

***“Take my yoke upon you and learn from me
for I am gentle and humble of heart”***

The first part of the gospel today is most interesting in that a very similar passage also appears in St. Luke's gospel and it seems that they both copied it from a much earlier document written closer to the time that Jesus lived on earth. Unfortunately, we no longer have that document. In it, we, as it were, overhear Jesus in his prayer to his father. Relationship with God is what is important, not worldly knowledge nor cleverness. How often in my life have I looked up to the well educated person? It is so easy to put barriers between people. Jesus encountered it and so do we.

Then there is that lovely twofold invitation "Come to me all you who labour and are overburdened and I will give you rest." None of us will pass through life without experiencing being overburdened from time to time and Jesus is there waiting for us. The "yoke" that he asks us to bear is that of loving one another.

Jesus in his ministry tried to free people from a legalistic understanding of religion and to bring them into a relationship of intimacy with God rather than living a religion of do's and don'ts. Do we come to church to be close to God or out of habit to fulfil an obligation?

St. Paul, in the letter to the Romans, also stresses the need for us to live with a spiritual attitude and to let our relationship with God be the driving force in our lives.

Lord, we ask you to fill us with your praise and to free us from all that holds us back from loving you and loving others.

Scripture Group

Triduum for North County Dublin

St. Maurs Parish, Rush will host a triduum in honour of Our Lady of Fatima on 11th, 12th & 13th July commencing at 6.30pm on Tues. 11th with Procession from St. Joseph's Convent to St. Maurs Church. Mass each evening at 7pm followed by Rosary and Benediction.

Anniversary Masses and Intentions

- † Wed. 12th @ 10am: Elizabeth Cody
- † Sat. 15th @ 6pm: Fiona & Andrew Downey, John & Catherine Saunders, Sheila McCullugh, Peter O'Connor, Mary McNally, Clare Montcalm, Declan Lacey, Noleen Hoare (nee Coleman).
- † Sun. 16th @ 9.30am: P.J. (Paddy) & Mollie Griffin, Mollie Ryan.
- † Sun. 16th @ 11am: Matthew Ward, Michael, Mary, Patrick & John Lyons, Iris Flanagan.

Our Sympathy



Our sympathy is extended to the family of Tom Dowling, Greenlawns, and Jeremiah O'Keeffe who died during the week.

We Welcome

Ben Liam Colvin,
Sinead Jane Skelly,
Lauren Margaret Dillon, Julia Kate Catherine
Veronica Branigan, Willow Jane Kendellen
and Harry Anthony Simpson who were
recently baptised into our parish family.



Congratulations

We send our best wishes to
Michelle Graham and Eoghan
Gaffney who were married
recently.



Skerries Active Retirement Group

The club will finish up this Monday, 10th July with a PARTY! Dancing, food and raffle – 2pm to 5pm. Club reopens in September. Happy Summer Holidays to all.

Skerries Swimming Club

Results of the Island Swim:

Men: Tom Ryan
Ladies: Lizzy Noone

Round the Head Swim – Sun. 9th 12.30pm.
South Strand Swim – Sun. 23rd July.



Pathways – Exploring Faith as an Adult

The *Pathways Programme* begins this year in Clonliffe College on 28th September from 7 - 9.30pm. Places are limited so early application is advisable. *Pathways* is a two-year one night a week course for adults of all ages who wish to explore their faith and runs from Sept – May. There are no exams or written work. The only requirement is an openness to listening and to participate. The cost is €400 for the coming year which may be paid in instalments. Some sponsorship may be available for those of limited means. For more information please visit www.evangelisation.ie or contact: Eileen Houlahan, CHF, PhD, Director, *Pathways Programme*, Clonliffe College. Phone: 01 8379253 Ext 294 Email: pathways@dublindiocese.ie

Skerries Hockey Club



Summer Camp Mon. 21st to Fri. 25th August for girls and boys 5 – 12 years.

Mini Camp (5-7 years) will run each day from 10am to 1pm.

Main Camp (8-12 years) 10am to 3pm daily. Early Bird fee extended to 14th July – reductions for two or more – great fun ensured for all! Registration forms available from the Community Centre.

Annual Golf Classic – 25th August in Skerries Golf Club. All support welcome.

Skerries Harps GAA & Camogie Club



Sun 9th: Hurlers v Faughs, home at 11am.

Tues 11th: Junior Ch'ship semi-final v St James, away at 7.30pm.

Wed 12th: Seniors v St Brigids, away at 7.30pm and on Sat. 15th home to St. Judes at 6.30 pm.

Tickets for Dubs v Kildare final available in SuperValu.

Summer Camps: To register for camps, contact Louise 085 1465673. Camps on 17/21 July, 24/27 July and Cúl Camp1 on 8/11 August. Cúl Camp2 is full!

Annual Golf Classic on Fri. 4th August in Skerries Golf Club.

Good report on **OsKaRs** and **Féile** win in latest edition of Skerries News!

Zingo: 1, 4, 2, 6, 7, 5, 3. No winners. Jackpot now €4,900. Draw each Sunday at 6pm.

Visit www.skerriesharps.ie for all club news.

30 Years Ago

- Recently baptised were Stephanie English, Lorraine Andrews, and Richard McAllister.
- Special plea was made for all householders to cut their grass edges and keep watering the window boxes. Preliminary Bord Failte judging had taken place and Final Judging will take place shortly.
- The local guild of the ICA was holding an exhibition of their arts and crafts.
- Congratulations to all those who organised the successful opening of the Tourist Information Point in the Community Centre.
- Well done to the Community Games Chess team who won the Dublin finals, to Daire McKenna who won the u-10 art competition at Dublin level and to the Girls Hockey team who brought home bronze medals.
- Congratulations to the Marian Players, whose one-act play "Mother Figure" won the Balbriggan One Act Festival.

Lost

1. Ladies 14^k gold ring – very precious to owner. Lost near C&T's and Stacks Chemist on Shenick on 29th June. Reward offered. Contact Orla on 086 3275510.
2. Gentleman's watch with brown strap. Lost around the Community Centre on 30th June. Contact Michael Curley on 087 2484286.

Found

Keyring with small key for Gym Safe. Please contact 089 2211219.

Acknowledgement – Helen Branagan

Helen's sisters and brothers would like to thank most sincerely all those who sympathised with the family on the sad loss of their beloved sister. Thank you to those who attended her wake and funeral, sent Mass cards, letters and flowers. We would especially like to thank Fr. Jim O'Connell SM for celebrating the funeral Mass and his poignant words of condolence, Fr. Richard and the Funeral Team for their support and Lannon's Funeral Home. A special mention to her close friends and colleagues in Aer Lingus. Finally, to the Doctors, Nurses and Care Team in St. Clare's Oncology Ward of Beaumont Hospital – you were Helen's second family during her final weeks and we thank you for the wonderful care you gave to our darling sister.