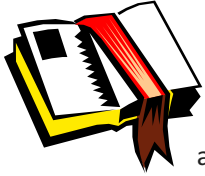


For in you we live and move and have our being



'Choices' are at the heart of today's readings. In the Gospel we hear of two sons, one who at first says 'Yes' but then disobeys. The other son promises to obey but then changes his mind and does not do so. Neither of them is perfect. Every parent would prefer to have a child who says 'yes' and also does it. In historic terms the high priests and the elders knew that Jesus was referring to them, who had responsibility for the spiritual life of the nation (the vineyard) but failed to do their duty.

The challenge for us today is to apply the parable to ourselves. Am I faithful to God's word? Or do I observe outward ritual without inward fidelity?

In the letter to the Philippians we are asked to consider if being a Christian affects how we live. "Always consider the other person to be better than yourself, so that nobody thinks of his own interests first, but everybody thinks of other people's interests instead." This is a lifetime's work. We take courage because we are not alone. In the Preface we pray "For in you we live and move and have our being." This is an awesome thought.

So let us pray in the words of Psalm 24

Lord make me know your ways,
Lord teach me your paths

Lydia Gillen (Bible Study Group)

We offer our sympathy



To the family and friends of Joseph (Joe) O'Brien recently deceased. May he rest in peace

Day for Life, 2017

Sunday 1st October – fostering a culture that protects life and respects woman. Leaflets available at back of church. Please take one. If you wish to volunteer to help the Pro-life Movement in Ireland please phone The Life Canvass on 01-8730463 or 01-8730465.

Fingal for Life

A local group is holding an information meeting on the forthcoming plan to repeal the 8th amendment and the effect this will have. Join us on Wed. 4th October, at 8 p.m. in the Parish Centre, Sacred Heart Church, Seabury, Malahide. Guest speakers, Pat Buckley, Cliona Johnson and David Quinn.

Padre Pio Prayer Group



Monthly Mass, Wed. 4th October, 7 p.m.

Living Water Prayer Group meets every Wed. at 8pm. Please note the change of Venue. We will meet in the Glass Area at the back of the church. Entrance is by side door to the left of the church. All are welcome to come and pray for our Church, our Community and our World today.

Anniversaries and special Masses:

Sat. 30th, 6 p.m. 1st anniversary, Florence (Flo) Casey

Sat. 7th, 6 p.m. Month's Mind, Violet Magnier

Sun. 8th, 9.30 a.m. 1st anniversary, Sid Kearins

Tues. 3rd, 10 a.m. Frank Jordan

Wed. 4th, 10 a.m., Josephine & James Dillon, Denis O'Gorman

Fri. 6th, 10 a.m., First Friday

Sat. 7th, 10a.m. Holy Souls of Skerries, Philip McConnell, Helen Doren

Sat. 7th, 6 p.m. Michael White, Sheila McDonough, Michael & Doreen Quirke, Bridie Murphy, Mrs. Dunne

Sun. 8th, 9.30 a.m. Gabrielle Whelton

Sun. 8th, 11 a.m. Johnny Murray

Join us for a cuppa !

Tea/Coffee mornings have returned after 10 a.m.



Mass, on Thursday and Friday. Many thanks to those who give up their time to make this possible. We welcome pupils from Skerries Community College Transition Year, who join us on a Friday. This gives an opportunity for all generations to meet and share their news.

All good wishes go to Mrs. Bowe, deputy Principal of St. Patrick's Junior School who is retiring after many years of service to our Parish children. She will be remembered with affection by her pupils and many past pupils. Go raibh mile maith agat !

Garda vetting for Parish Volunteers

The process has begun for the renewal of Garda vetting procedures. You will receive an email from evetting.donotreply@garda.ie. Please fill out on-line document to complete the procedure. Failure to do, means the process must start again. Your co-operation in this is greatly appreciated.

Irish Cancer Society collection

Bags will be available this weekend (**to be returned 6th/7th**) for the massive fund-raising sale in all Irish Cancer Society shops, run in conjunction with BT Ireland, who will take on management of their shops nationwide. All unwanted items, clothing, bric à brac accepted. 100% profits go to the society. Please support.

Foundational Leadership Programme for Young

Adults: now enrolling new participants. In order to create, develop and sustain parish youth ministry, a new generation of leaders is needed. The course is dynamic, practical and enables participants to develop their skills as leaders and role models within their local faith based communities. The programme is run in ecumenical partnership with the Church of Ireland in Dublin and the Irish Province of the Capuchin Franciscans. If you are interested in knowing more about the course starting in October click - or email evangelisation@dublindiocese.ie www.evangelisation.ie/2017/09/01/foundational-leadership-for-young-adults-enroll-now/

Morning Retreat

7th of October 8am-2pm , with Fr. Micheal E. Gaitley , MIC, in Carton House Maynooth Kildare. Registration required. Programme includes Mass and 3 talks: St John Paul II. Fatima and Consoling the Heart of Jesus . Cost €49, lunch and tea included. To register: timeofmercy.info For more info contact Jacinta 0879294528

Tidy Towns Round-up for 2017

Skerries won the County Award, the Regional Award and a Gold Medal in this year's Tidy Towns Competition. We gained three points on our score last year. The committee who were in the Helix for the announcements last Monday are delighted with the result and thank all their helpers and supporters without whom the town would never have achieved so much.

Skerries Active Retirement

Mon. 2nd: 2 p.m. Exercises and Bingo
Tues. 3rd: 2 p.m. Bowling

Skerries Harps news

Sunday: Minor 1 Ch'ship v St Pats and Minor 2 v Sylvesters, both home at 11 am and Ladies v Ballinteer, home at 3 pm.
Congrats to Junior footballers on winning the Div 5 league with an epic win over our neighbours, O'Dwyers on Tuesday night. Congrats also to Lyndsey and Sinead who were part of the Dublin Ladies All Ireland winning team.
Our U13 team travelled to Killarney for the Colm Cooper Tournament and lost out in the Shield final to the St James club from Galway.
Our Gaelic for Mothers and Others team – known as the GA 4 Ma's -play in the National Blitz on 14 Oct – this is a serious outfit but play for the laugh! Join now! Juvenile Academy every Saturday at 10 am. Contact Louise 085 1465673 to register.
Golf Society Captains Day on Fri 6th October in Skerries GC. Time sheet now open

Standbyme News

Standbyme's writer's club is on Tuesday 3rd Oct., at a new time of 4.30pm in Rockabill restaurant. All welcome.
We are running our next bi-monthly bio healing circle workshop with Edel Boyle on Thurs. 5th Oct. at 12.00am to 1.15pm followed by a lovely two course lunch and a glass of wine in Brascos restaurant on the Harbour. Cost €30.
Standbyme is running a Christmas glittering Vanity Fair photo shoot for our Goldies (dress up in all your glitter) on Thurs. 19th Oct., 2pm-4pm with the very talented Denise Canon, of Designworks Studios located opposite Supervalu. Cost €20. Nibbles and glass of wine included. Please contact Anne. We are looking for a technology teacher to work on our new Friends Abroad project and one-to-one classes with our Goldies. Finally, we would like to ask if anyone has any spare laptops sitting unused at home to donate to this project. If anyone can help, please contact Anne on 0831563595.

Thank you!

Thanks to all who supported the Coffee Morning in aid of St. Francis Hospice held in the Hills Cricket Club on Sat. 16th Sept. €1430 was raised.

On behalf of our town

We are sure you would all like to thank our hard-working Tidy Towns Committee who do so much to make the environment in which we live such a pleasant place. They have thanked their many helpers, but without the dynamism and drive of the hard working committee, Skerries would not have had the results we have gained over the years. We look forward to the unveiling of the new piece of urban sculpture shortly. Well done on the extra 3 points !!