

## Promises

In today's gospel, Jesus promises us that he will never leave us orphans, assuring us and encouraging us to understand that as He is in the Father, so we are in Him and He is in us. This promise was made at the Last Supper. How loving He was to speak thus to his apostles, knowing the dreadful suffering he would soon have to endure. Surely this is a true example of deep, selfless love. We know that He will keep His promise to us. It is a wonderful gift to know that the Lord Jesus is in our hearts. We hear in today's gospel that Jesus gave His disciples a real promise that would last forever. Unlike us humans who so often make a promise but, too often, fail to carry it out and disappoint and hurt those to whom the promise was made, Jesus' promise to us is true, never failing to keep it. Our gospel for this Easter day is again taken from those mystical words of Jesus at the last supper. Deep consolation and tremendous encouragement are offered to the disciples to strengthen them as they endeavour to carry out God's work. We, too, have been given this strength as we try to live our lives in a Godly fashion. This gospel points out the importance of keeping any promise we make. We should give serious thought to all promises we intend to make. Words are easy but actions can be difficult. Just remember that God is always with us to give us courage to act on our promises.

Remember, too, the saying that "Pie crust promises are easy to make and easy to break."

*Lectio Group*

### Hymns for 9.30 Mass

Entrance No 98 vv 1, 2, 3

Offertory No 93 vv 1, 2, 3

Recession No 173 vv 1, 2

**Months Mind:** Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> 6.00p.m. – Larry Carr.

**First Anniversary:** Gerard Harford Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> 10.00a.m.

**First Anniversary:** Dorothea Drennan Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> 6.00p.m.



### Anniversaries & Intentions:

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> 10.00a.m. – Oliver Grennon.

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> 10.00a.m. – Mass for the Holy Souls

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> 10.00a.m. – David Brady, James & Christina Flynn.

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> 10.00a.m. – Kathleen Power, Eileen Leonard.

Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> 10.00a.m. – John & Mary Dolan, Jim & Mary Slattery, Michael & Bridie Dennis.

Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> 6.00p.m. – Joe McGarry.

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> 9.30a.m. - Bridie & Johnny Shankey, Special Intention.

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> 11.00a.m. – Patrick Berry (Rec. Dec)

**First Holy Communion.** Congratulations to the children from Holmpatrick School and St. Patrick's School who celebrated their First Holy Communion. Best wishes to the children from Milverton School who will celebrate their First Holy Communion next Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> May.



**Student Exam Mass** Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> 6.00p.m.  
Exam Mass for all students doing exams prepared and led by youth in our Parish. All Welcome.

### Blessing of the Graves 2017

Holmpatrick – 11th June at 2.30p.m.

Baldungan – 11th June at 4.00p.m.

Ardla – 18th June at 2.30p.m.

Milverton – 18th June at 4.00p.m.

**The Pro Life Campaign** will be holding a public information meeting on Tuesday, 30<sup>th</sup> May, in Carnegie Court Hotel, North Street, Swords, at 8pm. The aim of the meeting is to inform people about the current situation as regards the 8<sup>th</sup> Amendment - Ireland's 'Right to Life' amendment. and to encourage more people to become informed and get involved to defend it, as it is a true milestone for equality and authentic human rights. For information visit [www.prolifecampaign.ie](http://www.prolifecampaign.ie) or tel: (01)6629275.

### Skerries Community College



The College's **Emmanuel Choir** will join multi-platinum singer, composer and songwriter of Christian music, Liam Lawton, in concert **this Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> May** in Holmpatrick Church at 7.30pm. Concert is in aid of Mission Romania.

**Old Angels' Memory Garden:** This special Blessing of Remembrance organised by A Little Lifetime Foundation for the 28<sup>th</sup> May 2017 at 3.00pm is for all parents, family members and friends whose baby is buried in Glasnevin Cemetery, whether through miscarriage, stillbirth, cot death or a baby who died shortly after birth. We extend a warm invitation to families whose baby is buried in other cemeteries and hope that they will find some comfort in coming together to remember their baby in a special way. If you need any further information about our service please do not hesitate to contact us on 01 8829030.

**Skerries Community Choir** presents its annual summer concert 'Summer Miscellany' on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May at 8.00pm in Holmpatrick Church, with special guest artists. Admission €10. Tickets available from The Book Shop and at the door on the night.



### Skerries Active Retirement

Mon 22nd No club (on trip)

Tues 23rd No bowls

### Skerries Tidy Towns

A very big thank you to everyone who contributed to our annual door to door collection. Without the support of the community we could not continue.

As always if we missed you and you would like to contribute, donations can be given to any committee member or left for the attention of Tidy Towns into the community centre.

**Fingal County Council** launched their "cleaner communities" awards this week. There are awards for front gardens, estates, apartments complexes, thatched cottages, businesses can win awards for presentation, biodiversity and there is a special Green Business Award.

Closing date for receipt of applications is 4.30pm on Friday, June 2nd, 2017.

For full details of the competition, please contact the Waste Management Section, Environment Division, Fingal County Council by email

at [cleaner.communities@fingal.ie](mailto:cleaner.communities@fingal.ie), or by phone on 01-8906721. We urge businesses and residents to enter the competition

### 30 Years ago in our Parish

- Congratulations to pupils from St. Patrick's Jun. School and Milverton primary school who received their First Communion
- Pupils from St. Patrick Sen. school were taking part in the TV show "Bird Watch Special", with their nesting box project
- Congrats to Réalt na Mara chess team, Barry Keating, John Reddin, Brian O'Sullivan, David Lawlor, David Mansfield and Abban Westby who won the u-14 All Ireland schools chess championship last weekend in Cork
- Congrats to Rossa Prendergast and Brian Harte who figured in the medal winners at the North Leinster Colleges Sports
- The Marian Society was presenting "Cuckoo Time Capers" for four nights in the Little Theatre
- An Aerobic marathon was organised for the Community Centre to raise funds for Sr. Eileen, of the Holy Faith Convent, who was heading on a mission to Peru
- 400 young Skerries children took part in the Community Games Sports Day - all of them winners!

### Skerries Water Safety Week 2017 will run from



Monday 7<sup>th</sup> to Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> August, with testing for new participants on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> August. We offer sea swimming and lifesaving classes for children from 4 years old. Advance registration days will be held this Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> May and Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> June in Skerries Sailing Club from 11am till 3pm. Printed copies of the registration form & information sheet with details of registration procedures etc. are available from Skerries Community Centre & Skerries Library. Any queries contact [skerrieswatersafety@gmail.com](mailto:skerrieswatersafety@gmail.com)

**Standbyme** is running ongoing technology computer classes with our lovely, patient teacher Eileen. These lessons are one to one and held in Rockabill which is a friendly, warm and perfectly located restaurant to learn or freshen up computers/ipads/laptops/mobile skills.

Standbyme is looking for a native Spanish speaker hold language and conversational classes in Rockabill restaurant. Please let Anne know on 0831563595

Standbyme is running our monthly bio healing circle workshop with the beautiful Edel Boyle starting on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> June at 12.00noon to 1.15pm followed by a lovely two course lunch and a glass of wine in Brascos restaurant on the harbour. Cost €30 + €5 raffle. Please call/text Anne to book on 0831563595.

### Skerries Harps GAA Club



Fixtures: Wed 24<sup>th</sup> Seniors v Ballyboden, away at 7.15 pm

Thurs 25<sup>th</sup> Junior 2 v St Patricks, home at 7.15 pm

Sat 27<sup>th</sup> Seniors v St Maurs, home at 6 pm.

Junior team has qualified for the Championship semi-finals.

Monday: Primary Schools league continues at 6 pm – finals on Mon 5<sup>th</sup> June

Congrats to Skerries Community College on the Quinlan Shield Final win and to the girls from St Patricks NS who played a draw in the Fingal final v Garristown.

Zingo: 6, 7, 3, 1, 2, 5, 4. Jackpot now €4,200 . Entry by €2 envelope or play online.

Oskars Night – Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> June. Tickets are €25. Contact PRO, Joanne 086 4058523 or see [www.skerriesharps.ie](http://www.skerriesharps.ie)

### Seasonal Garden tour at Ardgillan Castle & Demesne

Early Summer Garden tour on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May at 11am with Head Gardener, Dominica McKeivitt.

This is a FREE EVENT. Please dress for the weather & wear appropriate footwear.

Limited Places/Booking Essential Tel 01 8492212, email [eventardgillan@fingal.ie](mailto:eventardgillan@fingal.ie)

### Heritage Singers Balrothery

Summer Concert Sunday May 28<sup>th</sup> at 8.00pm.

### Rush and District Horticultural Society

Fundraising Plant Sale being held in Rush Community Centre on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> May from 8am to 1pm. It's to help raise funds towards our 70th Annual Show on 8<sup>th</sup> July in St Maur's GAA in Rush. We will have vegetable plants, annuals, perennials, biennials, fresh local produce, bric-a-brac, and lots more at great prices.