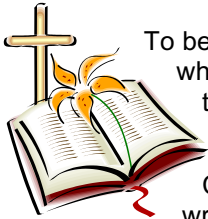


MACRO AND MICRO



To be aware of Irish life these days is to conclude that we are living in outrageous times. The principles which govern public life, it appears, are far removed from what is commonly held to be right. It is easy to lose heart. Some even despair. This is not good.

Every Sunday we read the sacred Scriptures. We come to offer worship and thanks to our Creator, to re-enact the Last Supper and to offer ourselves in the Eucharist. When things go badly wrong, when every media-source bombards us with scandal, dishonesty, duplicity, murder, promiscuity and grotesque capitalism, we may be forgiven for wondering what relevance the Scriptures have. Where is God in all of this? How did we get here?

For what it's worth, we read today in St. Paul that even he has just about had enough. The story in the Gospel is one which many people find grossly unfair, and Isaiah reminds us that the ways of God are as high above human ways as can be imagined. There's comfort in all that!

Last week we read in St. Paul, "The life and death of each of us has its influence on others". Your life and mine may be of little consequence in the big picture but in the overall scheme of things it actually counts for an awful lot. It is desperately important for each one of us to live an honest, decent, generous, unselfish life. Christian living is all about 'hanging in there'. The principles, which govern our living, must be at the opposite end of what appears to be acceptable in public life. For once, don't 'Go with the Flow'!

Micro-organisms determine macro-systems. Our little life on our small patch has the same potential, so let us take heart, be busy little micro-organisms, living a Christian life as well as we can, praying and basing everything on the faith that:

The Lord is great, highly to be praised, his greatness cannot be measured.

Skerries Church Choir

WELCOME

We extend a very warm welcome to Fr Melvyn Mullins who joined us this week as Parish Priest. We wish him well as he settles into his new Parish and home in Skerries.

FIRST ANNIVERSARY MASS

Saturday 30 Sept 10am – Florence (Florrie) Casey

ANNIVERSARIES & INTENTIONS

- ✠ Tues 26 Sept 10am – Peggy Russell,
Bob Gelston
- ✠ Wed 27 Sept 10am – Olivia (Lee) Mooney
- ✠ Fri 29 Sept 10am – George O'Connor
- ✠ Sat 30 Sept 6pm - Patrick Leonard, Nina Brennan, Nora Henneberry, Enda McGuinness Dermot Higgins, All who sympathised with the family of the late William Waldron
- ✠ Sun 1 Oct 9.30 – Maeve Larkin
- ✠ Sun 1 Oct 11am – Noel Mansfield,
Hugh McDonnell

FEAST DAYS

Wed 27 Sept – St. Vincent de Paul, priest. He is the patron of all charitable works.
Sat 30 Sept – St. Jerome, priest & doctor of the Church. He is the patron of librarians.

WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS



Congratulation to Shona Berry & Stephen Halpin who were married recently in our Parish.

WE WELCOME

Darragh Máris Maher,
Emma Mary Patricia Archbold,
Mason Michael Weir, Daragh Glen Donohue, Merryn Lily Langan, Rian James Langan, Ryan John Kirwan, Holly Olivia Murray who were recently baptised into our parish family.



HOLY WATER

Holy Water is now available at the Sacred Heart Altar.

NOTICE FOR ALL PARISH VOLUNTEERS

The process has begun for the renewal of Garda Vetting procedures. You will receive an email from evetting.donotreply@gards.ie Please fill in the on-line document (which is a follow-up to the form previously filled in) to complete the procedure. This has to be done within thirty days. Failure to do so means the process has to be started again. Your co-operation is greatly appreciated.

FINGAL FOR LIFE

A local group are holding an information meeting on the forthcoming plan to repeal the 8th amendment and the effect this will have on our nation. Join us **Wed 4 October** at 8pm in Yellow Walls Parish Centre, Malahide. Invited speakers to include David Quinn from The Iona Institute.

SKERRIES ACTIVE RETIREMENT

Mon 25 Sept 2pm - Party & sing song
Tues 26 Sept 2pm - Bowls

JOIN US FOR A CUPPA



Our tea/coffee mornings have resumed after 10am Mass on Thursday & Friday mornings at the back of the church. Grateful thanks to our Volunteers. All are welcome PLEASE join us.

SKERRIES LADIES BOWLING



A reminder to all ladies that our next meeting will take place in the Club on Monday next **25 September** at 12.15. Hope to see you all there.

STANDBYME NEWS

Our Goldies next trip is to Ardgillan Castle on **Thurs 28 Sept**. Leaving Skerries by taxi at 11.45am to reach Ardgillan before 12pm to start a tour (€5) of the castle followed by a light lunch (€8) in the cafe. Returning by taxi at 3.30pm.

Standbyme is running our next bi-monthly **bio healing circle workshop** with Edel Boyle on **Thurs 5 Oct** at 12pm to 1.15pm followed by a two course lunch & a glass of wine in Brascos restaurant Cost €30. Our **Spanish** class continues on Monday's (new time) 4.30pm to 5.30pm, Italian classes are on Monday's from 11am to 12pm in Rockabill restaurant - €60 for five weeks.

Embroidery classes are continuing in the Old Mill on Tuesdays 2-4pm with Dolores Doorty. Please contact Anne if you would like to join one of our classes or would like us to set up other classes like French, Irish etc.

Standbyme is looking for a technology teacher to work on our new **Friends Abroad project** & to teach one to one classes with our Goldies. Finally, we would like to ask if anyone has a spare laptop sitting at home to donate to this project. Contact Anne on 0831563595.

HOSPICE COFFEE MORNING

Many thanks to all who supported the Hospice Coffee Morning in McDonalds. €1,800 has been forwarded to St. Josephs Raheny. Special appreciation to my friends "the helpers" who have "been there" for over twenty years.

SKERRIES TIDY TOWNS

This years results will be announced in the Helix on **Monday 25 September** and will feature on Nationwide.

Keep an eye out for Skerries.

COFFEE MORNING FOR ST FRANCIS HOSPICE BLANCHARDSTOWN



Please support the above coffee morning at 44 St Patrick's Close (Carmen Murtagh's) on **Friday 29 September** from 10am to 1pm.

EMMA'S FUND (FOR A SPINAL OPERATION)

Please support a Fundraising Bingo evening in Skerries Community Centre on **Sunday 24 September** at 7pm.

SKERRIES HARPS GAA CLUB



Sunday: Senior Camogie v Lucan and Hurlers v St Marks, both home at 11am. **Tuesday:** Junior1 v O'Dwyers in Div 5 top of table clash, home at 7.30pm. Congrats to the Dubs on

winning Sam for 3 in a row. Nice to see Bryan Cullen involved with the backroom team. We look forward to a visit from Sam to Skerries. Good Luck to Lyndsey and Sinéad in Ladies Football Final v Mayo today. Watch it live on TG4 in the Clubhouse if you are not travelling to Croke Park for the game. Juvenile Academy every Saturday at 10am. Contact Louise 085 1465673 to register. Club Shop open during Academy with new range of gear. Tea/Coffee available. Golf Society Captains Day on **Fri 6 Oct** in Skerries GC. Time sheet now open. Clubhouse function room is available for hire - Contact Joanne 086 4058523 Zingo: 4, 6, 1, 5, 3, 2, 7. Jackpot now €6,000. Envelopes €2 per draw or 3 for €5. See www.skerriesharps.ie

SKERRIES SOUNDWAVES FESTIVAL

♪♪♪ Festival continues with a number of workshops & events including a Soundwaves Street Party celebrating soundwaves in Floraville Park & WORDS FROM THE HIGH WOOD on **Sunday 24 Sept** at 2.30pm in the Morning Room, Ardgillan Castle. Tickets €10 from Skerries News Office.

OPEN AUDITIONS FOR JESUS CHRIST SUPERSTAR

Rush Musical Society is holding Principal Auditions for this superb show on **Sun 1 Oct** from 11am-5pm at the Millbank Theatre. (Please contact secretary for audition pieces). New members welcome - no auditions required to join chorus. Contact secretary@rushmusicalsociety.com

TEA DANCE AT THE HILLS CRICKET CLUB

Sunday 24 September from 3.30 – 6.00pm. Admission €5 with music by Martin Byrne. All are welcome!