

TIME.

Of all aspects of life, time must be the greatest mystery. We exist in time, everything relates to time and we are constantly preoccupied with it. The Scripture passages today are preoccupied with it, too. The Old Testament reading measures Nineveh's size in days, not miles. St. Paul writes 'our time is growing short'. Jesus, in St Mark's Gospel, says 'the time has come'. It all sounds a bit dire!



In real terms, we are still within a month of Christmas Day! Can you believe it? Another trick of time, surely! The ancient Greeks believed the essence of God to be timelessness – that which knows no change, which is permanent. 'God' is an overwhelming concept, to be sure, just like 'time' but it would be a mistake to think that "overwhelming" is the same as "remote". Like a cork bobbing around in the sea, we bob around in time, right in the middle of it. Unlike the aimlessness of a bobbing cork, however, we 'move and have our being' in God. Through Jesus Christ, God moves and has His being in us. The significance of Christmas is this.

So it seems, rather than being a series of woeful warnings, today's Scripture passages are more a reminder that failing to manage time to the best of our ability has consequences. We don't like being reminded of inconvenient truths - but we need to be! The psalm, in its beauty, always seems to convey serenity, hope and 'proper order'.

"In your love remember me, because of your goodness, O Lord".

Skerries Church Choir



Our sympathy is offered to the family and friends of Kitty Tyndall who died recently. May she rest in peace.

Month's Mind: Saturday 27th 6.00p.m. Mary Carabini.

Anniversaries & Intentions:

Tuesday 23rd January 10.00a.m. – Holy Souls, William, Mary Ellen, Frank & Bill McMahon. John, Mary & P.J. Minogue.

Thursday 25th Jan 10.00a.m. – Elizabeth Murray.

Friday 26th Jan 10.00a.m. – Catherine Murray.

Saturday 27th Jan 10.00a.m. – Matt McBride.

Saturday 27th Jan 6.00p.m. – Ted Williams, Pauline Parkinson, Patrick, Elizabeth & Helen Clarke, Damian Boylan, Matt Mc Bride, Fran Carabini, Liam McKenna, Bartle & Sr Cora Grimes & All The Grimes Family.

Sunday 28th Jan 11.00a.m. – Darra Dockrell, Bobby & Martha Aherne, Henry Clarke, Denis McKeown, Anne & Frank Rogan.

Legion of Mary

Meet each Tuesday at 11am in the Holy Faith Convent. You are most welcome to come along as a guest. For more information contact Mary at 0861034563 or 0876741472

Day of Recollection at St. Benedict's Priory, Cobh, Co.Cork. The theme is "Seeking God in Family/Community Life with the Servant of God, Marie Adele Garnier, through her writings" Saturday 27th January. 9am-3.30pm. Lunch provided. Cost: Donation. Contact: 0214811354 or cobhtyburnconvent@gmail.com

Standbyme News

Standbyme Weekend Dinners: after the success of our Christmas dinners, Standbyme would now like to offer weekend dinners to our Goldies or families in distress. But firstly, we need our Goldies/families to contact Anne on 0831563595 to sign up for a monthly trial. With sufficient numbers we will then start the trial. Start date to be confirmed. Cost per dinner €8. Please spread the word and make someone's life easier and less stressful with a nourishing dinner from Ollie's restaurant.

Standbyme Coffee morning: if you need more details on our Standbyme weekend dinners please come to our coffee morning in the Windmill restaurant (Ollies) on Tuesday 23 January at 12pm - 1.30pm for further information. Cost €10 includes tea/coffee, apple tart & cream plus raffle.

Standbyme Bio Healing Circle & Lunch

Our next Goldies event is our Bio Healing circle with our lovely Edel Boyle at 12.00 noon with lunch 1.15pm in Brascos on 25 January. Cost €30 plus €5 raffle.

Standbyme Monday Run Hot Dinners Appeal

Thank you so much for your kind support - yet another tough week for our homeless pals who so desperately need us to ease their torment...Kiera and crew from A Lending Hand group this week need hot food like stew, curry, soups in pots to be reheated at Central Bank. Socks, jocks, toiletries, waterproof sleeping mats, goodies and treats. Everyone can do something. Please contact Anne on 0831563595

Standbyme language classes: we now are offering Irish conversation classes on Wednesdays from 2pm-3pm. Please contact Anne if you would like to join us or for Spanish 2pm-3pm, Italian classes 3pm-4pm classes on Tuesdays in Rockabill restaurant. Cost €60 for five weeks. Computer classes are on going one to one also in Rockabill. Times flexible.

Skerries Active Retirement

Club reopens Mon 22nd 2 p.m. exec/bingo. Annual regist of €20 on 22nd please.

Bowls Tues 2 p.m. and Afternoon Tea City North Thurs 25th. Bus Lusk 1p.m. Rush 1.15 and Skerries 1.30.All Welcome.

30 Years ago in our Parish

- Newly baptised were Richard Ryan, Mark Mulvihill, Richard Giles, Aisling Martin, Lianne Hughes and Patrick Grant
- Enrolment for September 1988 entry to our local Primary Schools was taking place
- Because of the demand for the Parish Bulletin, several local shops and the Community Centre had agreed to display it in their windows
- The local St. Vincent de Paul Society was looking for a double bed, a lady's bicycle and a washing machine!
- Congratulations to Maeve Mullins, Nicola Bermingham and Nicola Flynn who had qualified for the All-Ireland Gymnastics Championships in Cork.

Friends of Autism/ADHD Ltd are delighted to once again be in a position to fund a number of Psychological Assessments for young people with possible ASD/ADD/ADHD. The Assessment will consist of an Educational Assessment by Dr Ann Prosser, licensed, certified clinical psychologist.

Along with the assessment, Friends of Autism/ADHD provide a confidential advocacy service for any parent who wishes to discuss the possible impact of the assessment and how to move forward after a diagnosis. The cost of the assessment is fully funded by Friends. However we would appreciate a contribution of €80 with each successful application. We receive no State funding whatsoever and this contribution will be put towards continuing our work in providing advice, help and information to those who need it.

We are only able to provide these assessments as a result of the hard work and dedication of our volunteers and staff and the generosity of all who donate to and shop in our stores.

It is regrettable but places for assessments are limited. Unfortunately we will have to give priority to those from the Dublin Area and to those who have not previously been assessed.

All enquiries regarding these assessments can be made by e-mail to bernie@adhd.ie or adhd.fingal@gmail.com. Telephone enquiries can be made to Bernie or Carmel on 01 8495670, or 087 2780899.

Closing date for applications is Friday 9th February 2018.

Loughshinny & Rush Historical Society is proud to present a talk/presentation entitled "The last year of the Great War in the Irish Sea", by Dr. Edward Bourke, in the Strand Bar, Rush on Thursday 25th January, 2018 at 8.00p.m. sharp. You are all welcome.

Skerries Ladies Bowling

The next meeting for the ladies will take place in the Clubhouse on Monday next 22nd January at 12.15. The competition for the Ladies Trophy will also start on Monday - sign in by 10.30am.

Skerries Tidy Towns



Greyhound Recycling wishes to sponsor a number of Tidy Estates competitions in the Dublin area. The winning estate in each area will receive a prize of €500, a free skip and a plaque for the entrance to the

estate. If any estates in the town are interested in putting their own estate forward for the competition contact

Conor Quinn by email:

conor.quinn@greyhoundrecycling.com

or at 086 0223238

Bird Watch Ireland, Fingal Branch

Annual Table Quiz. Skerries Rugby Club Friday 26th Jan. 8.30pm. Tables of four €10 per head. All welcome.

Skerries Town Football Club – New Academy for GIRLS.

New GIRLS only Academy will be running every Sunday morning 10am - 11am at Skerries Community Centre for all 4 - 12 year old girls of any ability.

Play free this Sunday 21st, from then on it will only be €3 per session. There will be a one-off registration fee of €10 to be paid by all players at their first session.

If interested please text – Parent's/Guardian's name & the name and age of the player to either Ben Guilead 086 2142962 or Pat Mc Dermott 087 6970403.

This is a fun and friendly environment for all girls to learn the fundamentals of football and teamwork.

Why not come along and join in ?

Skerries Harps GAA Club



Skerries Harps is now registered with Get Ireland Walking as part of the TV show Operation Transformation. The group will be walking from the

Clubhouse at 7pm on Monday and Thursday each week. All welcome - see www.getirelandwalking.ie We are also part of the GAA Healthy Club Project – so it's not all about football!! .

Zingo Result: 2, 1, 6, 7, 4, 3, 5. Dividend shared by A. Dillon and A. Geraghty. The Jackpot is now €7,700 – draw on Sunday at 6 pm with Spot Prizes for those attending. Entry only €2 or 3 for €5. You can also join online via link on club website.

Juvenile Academy each Saturday at 10 am; refreshments available upstairs and Club Shop also open. Gormanston Indoor Hurling/Camogie starts today, Sunday, for 6 weeks. Details of Membership Fees for 2018 are on club website. Fees can be paid online or to Registrar Mark Grimes via forms available in Clubhouse. For all details of club activities, contact Joanne, club PRO 086 4058523 or see club website www.skerriesharps.ie