

'I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me'

In today's reading from the Acts of the Apostles we are reminded that prayer and service are two important dimensions of church life and that living our Christian vocation requires a balance between the two. Each of us is called to prayer and also called to service.

In the letter of St Peter, the church is seen as a spiritual house, with ourselves as the living stones making up a house of God. We contribute to the building of God's house by our daily conduct and attitudes.

The cornerstone in this church is Christ himself, and he speaks to us in encouraging words. If he is going away, it is to prepare a place for us in his father's house. So no matter who we are or what we do, there is a place for us all in the kingdom.

There are many notions about what God is like; many leave God aside as irrelevant.

Jesus tells us that if we want to see God we should look to him. *'I am in the Father and the Father is in me'*. When we see Christ, in the pages of the gospel, he is concerned for others, interested in everyone, respecting everyone, encouraging sinners to repent; we can reflect that this is what the invisible Father is like – a loving, caring, merciful Father. With Jesus we become God's people. From Jesus we can draw strength to build a society focused on God's loving plan for creation, and in Jesus we are called to turn away from selfishness and to strive to make a life of peace-making and gentleness.

We pray we see God's glory in Jesus. Helps us to trust in you, deepen our faith in you, that one day we may live with you in that place which Jesus prepares for us .

Bible Study Group

Hymns for 9.30 Mass

Entrance No 19 vv 1, 2, 3

Offertory No 117 vv 1, 2

Recession No 177 vv 1, 2, 4, 6

Baptisms: We welcome Charlotte O'Neill Breen, Aoibhinn McGealy, Oliver James Langan, John David Fleming, Jacob Patrick Millar, Cian John Hargadon, Amber May Keane & Darragh Jack Keane.



Our sympathy is extended to the families and friends of Lelia Mc Nally, Kenneth Waldron, Maurice Walls and Sarah Jane Branagan who died recently. May they rest in peace.

**Easter Dues Received with Thanks.**

Fr Richard Hyland and Fr Paul Glennon would like to thank most sincerely all parishioners who sent in Easter Dues. Your generosity is much appreciated.

Collectors for Sunday 9.30am Mass

If you attend the 9.30am Mass on Sundays and would be willing to help with the first and second collections, we would very much like to hear from you. If you can help please leave your name and phone number in the Sacristy and we will contact you. Thank You

Blessing of the Graves 2017

Holmpatrick – 11th June at 2.30p.m.

Baldungan – 11th June at 4.00p.m.

Ardla – 18th June at 2.30p.m.

Milverton – 18th June at 4.00p.m.

Annual Mass of Remembrance: Our Lady's Hospice, Harold's Cross is hosting their Annual Mass of Remembrance in St Agnes Church, Crumlin on Monday 15th May 2017 at 7.00pm. All welcome.

Months Mind: Joe Clinton – Sunday 14th May 11.00a.m.

Anniversaries & Intentions:

Tuesday 16th May 10.00a.m. – Mass for the Holy Souls

Wednesday 17th May 10.00a.m. – Patricia (Patty) Kingston

Saturday 20th May 6.00p.m. – Jim Scanlan, Gerard & John Robinson.

Sunday 21st May

9.30a.m. – Charlie & Fran Grimes & John Mc Auley

11.00a.m. - Marie Grimes and deceased members of the Berry family, Elizabeth (Lily) & Patrick Grimes.

First Holy Communion.

Congratulations to the children from Educate Together who celebrate their First Holy Communion this Sunday, 14th May. Best wishes to the children from St. Patrick's Junior School who will celebrate their First Holy Communion on the 20th May.

Parish Shop: New stock available in the parish shop. Please feel welcome to come in and browse. There are new reflection booklets on sale for both children and adults.

Skerries Tidy Towns

We would like to thank everyone who came out to celebrate with us the visit of President Michael D. Higgins last Saturday. A special word of thanks to all the businesses in Strand St who were disrupted by the preparations.

Skerries Community Choir presents its annual summer concert 'Summer Miscellany' on **Friday 26th May** at 8.00pm in Holmpatrick Church, with special guest artists. Admission €10. Tickets available from The Book Shop and at the door on the night.

Skerries Community College



The College's Emmanuel Choir will join multi-platinum singer, composer and songwriter of Christian music, Liam Lawton, in concert next **Sunday**,

21st May, in Holmpatrick Church at 7.30pm. Tickets €15 from Skerries Bookshop or Skerries Tourism. Concert in aid of Mission Romania. A group of students and staff from the school will be traveling to Romania this summer to work in orphanages there and to fundraise for them.

Standbyme asks you all to please support the Mission Romania event with Skerries Community College's Emmanuel Choir in Holmpatrick Church on Sunday the 21st May at 7:30 pm. Without a doubt, this will be a very special night of music for all.

Standbyme is running ongoing technology computer classes and starting Irish conversation classes for beginners or improvers.

Our writers' group's next meeting is on Thursday evening 18th May at 7.00pm in Rockabill restaurant. Now is the time to be creative and write that book.

We are also looking for a reliable, trustworthy minibus driver for weekend work. Please contact/text Anne on 0831563595 or email

standbymecommunity@gmail.com

Skerries Ladies Bowls Club

Congratulations to the Div. 1 team who secured 4 points in a very hard fought match against Shankhill on Wednesday. And comiserations to the Div. 4 ladies, who unfortunately lost out in their match on Tuesday evening, despite a valiant effort by the four members of the team.

Skerries Active Retirement

Monday 15th 2.00pm: Afternoon Tea dance.

Tuesday 16th 2.00pm: Bowls

30 Years ago in our Parish

- Welcome to Shane Burke, Bernard McGilloway and Claire Leonard, recently baptised into the Parish family
- The Parish was looking forward to two local ordination ceremonies shortly
- The Peace and Justice Group was holding an open meeting to discuss the implications of the Single European Act, which would be voted on shortly
- The combined Choirs of the Fingal Deanery would be singing at 7.30 p.m. Mass on Friday 13th May
- Congrats to athletes from Holy Faith/de la Salle College who did so well at the North Leinster Colleges finals and to the College Cricket team who made their debut with a win against High School
- Congrats to Skerries athletes who did so well in Merseyside - Rossa Prendergast, gold medal, Conor Keeling, gold medal, Shane Hegarty and Rossa Prendergast on the winning Relay team, Edel Quigley, gold medal and Gillian Jones, bronze.

North Dublin Regional Drug and Alcohol Task Force

is hosting an information seminar which will give attendees information on the signs and symptoms of drugs and alcohol abuse. It will give information on family support and all the services that are available in the region to support family members who are living with a loved one who is misusing drugs or alcohol. The seminar will take place on **Monday 15th May** in Rush National school from 7.30 to 9.00pm. All welcome, we look forward to seeing you on the night. For more information contact Síobhan at 01 8131786

Skerries Water Safety Week 2017



will run from Monday 7th to Saturday 12th August, with testing for new participants on Sunday 6th August. We offer sea

swimming and lifesaving classes for children from 4 years old. Advance registration days will be held on Sunday 21st May and Saturday 17th June in Skerries Sailing Club from 11am till 3pm. Printed copies of the registration form & information sheet with details of registration procedures etc are available from Skerries Community Centre & Skerries Library. Any queries contact skerrieswatersafety@gmail.com

Skerries Harps GAA Club



Sunday: Junior Ch'ship v Castleknock, home at 11.00am; Junior2 v Rush, away at 3.00pm

Monday: Primary Schools league continues at 6.00pm on the main pitch.

Juvenile Academy every Saturday at 10 am. Register with GPO Louise 085 1465673.

Club Shop open at Academy and for home games. New staff needed for the roster – if you can help out, contact Lesley 087 9879493

Zingo: 5, 2, 1, 4, 3, 6, 7. Jackpot now €4,100 . Entry by €2 envelope or play online – and get 12 months entry for €90.

Reminder - ticket orders for Dublin games confined to paid up members only.

Oskars Night – the 7 movies and the casts are picked. We have room for 1 or 2 more. Contact PRO, Joanne 086 4058523 or see www.skerriesharps.ie

Volunteers needed for Barnardos National Collection Day.

Barnardos is seeking parishioners to support them with 1-2 hours of their time to help collect funds on **Barnardos National Collection Day, kindly supported by Dell, on Friday 15th September 2017.**

We need volunteers to help with organised bag-packs or on-street collections in their local community. All money raised on the day will help change the lives of vulnerable children and their families in communities around Ireland. Every hour volunteered will give hope and create brighter futures. To hear what's planned in your community and how you can get involved please contact Mary Johnston on 01-7080418 or email buckets@barnardos.ie