with all victims and so to walk the way with Jesus to the cross and glory?

In our 1st reading, Isaiah is steeling himself against those who oppose him with God as his help. The Lord comes to our help when we ask, just as he came to help the prophet. Jesus is always the one who sides with those who are the victims of violence and injustice.

In our 2nd reading, St James tells us that faith without good works is dead. We want our world to be a place of peace and justice where no-one suffers through poverty or oppression, a practical religion which helps those in need. *Do unto others as you would want them to do unto you.*

*'Teach me Lord to be generous - To give and not to count the cost –  
Save that of knowing that I do your holy will. Amen.'*

**Lectio Group**

#### Feastdays

Friday 21<sup>st</sup>. St Matthew.

#### Anniversary Masses

Tues. 18<sup>th</sup> 10am: Jennie Reynolds,  
Sr. Mary Winifred.

Fri. 21<sup>st</sup> 10am: William Lawlor.

Sat. 22<sup>nd</sup> Vigil 6pm: Jack & Dede White, Paula  
McGrath, Matthew Smyth, Eileen Croke,  
Theresa Lamont, Kathleen Lamont.

Sun. 23<sup>rd</sup> 9.30am: Doreen Rafferty, Kathleen  
Caffrey, Edward & Margaret Rogan.

11am: Brian Leahy, Veronica Kelly, Ita Williams.

#### Legion of Mary Pilgrimage to Knock

Sunday, 30<sup>th</sup> September.

See Notice Board for details.

Contact Lorraine: 0876203314, Mary  
0876741472.

#### Crosscare

Annual Collection for Communities & Homeless  
Services – will take place at all Masses this  
weekend, replacing normal Share collection.

**Please note there will also be no monthly St.  
Vincent de Paul collection this weekend.**

#### Culture Night 2018 – God Is In The House

Once again, Clonliffe College will participate in  
Culture Night on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> September from  
6p.m. – 9.00p.m.

**6.00pm:** Open exhibition on the 1979 Papal  
Visit of Saint John Paul II and of Pope Francis  
to Ireland with photographs, letters and  
memorabilia.

**6.45pm:** Celtic Spirituality explored followed by  
an energising Faith-based Workshop - see our  
ancient traditions alongside new ways of  
spreading the Good News.

**8.00 pm:** Songs of Praise in the College  
Church with the Dublin Diocesan Music Group  
joined by young singers from Laudate and  
Emmanuel Liturgical Music Primary and Second  
Level School Programmes including brief  
interviews with inspirational people and finishing  
with the lively song - God Is In The House.

#### Magnificat Prayer Group



The Group meets each Tuesday night  
in the Hills Cricket Club for Rosary and  
Scripture.

Time: 7.30pm – 8.30pm. All Welcome.

### **Skerries Active Retirement Group**

Mon 17<sup>th</sup>: 1.30p.m. - Dancing, 2p.m. - Bingo.

Tues 18<sup>th</sup>: 2 p.m. - Bowls

Tues 25<sup>th</sup>: Day Trip to Wexford 9.30am

Skerries Church, 9.45 Rush, 10 am Lusk.

Few places available.

**Musings @ the Mills** - an evening of poetry and music, featuring: Paul Enright,



Enda Coyle-Greene and Mary Branley – with special guest Pat Boran, will take place at Skerries Mills on Friday, September 28<sup>th</sup> at

8p.m. Tickets €10.00 available at the door.

### **Ireland's Biggest Coffee Morning for Hospice, together with Bewley's**



Eileen McDonald and friends would love to see you on Thursday next, 20<sup>th</sup> September, at her "Annual" Coffee Morning for the Hospice.

Venue: 30 Shenick Park, from 10.30am. All welcome

### **Interested in Spirituality?**

There are still places available on the Spirituality Programme being offered by Dominican Centre, Sion Hill, Blackrock. This two-year part-time programme takes place on Thursday evenings from 7.00 – 9.30pm on six Saturdays each year. It starts on 27<sup>th</sup> September 2018. It is open to all, no prior learning is required and there are no exams. For further information please contact Anne Ryan by email [anneryanflanagan@gmail.com](mailto:anneryanflanagan@gmail.com), or telephone 086 884 3652.

### **30 years ago in the Parish**

- Newly baptised were Aoife Halpin, Rebecca Hooper and Killian McLoughlin.
- Marian Musical and Dramatic Society was holding auditions for the Wizard of Oz.
- Skerries 65 Club was organising a trip Balbriggan.
- The Summer outdoor swimming season had come to an end and the winners of the Points Competition were: Men: Fergus Ryan, Dave Moloney and David McGloughlin. Ladies: Suzanne Healy, Caroline MacManus and Barbara Ryan.

### **Information for Travellers!**

Please note new train timetable from Skerries, commenced 9<sup>th</sup> September. Many changes relating to passengers from Skerries to Dublin!

### **Anam Cara**

An information evening for bereaved parents will be held on Wed. 19<sup>th</sup> Sept. 7.30 to 9.30pm in the Carnegie Court Hotel in Swords. There will be a guest speaker experienced in bereavement support. Please RSVP to [info@anamcara.ie](mailto:info@anamcara.ie) or call 085 2888888 for more details.

### **Skerries Harps GAA**

Another All Ireland medal for Skerries – congrats to Aisling Spillane!!

Good Luck today (Sun) to Lyndsey Davey and Dublin Ladies in final v Cork – join us to watch the game on TV.

**Sun. 16<sup>th</sup>**: Minor Hurlers in Championship v Kevins, home at 11 am.

**Fri. 21<sup>st</sup>**: Senior Ladies v Cuala, home in Championship semi-final at 7.30 pm.

**Sat. 22<sup>nd</sup>**: Juvenile Academy from 10 am to 11.30 for boys and girls. Club Shop also open.

**Whist** returns on Tues 18<sup>th</sup> at 8.30 pm – all welcome. FREE lessons for beginners.

**Social Golf** – Captain's day outing on Fri 21<sup>st</sup> at Skerries GC. Presentations and meal in Harps club at 8 pm. Details from Paul Murray 085 1740474.

**Zingo**. 7,2,6,4,1,3,5. No winner – entry still €2 or 3 for a fiver! or join online.

Sympathy to Harry Boylan and family, and the Grimes family, on the death of Essie.

Contact Joanne Kenny, club PRO, for club news etc. on 086 4058523 or see website.

### **Bethany Bereavement Support Group**

Public Talk – "How Bethany helped me on my Grieving Journey" by Nuala Casey - Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2018 at 7.30pm St Xavier's Church, Gardiner Street, Dublin 1.

**Skerries Arch Club** - Is a recreational club for people with learning disabilities and meets every Wednesday, from 8pm to 10pm in Prosper Fingal, Strand Street. We are urgently looking for helpers to assist in the running of the Club. If you could help out once a week, or every other week, we would love to hear from you. Garda vetting will apply. More information from Pauline on 086 8109917 or Mary on 087 9650440.

**Hills Cricket Club** would like to thank all who supported their recent Coffee Morning in aid of the Hospice on 1<sup>st</sup> September. The sum of €1500 was raised.