

He is to be called John



St Luke in the New Testament tells how on the eighth day after his birth, John's mother Elizabeth gave him this name and all the neighbours and relatives were astonished. His father Zachariah agreed it should be so and he miraculously regained his power of speech, as he said, "You my child shall be called a prophet of the most high!" John did become a prophet, a voice shouting in the wilderness. "Prepare the way for the Lord, make his paths straight." The Lord was indeed with John as he baptized all who came to him on the river Jordan, including Jesus.

In our reading from the Old Testament Isaiah asks that all peoples listen to him. God will make him the light to the nations and he will be his strength. John the Baptist was the messenger God sent to speak to the people about the light that was coming into the world, Jesus, God's only son and our saviour.

In the Acts of the Apostles – also written by St Luke – Paul tells us, God selected King David, a man who would carry out God's whole purpose. He will be the ancestor of Jesus the Saviour that John the Baptist had foretold was coming after him, to bring salvation to all peoples. God's word is a word of power, a word that gives life.



"Let us thank God for the wonder of our being, and for the wonders of all his creation." Ps 138.

Lectio Group

ANNIVERSARIES REMEMBERED

- ✠ Tues 26th 10am: Maurice Walsh, Maurice Pearson, Special Intention
- ✠ Wed 27th 10am: Michael Gainsford
- ✠ Thurs 28th 10am: Carmel O'Reilly (recently deceased)
- ✠ Fri 29th 10am: George Peters
- ✠ Sat 30th 6pm: Paddy Kiely & deceased members of the Kiely family, Elizabeth, William, Sr Cora & Christopher Grimes, Declan Lacy
- ✠ Sun 1st July 9.30am: Mollie Costello
- ✠ Sun 1st July 11am: Margaret & Joseph Howard, Mary Radley, The McGee family

OUR SYMPATHY



To the families of Carmel O'Reilly, Norbet McLoughlin and Marianne Gibney who died recently. May they Rest in Peace.

WE WELCOME

Saoirse Mary Graham, Abbie Anne Sheridan, Sophia Rose Turnbull, Rosa Clare Wilson, Caoimhe Maitena Dubourg, Maria Therese Martin, Bobby & Maddie Costello, Arthur Rowan Kirby, Noah Anthony Biggane, Shea Henry Patrick Briody, Frank Neal Abid who were baptised recently into our parish family.

SKERRIES ACTIVE RETIREMENT

Mon 25th : Carlingford trip 9.45am Skerries then Rush and Lusk. No club meeting.
Tues 26th: No bowls.

THE BENEDICTUS – CANTICLE OF ZACHARIAH – FATHER OF JOHN THE BAPTIST

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; he has come to his people and set them free. He has raised up for us a mighty Saviour, born of the house of his servant David. Through his holy prophets he promised of old that he would save us from our enemies, from the hands of all who hate us. He promised to show mercy to our fathers and to remember his holy covenant. This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham: to set us free from the hands of our enemies, free to worship him without fear, holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life. You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High; for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way, to give his people knowledge of salvation by the forgiveness of their sins. In the tender compassion of our God the dawn from on high shall break upon us, to shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, and to guide our feet into the way of peace. Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

SKERRIES TIDYTOWNS

Fingal County Council Cleaner Communities competition was launched at the end of May. They are now accepting entries from residents in Fingal for the following categories:

Best Presented Front Garden; Best Presented Thatched Cottage; Best Presented Estate; Best Presented Apartment Complex; Best Upcycling Project; Best Community Environment Initiative; Special Community Climate Change Award; Best Waste Prevention Effort; Best Biodiversity Project.

The Commercial categories include: Best Presented Business; Best Presented Shopping Centre; Best Example of Business Waste Management Initiative; Best Biodiversity Project; Best Example of Business Energy Management.

Entry forms can be filled out on line or printed and posted to Fingal County Council or Google *Fingal County Council Cleaner Communities 2018* to download the forms.

It would be great if some of our residents and businesses entered. It is always a great achievement to be present at the award ceremony hosted by Fingal County Council in the autumn.

CAN YOU HELP?

David Callaghan works with the Healthy and Positive Ageing Initiative in the Department of Health. He is currently working with ALONE on a project to assess the befriending services that are available to older people in the areas of Dublin North, Dublin North Central, and Dublin North West. By assessing the supply and demand of these services this project can hopefully identify any gaps or overlaps that exist in this area and ultimately improve these services for older people. If you have any relevant information that could help this project please share it with David at 01 635 4414 or email to DavidCallaghan@health.gov.ie

30 YEARS AGO IN THE PARISH

- Recently baptised were Catherine Boylan, David Branagan, Mark O'Dwyer, Audrey Guildea, Eoghan Dempsey, Sarah Ahern, Niamh Ni Laoi and John Farrell
- Congratulations to all the athletes from St Patrick's Sen. School who did remarkably well in the Primary Schools Sports in Santry, in particular Olivia Hurley who was presented with the President's Medal - best athlete of the Games
- The TidyTowns Committee expressed their disappointment with the lack of support from some areas of the town - particularly those who dump their rubbish over the walls and hedgerows in some locations
- Congratulations to members of Skerries Athletic Clubs relay teams, who won Gold in Girls u-10's, Gold in Boys u-14's and Silver in Girls u-15's in the Dublin Relay Championships

SKERRIES HARPS GAA CLUB

Sun: Minor Hurlers v St Peregrines H 11 am
Wed: Senior Ladies v Man O'War, home at 7.30 pm; Senior Footballers are away to St Pats, Palmerstown at 7.30 in league Div.2.

Juvenile Academy finished for the Summer – thanks to Gerrys Fresh Foods and to Lean Gilbride for their help on the Fun Day. Please support the SuperValu 'Behind the Ball' promotion and help the club secure playing equipment by placing your vouchers in the collection box in-store.

Summer Camp dates – Multi Sports- 16/20 July; Cul Camp 1 - 23/27 July; Nursery Camp - 7/10 Aug; Cul Camp 2- 13/17 Aug. Cul Camps must be booked online at www.kelloggsculcamps.gaa.ie. Places are limited due to Health/Safety.

Tickets for the Super 8 Series etc will be allocated to paid up members only. Zingo result: 3, 7, 1, 2, 5, 6, 4. Jackpot now €2,000 – draw Sundays at 7 pm. For all club news contact Joanne 086 4058523 or see website www.skerriesharps.ie



Many thanks for some generous donations to our funds which, as we told you, are quite depleted at the moment. We do appreciate all the help we receive. Thank you very much!