

Praise the Lord for He is Good

In today's gospel Jesus heals Simon's mother-in-law, taking her by the hand and lifting her up. Then the whole town comes bringing the sick and those possessed by devils and Jesus heals them. Jesus is also our healer when we approach him with faith and trust.



God's healing power restores us not only to health but to active service and care of others in our community. Are we the kindly neighbour bringing a bowl of soup who calls to see if anything is needed? Jesus finds his strength from the Father going out before dawn to be alone with him in prayer. That is where we will also find strength for there is no trouble he does not want to help us with.

In our first reading Job laments and is miserable, but we know that God in his love watches over us at all times. Our psalm confirms God's loving care for it is He who heals the broken-hearted, binding up their wounds.

Lectio Group

ANNIVERSARIES REMEMBERED

- ✦ Tues 6th 10am: Eilish Healy
- ✦ Fri 9th 10am: Sean Dunne
- ✦ Sat 10th 10am: Maire Maloney, Joseph Gaffney, Robert McNicholas (Rec dec.)
- ✦ Sat 10th 6pm: James Ryan, Mark Murphy, Tom Derham, Vida, Mindaugas, Jurgus & John Keane
- ✦ Sun 11th 9.30am: John Mullins, Joe McNally, Daniel McGuinness, Peter & Christina Creaner & Family
- ✦ Sun 11th 11am: Maura & Pat Ellis, Liam Canavan, Elizabeth Murphy Donnelly, Jim Cassidy, Billy Herbert (Rec dec.)

FIRST ANNIVERSARIES

- ✦ Sat 10th Feb 6pm: Bernard Donnelly
- ✦ Sun 11th Feb 11am: Bridget O'Callaghan

OUR SYMPATHY

To the families of Noel Dunne, Noel McGuinness, James Hughes and Gaye McGirl who died recently. May they Rest in Peace.



MASS OF REMEMBRANCE

On Sunday 4th February, 11 am, St Patrick's Church, Donabate will have a Mass of Remembrance for all children who died before or after birth, recently or in the distant past. A special book of remembrance is available in front of the altar and we invite and encourage you to enter the name of your child in the book.

WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES 2018

Thursday 8th Feb, 7.30pm meeting in Church – Information Evening. All are welcome.

JOURNEYING TOWARDS EASTER 2018

Exploring the Gospel of John, Chapters 18,19, 20. Six week course given by Fr. Kieran O'Mahony, O.S.A, in Lusk Parish Centre (beside the church). Tuesdays 10am to 12 noon (with tea break). Dates: Feb 6, 13, 20, 27 & March 6, 13. There is no charge. Information at 0872476869. Mass at 9 am in Lusk followed by cup of tea.

HOLY ART COURSE: ICONS

St MacCullin's Parish Centre, Lusk from 6th February. Holy Art or Iconography is the practice of healing, prayerful art using traditional medieval styles and materials. More details: Dr Thomas McCloughlin mccloughlin@yahoo.com.

CRC ART EXHIBITION 2018

The Parents & Friends of Central Remedial Clinic is a voluntary group that helps fund the Annual Summer Project and other events for the CRC children and young adults. Our main source of income is our annual Art Exhibition which will be held in CRC, Clontarf on Sat & Sun 17th & 18th February from 11.00 am. Further information from 01 8387636. Please support.

SKERRIES ACTIVE RETIREMENT

Mon 5th – Bingo; Tues 6th - Bowls; Thurs 8th - Marine Hotel, Sutton.

TRIP TO THE HOLY LAND

Dates: 6 -16th June 2018 flying from Dublin with Turkish Airlines via Istanbul. This trip of a lifetime will consist of 25-30 people. We will travel by coach together and be together throughout. Further information from Mícheál de Barra at 0868337681.

SKERRIES TIDY TOWNS

We need **HELP!** Skerries TidyTowns will commence their Monday morning work programme on 12th Feb at 9.30am. We need extra help to prepare the town for the adjudicators. If you can spare an hour or two any Monday you would be most welcome.

Contact: maevemcgann@gmail.com or 0879946638 / Anne Doyle at 0877637592 / Leave your name and phone number in the Community Centre for the attention of TidyTowns / Approach any member of the committee or just come along at 9.30 any Monday morning.

We meet at the old Fire Station on Quay St.

30 YEARS AGO IN THE PARISH

- It was annual collection weekend for the Parish Bulletin
- Pupils of Holy Faith/de la Salle College were celebrating St. Brigid's Day with Mass in the Parish Church
- Padre Pio Group were hosting a talk by Fr. Jack McArdle, an expert on the life of Padre Pio
- Tidy Towns Committee was hosting a visit from the Environment Bus, with brochures and a short video available to help us plan for 1988
- Planning for Skerries entry into the Community Games was starting. Children interested in Art, Athletics, Badminton, Chess, Hockey, Rugby, Swimming, Tennis or Variety were being catered for

FREE TRANSPORT SERVICE FOR PATIENTS

The Irish Cancer Society operates a free transport service for patients attending hospital for **chemotherapy** treatment. Volunteer Drivers pick the patient up at the door of their home, drop them at the hospital door. When finished treatment, driver will pick them up and drop them home. Volunteer expenses are paid. Patients wishing to avail of this free service should contact their healthcare professional, visit the Society's website at irishcancer.ie or contact the Irish Cancer Society for more information on 01 2310 522.

NOLLAIG NA MBAN

Skerries Mills Book Group would like to thank everyone who supported our celebration of Nollaig na mBan. A total of €440 was realised and sent to Skerries Lifeboat Service.



STANDBYME WEEKEND DINNERS

Standbyme has enough numbers signed up to trial the launch of our Weekend dinners at €8. We are now looking for volunteer drivers to drop the two dinners each Saturday for a month's trial between 11am-1.30pm. This project also needs funding. If members of the community would like to make a voluntary contribution or assist us in finding funding we would greatly appreciate it or even help us fundraise to ensure that the project can get off the ground and continue once the trial is over. We are sure these dinners will greatly nourish and benefit some of our Goldies and any family in distress at weekends especially when there are no meals on wheels or takeaway dinners available in the Skerries community or even nationwide. Phone: 0831563595. Our next Goldies event is a lovely lunch in the Skerries Mills on Thursday 15th February at 2pm.

SKERRIES HARPS GAA CLUB



Zingo Result: 6, 5, 1, 7, 2, 4, 3.

Jackpot is now €7,900 – draw on Sunday at 6 pm.

Join online or by cash envelope or by Bank standing order. Juvenile

Academy each Saturday at 10am – football only.

Club Shop open with a January SALE still on!

Gormanston Indoor Hurling/Camogie on Sundays.

Membership Fees for 2018 are now due - to be paid by 31 March per GAA Rule.

Fees can be paid online or to Registrar Mark Grimes via forms in Clubhouse.

For all details of club activities, contact Joanne, club PRO 086 4058523. New members and volunteers always welcome.

See club website www.skerriesharp

SKERRIES TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB

New GIRLS only Academy every Sunday morning 10-11am at Skerries Community Centre for all 4-12 year olds of any ability. Fee per session: €3.00 per player. One-off registration fee of €10 to be paid by all players on first session. Please text – Parents / Guardian's name & the name and age of the player to Ben Guildea 086 2142962 or Pat Mc Dermott 087 6970403. This is a fun and friendly environment for all girls to learn the fundamentals of football and teamwork. Why not come along and join in?

BALBRIGGAN & DISTRICT HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Balbriggan Horticultural Society are holding a talk "Gardening for Wildlife" by Dominica McKevitt, head gardener at Ardgillan Castle. Dominica will include plants that will encourage bees to visit your garden. Thursday 15th February 8:30pm in Scouts Den, Market Green, Balbriggan beside Lidl. Admission €4. For more information Tel 087 7520506.

Naul gardening and flower club AGM is in the Seamus Ennis Centre on Wednesday 7th February at 8 p.m. New members welcome and needed.