



Happy Birthday to us !

Forty years ago, on Sunday 19th November, 1978, Skerries parishioners read the first copy of what was to become an enduring part of our Parish, Skerries Parish Bulletin. Printed in red ink, with a little drawing of the Church on top, it was the brain child of Fr. Diarmuid Connolly. He called it a "small beginning" in that first issue. There were items about a Parish Pilgrimage to Lourdes, the AGM of Skerries Credit Union, an appeal for drivers for the 65 Club, and plans for a viewing day of the new Parish primary school – St.Patrick's Junior School. For the first few months, Fr. Connolly hand-wrote all the news items himself, and with the help of a Mrs.Peach, these were then typed up and run off on a very temperamental Gestetner machine which lived in Fr.Connolly's spare bedroom! Ten years on we had two editors, nine typists and two duplicators. Today, 40 years on, we have six editors and a team of eight parishioners who print it each weekend. We remember all those of our bulletin team, some, alas, no longer with us and we thank all the priests who have supported us, the parish organisations, local groups and societies and most of all, you, the readers.

Worlds apart?

"I gazed into the visions of the night and I saw, coming on the clouds of heaven, one like a son of man.....on him was conferred sovereignty, glory and kingship"

The opening lines of today's Scripture readings set the tone for the feast we celebrate. Reading all four extracts, Majesty, Mystery, Splendour and above all, Power are the qualities conveyed. The feast of 'Christ the King' is the triumphant, final Sunday of the Church's year. The Gospel passage, however, devoid of triumph, gives a different angle: "Mine is not a kingdom of this world" says Jesus to Pilate. Our mistake, it seems, is that because of this statement, we tend to think of earthly kingdoms as the worthless opposite of the heavenly kingdom. Is this what it's all about? Look at our world – full of beauty, mystery, splendour and power and of wonderful people. Does Christ the King not reign here too?

In recent years, the latest brilliant mind to come to our screens is Professor Brian Cox. Time and Space are the focus of this astrophysicist; billions of years, billions of stars, other galaxies and other suns trip lightly off his tongue and somehow he can convey the reality of it all. Most strikingly, he acknowledges the idea of a Creator God, the beauty, majesty and power of whose creation move him at times to the verge of tears. The immensity of life is being probed here. We also call it the Pursuit of Truth.

Most of us are not endowed with such an intellect, but we too have a role in pursuing the truth. This is our chief purpose in life, to know God in all his majestic, creative and beautiful magnificence, in short, to work on our own understanding of Truth. The worlds of Heaven and Earth are simply the unseen and seen aspects of this one Truth. Our homage to the King of all Creation is paid in loving both worlds.

"Yes, I am a king. I was born for this, I came into the world for this: to bear witness to the truth, and all who are on the side of truth listen to my voice".

Skerries Church Choir

We welcome



Clodagh Bridget Boyle/Hickey,
Cian Ollie O'Flaherty, Rosaleen Mary
McGeown and Millie Thornton, all recently
baptised into our Parish family

Parish Book Club



During the month of November we were reading **Where is God in suffering?** by Brendan Purcell. We will meet this **Thursday November 29th at 7.30pm in 42 Strand St.** to share our reflections on the book. All are welcome.

Altar List of the Dead: Envelopes for the Altar List of the Dead are available in the porches and the parish office. All Masses on the first Friday of each month are offered for those names on the list.

November Remembrance Tree: This is a tree that stays in the church during the month of November. It is a way for us to remember loved ones. If you would like to remember a loved one, write their name/s on a leaf and place it on the tree and we will remember in prayer during the month, all those whose names are placed on the tree



Praying with the Sunday Readings during

Advent: The beautiful season of Advent offers us the opportunity to spend some time in quiet prayer away from the hustle and bustle around us. We will meet on Wednesday November 28th at 4pm in 42 Strand St. to spend some time reflecting and praying with the readings for the 1st Sunday in Advent. All welcome.

Months Mind:

Tue 27th 10.00am Patty McGrath

First Anniversary:

Sat 1st Dec., 6 p.m. Derek McGonagle

Other anniversary and special Masses

Tue 27th 10 am: Chrissie McGealy

Wed 28th 10 am: Betty & Peter Boylan

Fri 30th 10 am: Patrick & Marie Hughes

Sat 1st Dec 10 am: Ita McNulty, Michael, Agnes & Colin Griffin

6.00pm Claire & Barry Mason, Rose O'Connor

Irene Murphy, Eileen & Maureen Murphy

Sun 2nd: 9.30am Ita Roberts

11.00am Bernard & Maryann Moles, Thomas

Flanagan, Marie & Michael Grimes, Christina Murtagh,

Mollie Smith, Eileen Worrall ,

Maureen Connoll

Skerries Active Retirement Group

Mon 26th 2 p.m. Bingo

Tues 27th 2 p.m. Bowls

Skerries RNLI



Christmas Cards and gifts on sale at Skerries Lifeboat Station every

Sunday morning between 11am - 1 pm from now until Sunday 16th December. All proceeds will go directly to our Lifeboat station. Any queries please contact 086 3195493. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Skerries Community College

The Parents' Association is holding a Table Quiz in Ollies Place on Thurs. 29th Nov. at 8pm. Entry is €10 per person which will include a glass of wine and finger food. Tickets can be purchased at the door. Money raised will go towards updating the canteen furniture in the school

Skerries Day Care Centre



Come and join us for a cup of tea and biscuits as you do the school run on Friday 30th Nov, 9 a.m – 3.30 p.m.. in the Old School, Dublin Road. Craft fair, Monster Raffle, Mulled Wine and Mince Pies ! If you have any donations for the raffle, any re-saleable goods, please let us know. Phone Irene: 089 2055772 or leave them into us before 30th – We need your help, so come and join us !

30 years ago in the Parish

- To mark the 10th birthday of the Parish Bulletin a special leaflet was distributed to all households
- Newly baptised was Ashling Marie Byrne
- Local Preasidiae of the Legion of Mary were holding a reunion of all members
- Pre-Christmas fairs abounded
- Congratulations to Dermot Higgins of the Marian Society and his cast of "The Long Christmas Dinner" which won two awards at Tallaght Drama Festival -best staged play and best supporting actress, Ethna McQuillan
- Skerries young athletes again did very well at the Dublin Championships with Shane O'Neill and Mark O'Shea claiming gold and silver. Ten medals were won by 7 Skerries athletes in all

Ardgillan Rose pruning demo



Learn how to prune your Roses with head gardener Dominica McKeveitt on Thur, 29th, at 11 a.m.

including Garden Walk. Meet in the Castle. Dress for the weather. Admission free

SKERRIES HARPS GAA CLUB

Congrats to the AFL4 Footballers on their relegation playoff win last weekend & to the U21 Footballers on their Q/F win over St Brigids.

Weekend Fixtures. Sun 25th: Minor Hurling Promotion Playoff vs St Peregrines 11am Main Pitch. Minor Camogie Championship vs Nh Fionnbarra Away 10.30am.

The last Juvenile Academy of this term is Dec. 1st, Santa will be there to see all the boys & girls. The Healthy Club Committee is hosting a Generation Day event from 10-12noon on Sat 1st, Grandparents invited to attend. Club Shop open Sat 10-11.30am pop in and pick up some Christmas gifts. See Facebook page re additional opening hours & Christmas Specials!

Zingo. 2315746, Jackpot €2,500. Draw in clubhouse on Sundays at 6.30 pm .

Many thanks to all Members who attended our 2018 AGM on Thurs 22nd.

Clubhouse is available for your Christmas Party - Contact Joanne Kenny, club PRO, for club news etc. on 086 4058523 or see website www.skerriesharps.ie

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT – Petson

The family of the late William Petson Snr wishes to express their gratitude to everyone for their kindness during this sad time.

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