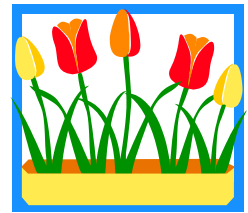


Mother Nature

It's the time of year when we should all be billing and cooing about the lovely weather, the sunny promise of Summer etc - Mother Nature has other ideas this year! Can we do anything about it? Not a thing!



There is a profound similarity between Mother Nature and Creator God; the laws of Nature are the basis for the laws of God. Even those who have never heard of God don't go far wrong if they observe the laws of Nature.

Today's Scripture passages are distinguished by their directness: St. Peter, in Acts, writes "...it was you who.... killed the prince of life..." adding then "...neither you nor your leaders had any idea what you were really doing"; St John's letter, "I am writing to stop you sinning..." and "...anyone who says 'I know him' and does not keep his commandments is a liar". The Gospel passage describes an event that seems to defy the laws of Nature until Jesus asks the bewildered group, "Have you anything to eat?"

Easter itself, our great defining feast of Christianity, also seems to defy the laws of Nature until we remember how new leaves appear on ancient, gnarled, dead-looking branches. Beautiful green shoots appear on the most barren-looking patches, the sun rises every morning. The miracle of life constantly recurs and although Mother Nature may well be behind Creator God, we're still left with the question "What makes Mother Nature tick?"

"Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord". ALLELUIA!

Skerries Church Choir

ANNIVERSARIES REMEMBERED

- ✦ Tues 17th 10am: Elizabeth Dempsey, First Anniversary
- ✦ Sat 21st 10am: Frances Reid, Noel Duff
- ✦ Sat 21st 6pm: Barry Morris, May Tolan, Patrick (Jack) Guildea, Tom McDonnell & deceased members of the McDonnell Family, Leo & Kathleen Tolan
- ✦ Sun 22nd 9.30am: John & Moira Lane

MONTH'S MIND MASS

- ✦ Sun 22nd 11am: Rosemary Malone

BLESSINGS OF GRAVES 2018

Sunday 10th June:

Holmpatrick 2.30pm: Baldungan 4.00pm

Sunday 17th June: Ardla 2.30pm: Milverton 4.00pm

LECTIO DIVINA

Many thanks to all who attended the Lectio Divina sessions during Lent. Lectio Divina is a way of reflecting on the Bible and through it we are invited to read, understand and deepen our appreciation of Scripture and seek guidance for our lives in the teaching of the Lord Jesus. We will continue with our sessions this **Wednesday April 18th at 3.30pm in the glass area at the back of the church. All are welcome**

DO THIS IN MEMORY

Our parish children will mark another stage on their journey to First Communion on Sunday April 22nd at 11.00am Mass.

THE SISTERS OF THE HOLY FAITH

wish to thank most sincerely all who so generously supported their annual Good Friday fundraising activity in aid of Trócaire. A total of €2,416.50 was raised for the charity. A special word of thanks to all who helped on the day and to the management of Gerry's Supermarket who provided the freshly baked rolls to accompany the home-made soup.

PLANNED GIVING (PINK) ENVELOPES

Envelopes for 2018/2019 are now available for collection and distribution. We would be most grateful if those responsible for the distribution and collection of the envelopes would contact Eithne Larkin in the parish office, or leave a name and phone number to contact you. We would also like to hear from parishioners who arranged to collect their own envelopes.

We thank most sincerely all who help with this fundraising initiative which provides a valuable source of funding for the parish.

FINGAL FOR LIFE

Thank you so much to all who attended our information evening on Tuesday last and a special thanks to Fr Melvyn for use of the church and all his support. We are now **urgently** looking for people to help with canvassing and leaflet drops. If you are interested please contact **Donagh at 0871674656**. We need you all to fight this good fight and get the **NO** vote over the line.

MAY 2018 - SKERRIES MENTAL FITNESS MONTH

This will take place in May with several FREE events taking place from talks, walks, yoga, pop up choir etc, around the town for the month of May. More details to follow. Please come and take part. All are welcome. Please email listenfeedback@gmail.com or like and share our Facebook Page – Skerries Mental Fitness Month.

100TH ANNIVERSARY – CAPT THOMAS RYAN

We recall this weekend the sinking of the SS Farrowfield by a German U Boat on 14th April 1918. Captain Thomas Ryan from Loughshinny and his crew were all lost at sea. He was the father of Dr Frank, Thomas and Brendan Ryan. He is also remembered on the memorials at both Skerries and Loughshinny harbours.

SKERRIES ACTIVE RETIREMENT

Mon 16th 2 pm: One woman play followed by tea and apple tart. Adm €10. Keep fit with Mary.
Tues 17th 2 pm: Bowls.
Sun 22nd: April Trip to Galway. Balance of monies in envelope on Mon please. Few places still available for members and non-members.

30 YEARS AGO IN THE PARISH

- Newly baptised were Deborah Skelly and Ian Grant
- The newly refurbished Maria House was open to the public over next weekend. Many thanks to all who have supported the initiative
- The Holy Faith Sisters acknowledged the generous anonymous donation to Sr. Eileen's Mission in Peru. She was settling in well, coping with the abject poverty & climate in her new abode
- Many thanks to all who helped with the clean-up of Holmpatrick Graveyard recently
- Local girl Maeve McNally and her partner Denise Lyttle were successful in the recent European championships finishing 2nd out of 13 nations - on their way to be selected for the forthcoming Seoul Olympics
- Skerries Majorettes were giving a display in the Community Centre this weekend

LOUGHSHINNY & RUSH HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Present a talk "Thomas Hand – Irish volunteer" by Frank Whearity in Strand Bar, Rush, Thursday 26th April at 8pm. All Welcome.

ANAM CARA NORTH DUBLIN

We are an organisation that supports bereaved parents and will hold our next monthly Parent Evening on Wednesday 18th April from 7.30pm-9:00pm in the Carnegie Court Hotel, Swords. Anam Cara North Dublin offers a safe and comfortable setting where you can 'drop the mask' and be yourself among people who understand. This event is open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether this was recent or not.

FRIENDS OF AUTISM AND ADHD

Notice of 2 Talks: 1. Dyspraxia, Sensory Processing Difficulties, and Anxiety In Childhood. Talk given by Dr Stacey Ball in Bracken Court Hotel, Tues 8th May 7.30 pm.

2. Sensory Strategies for Your Child. Talk By Deanna Dix-Peek, Occupational Therapist in Bracken Court Hotel, Balbriggan: Mon 21st May at 6.00pm.

To Reserve Your Place, Please Send an Email to Carmel at Adhdfingal@Gmail.Com or Phone 01 8495670. Two Talks €8, One Talk: €5.

SKERRIES MEN'S SHED

The AGM of Skerries Men's Shed takes place this coming Tuesday (17th) at 8.00pm in the Old School – all welcome. If you want to find out about the Men's Shed why not pop along. The Men's Shed meets regularly on Tuesdays at 3.00pm in Skerries Mills (upper room).

LADIES BOWLING CLUB

A reminder that our next meeting takes place in the Club Monday next 16th at 12.15 pm. As the new season starts next week, our best wishes go to our teams in Div. 1 & Div. 4 of Leinster Ladies Bowling League. Many thanks to the new ladies who came along to our Open Day on 7th and we hope to see you again soon.

SKERRIES HARPS GAA CLUB

Sunday 15th : Inters v Na Fianna, at 11 am and Juniors v N. Barrog, at 3 pm - both at home in the Dublin Football Championship. Seniors are drawn in a Championship group with St Vincents, Lucan and Na Fianna. Under 12 Camogie team played in Croke Park last weekend – well done girls. Good Luck to Under 14 Girls team who compete in Dublin Feile this weekend. Zingo Jackpot €2,300 won by Veronica Fay. Numbers: 3, 2, 5, 7, 1, 6, 4. Wed 18th : Tickets for Skerries Theatre production of 'The Cripple of Inishmaan' by recent Oscar winner Martin McDonagh, are available from Joanne or Fergal at the special price of €10. Not to be missed!! Juvenile Academy every Saturday at 10 am. Contact Louise 085 1465673. For all club news contact Joanne 086 4058523 or see website www.skerriesharps.ie