

Home Truths

There will no doubt be many and varied reactions to the first Reading today from Proverbs! There was a time, not so long ago, when the role of 'wife' was the ultimate goal for a woman. Some of our parents and certainly our grandparents will remember that. In the context of contemporary society, however, this passage may well be regarded as 'old hat' - or worse, derided as 'disgraceful'. Things have changed!

The whole story, as usual, is not quite so black and white. The role of 'wife' may not attract the headlines or feature prominently in social media, but on reflection, it cannot be denied that wives form the 'glue' of society. Everywhere around us are thousands, millions of wives quietly getting on with nurturing, caring, supporting, comforting, managing. No matter that the very definition of 'wife' has changed, no matter that not all wives are mothers nor that all mothers are wives, what emerges from this striking reading is that wives, per se, deserve recognition and appreciation of their unique and central role in the great matter of social living. The writer of Proverbs asks: "The perfect wife – who can find her?" Perfection in any field is hard to find and it's not about perfection; it's the effort in every field that counts.

Let's reflect on the last lines of the passage: *The woman who is wise is the one to praise, Give her a share in what her hands have worked for and let her works tell her praises at the city gates.*

So..... "Let's hear it for wives!"

Skerries Church Choir

ANNIVERSARIES REMEMBERED

- ✦ Wed 22nd 10am: The Keelan & the Donegan Families
- ✦ Thurs 23rd 10am: George Pratt
- ✦ Fri 24th 10am: Anne, Andrew, Winifred & Sr Gabriel Hughes, Michael & Tommy Power
- ✦ Sat 25th 10am: Richard Harrison
- ✦ Sat 25th 6pm: David McIlwaine, Irene Murphy, Paul Carroll, Charlie & Eileen Murray, Betty & Peter Boylan
- ✦ Sun 26th 9.30am: Ita Roberts, Sean, Sarah, Mary & Leo Cody, Maureen & Eileen Murphy
- ✦ Sun 26th 11am: Gerard McGann, Christina McGealy, Peter O'Kane, The Wafer & Ollis Families

MONTH'S MIND MASS

Sat, 25th November 6pm: Rita Hanney
Sun, 26th November 11am: Tony Forde

OUR SYMPATHY

To the family of Angela O'Connor who died recently. May she Rest in Peace.



FEASTDAYS

Tues 21st: Presentation of Blessed Virgin Mary
Wed 22nd: St Cecilia, virgin and martyr
Thurs 23rd: St Columban, abbot and missionary

OFFICIAL WELCOME FOR FR MELVYN MULLINS

as Parish Priest of St. Patrick's Parish. On Monday 20th November at 7.30pm, Bishop Ray Field will celebrate a Mass that will include a "Ceremony of Welcome", to mark Fr Melvyn Mullins' appointment as Parish Priest to St. Patrick's Parish. We do hope you will join us for the Mass and refreshments afterwards. All are welcome.

SACRED HEART CALENDAR 2018

Calendar, featuring Sacred Heart Churches around the World and the Pope's Intentions for 2018, is now on sale in the parish shop: €2.50. All proceeds go to the Pioneer Total Abstinence Association of the Sacred Heart.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

now on sale in the parish office, €2 each. All proceeds go to The Capuchin Day Centre for homeless people in Dublin.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE AN ALTAR SERVER?

If you are in 4th or 5th class and attending any of our parish schools - St. Patrick's SNS, Scoil Realt na Mara, Scoil Mobhi, Holmpatrick NS or Educate Together - we would love you to join our Altar Servers Team. Just contact Cora on 087 4125533 or email mulvanys@fastmail.fm for further details. To facilitate training, the closing date for receipt of applications is Friday 24th November.

CAKE SALE – TODAY SUNDAY 19TH NOVEMBER



Parents association for Réalt Na Mara school is having a cake sale outside the church today. Please support - they are hoping to raise funds for a moving planetarium for the school.

WHAT CAN YOU DO TO PROTECT THE 8TH?

Fingal for Life are holding a Meeting and Workshop on how to explain the true facts in the Pro Life message and how best to deliver that message to your family and friends. The speakers and Facilitators for the night are Paddy Manning and Michael Dwyer from Family & Life. They are well known PR and Media consultants. **Portmarnock Parish Centre, Tuesday 21st November, 8pm.** This will be a very helpful meeting. You are encouraged to attend.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL NATIONAL COLLECTION

Our national appeal in all churches will be on 9th and 10th December. Please be as generous as you can. Please also be aware of bogus collectors at this time of year. The Vincent de Paul Society never collect door to door.

SKERRIES COMMUNITY COLLEGE PARENTS' ASS

will host a presentation on "Fear, Failure and Managing Expectations" by Mr Enda Murphy, Cognitive Behaviour Therapist and Author, on Wednesday 22nd November in the school hall at 8.00pm sharp. Tickets €5.00 available in Skerries Bookshop. Enda is a very well known speaker and author, and is regularly on the radio talking about the issue of mental health and our children's wellbeing. We have a limited number of tickets for sale, please don't be disappointed.

TEAMHOPE - SHOEBOX APPEAL

Make a child happy this Christmas. Please wrap a shoebox (lid separate to box). Place items such as copies, colouring books, pencils, crayons, toothpaste, toothbrush, soap, gloves, socks, cuddly toy, skipping rope, ball and games such as Playing cards, Connect 4 and Dominoes in shoebox. Please include €4 in shoebox for transport. Drop to Skerries Community College by Monday evening 20th November. Thank you.

STANDBYME

Our technology one to one sessions are now restarting with Andrew located in Rockabill restaurant. Cost €30 per hour. Phone Anne on 0831563595, if you are interested.

SKERRIES ACTIVE RETIREMENT

Mon 20th Nov 2pm: Exercises and Quiz
Tues 21st Nov 2pm: Bowls
Fri 8th Dec 8pm Christmas Party in Skerries Golf Club. Names and €30 on Monday please.

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY



St. Maur's Parish Pastoral Council
Present Liam Lawton in concert "O Holy Night", St. Maur's Church Rush on Sunday December 3rd 2017 at 8.00pm. Tickets €20.

The proceeds for this concert will go towards an interactive screen for events with young parishioners in the church. We look forward to sharing this very special evening with you. Tickets available from the office Monday to Friday 9am – 11am or after the weekend masses.

SKERRIES HARPS GAA CLUB



Fixtures Sun 19th : Minor Football Shield Final vs Parnells AWAY at 11 am. Minor Camogie vs Good Counsel Home 11am.

Juvenile Academy every Saturday at 10 am. Refreshments available upstairs and Club Shop open with new stock. Online Shop is open 24/7 - link on club website. NOTE – Car Park is closed during Academy for Health & Safety. Diary Dates: Fri 24th Nov Abba Night, limited tickets available, contact Chris 087 9725519. Sun 3rd Dec Juvenile Presentation Evening 6.30pm in Community Centre. Club AGM Thurs 7th Dec 8pm in Clubhouse Zingo: 7-5-3-2-1-4-6. Jackpot now €6,700. Draw on Sundays in Club at 6 pm. Entry is €2 per draw or 3 for €5.

See www.skerriesharps.ie .

LOUGHSHINNY & RUSH HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Present a talk on *Early Printed Maps – A Fingal Perspective* by Bill Haneman in The Strand Bar, Rush, Thursday 23rd November at 8pm. All welcome.

FOUND

1. Rosary Beads in small circular case. Please call to the Parish Office.
2. Small sum of money on Harbour Road on 15 November. Phone 087 6148032.

MANY THANKS

For donations recently received for Bulletin Funds.

NAUL GARDENING & FLOWER ARRANGING CLUB

are having a Christmas Flower Arranging demonstration by Richard Haslam on Thurs 7th Dec, 8 pm in Seamus Ennis Centre, Naul. Admission €10. For more information Ph 086 2850561.

BALBRIGGAN & DISTRICT HORTICULTURAL SOC

Christmas flower arranging by Margaret Curtis on Thursday 14 Dec, 8.30pm in Scouts Den, Market Green, Balbriggan beside Lidl. Admission €5. For more information contact 087 7520506.