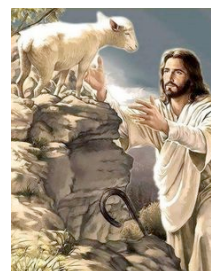


I am the Good Shepherd

Some of the earliest images of Jesus found on tombs and in churches are not of the crucified Christ or of infants in the manger. Rather they portray Jesus as a gentle shepherd. The image of the Good Shepherd is profoundly reassuring. It evokes a tremendous sense of care and gentleness. Today's gospel helps us to understand the risen Christ as our shepherd. A shepherd takes absolute responsibility for the well-being of his sheep. "I know my own and my own know me". To know Jesus is all important. Everything else becomes secondary.



Jesus, our Shepherd, we know your care for us was costly as you laid down your life and took it up again. Help us to know again the great events that gave us new life in you, that we may hear you and follow you in all we do.

Bible Study Group

ANNIVERSARIES REMEMBERED

- ✦ Wed 25th 10am: Helen Ward
- ✦ Thurs 26th 10am: Patrick Carroll & Mary Carroll
- ✦ Sat 28th 6pm: Brigid & Dessie Derwin, Rory Sheils, Pat Kennedy, Alice & Owen Costello, Marie & Mattie Costello
- ✦ Sun 29th 9.30am: Brigid Lee, Gerald & Rosie Hoare, Walter Ruigrok
- ✦ Sun 29th 11am: Brendan O'Brien, Helen Dunne, Willie Beggs & Bernadette Beggs Wrafter (Recently Deceased)

FIRST ANNIVERSARIES

Sat 28th April 6pm: Larry Carr, Lelia McNally and Kathleen Hutton

OUR SYMPATHY

To the family of Elena Casey who died recently. May she Rest in Peace.



BLESSINGS OF GRAVES 2018

Sunday 10th June:

Holmpatrick 2.30pm: Baldungan 4.00pm

Sunday 17th June: Ardla 2.30pm: Milverton 4.00pm

DO THIS IN MEMORY

Our parish children will mark another stage on their journey to First Communion on Sunday April 22nd at 11.00am Mass.

LECTIO DIVINA continues this Wednesday afternoon **April 25th at 3.30pm in the glass area at the back of the church** where we will spend some time reflecting on the readings for the **Fifth Sunday of Easter. All are welcome.**

THEOLOGY, PHILOSOPHY, AND ETHICS AT DCU

Open House Evening at All Hallows Campus for alumni, friends, and prospective students. Thurs 26th April, 6.00pm - 9.00pm. Everyone welcome! Enquiries: mary.hayes@dcu.ie or 017006100.

ST JOSEPH'S YOUNG PRIESTS SOCIETY

St. Joseph's Young Priests Society is a Catholic lay organisation which exists to help student clerics on their journey to priesthood. The Society fosters vocations to the priesthood and religious life. It assists students for the priesthood both financially and by prayer. It promotes the vocation of the laity and fosters a greater understanding and love of the Mass. The Society works through a branch group. The Skerries branch meets monthly, to pray and to organise the Society's activities in the community. **If you are interested in joining or helping the Skerries branch in this important work then please contact Mona (087 9744768).**

DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Sunday 22nd April - Collection for the support of Dublin diocesan students preparing for ordination to the priesthood. It will replace the SHARE Collection.

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

Thank you to all who attended the Divine Mercy Mass. We were very pleased with the turnout and thank you also to our PP Fr Melvyn who very kindly officiated and made it a very special afternoon. Do come and join us every Friday at 3pm for chaplet and the rosary. We will receive many blessing for ourselves and our families.

ON APRIL 18TH tens of thousands of Irish People began 33 days of preparation to consecrate themselves to Jesus through Mary. If you want to continue with us you can get Fr Michael Gaitley's book *free* from Veritas or use St Louis De Montfort's book. Both of these books are also available on the Internet, or use this website - www.fisheaters.com/totalconsecrationmontfort.html.

ACTIVE RETIREMENT CLUB

Mon 23rd April - No club today because of club trip to Galway. Tues 24th - No bowls because of hols. Bus leaves for Galway at 10 am Church Skerries, 10.15 Rush and 10.30 Lusk.

MAY 2018 - SKERRIES MENTAL FITNESS MONTH

This will take place in May with several FREE events taking place from talks, walks, yoga, pop up choir etc, around the town for the month of May. More details to follow. Please come and take part. All are welcome. Please email listenfeedback@gmail.com or like and share our Facebook Page – Skerries Mental Fitness Month.

FAMILY CARERS Are you caring for a family member at home? A spouse, a partner or a close relative or neighbour? Then you are a Family Carer. Become a member of Family Carers Ireland and benefit from a local and national network that helps family carers who need advice and that informs and influences government policy relating to home-based care. As a member you can also avail of our exclusive deals. For more information call 0579322920 or visit our website www.familycarers.ie

FRIENDS OF AUTISM AND ADHD

Notice of 2 Talks: 1. Dyspraxia, Sensory Processing Difficulties, and Anxiety In Childhood. Talk given by Dr Stacey Ball in Bracken Court Hotel, Tues 8th May 7.30 pm. 2. Sensory Strategies for Your Child. Talk By Deanna Dix-Peek, Occupational Therapist in Bracken Court Hotel, Balbriggan: Mon 21st May at 6.00pm. To Reserve Your Place, Please Send an Email to Carmel at Adhdfingal@gmail.com or phone 01 8495670. Two Talks €8, One Talk: €5.

SKERRIES COMMUNITY COLLEGE

The Art Department of Skerries Community College are very proud to launch their annual Art Expo in Ardgillan Castle from Fri 13th to Friday 27th April. Entry is free. Come and enjoy the wonderful pieces of art by our very talented young students, and past pupils.

SKERRIES COMMUNITY COLLEGE PARENTS ASSOCIATION

are delighted to announce that Dr John Sharry, Family Psychotherapist and Irish Times Parenting Expert will speak to us on Parenting Teenagers: Managing Conflict and how to get on better with your teenager. Date: Wed 25th April in Community College at 8pm sharp. Tickets €5 from Skerries Bookshop or PA committee.

SKERRIES TIDYTOWNS continue their annual door to door collection over the coming week. Many thanks to residents for the warm reception over the past week. We could not continue without your support.

STANDBYME MONDAY RUN APPEAL

We raised €15 this week for the butcher account. Many thanks. Donations needed for this week please: Socks & new underwear; A fiver for the butcher account; Some biscuits/cakes; Sandwiches (individually wrapped). Drop off day Mondays 4-7pm. We very much appreciate all the kindness and support.

30 YEARS AGO IN THE PARISH

- Newly baptised were twins Caroline and Suzanne Donaghy, Debbie Ellis and Edwina McGuire
- The Justice and Peace group was holding a meeting to discuss their future projects
- The Capuchin National Day of Prayer for Padre Pio was taking place in Belfield and all interested parishioners were invited to participate
- Good luck to the Girls u-18 Gaelic team from the College who were taking part in the Dublin Area Final
- Congratulations to Niall O'Sullivan, who became the All-Ireland u-16 Chess Champion
- Skerries Information Centre was holding an open advisory session for all queries in relation to Income Tax, Social Welfare benefits and Housing rights
- £2200 was raised by Bernie Dowling in the recent Daffodial Day Coffee Morning
- Holmpatrick Parish was running an Antiques Roadshow event
- Local Community Games competitions in Badminton, Athletics, Art, Tennis and Swimming will take place this week

SKERRIES HARPS GAA CLUB

Fri 27th : Seniors play Lucan in the Championship in St Margarets at 7.15 pm; Under 14 Hurlers host Feile na Gael in Skerries this weekend. Good Luck boys. Zingo numbers: 7, 6, 1, 5, 2, 3, 4. No winners. Jackpot now €1,100. Entry is €2 per line or 3 lines for €5 or play online via link on website.

Juvenile Academy every Saturday at 10 am. Contact Louise 085 1465673. Club Shop open during Academy. Tea/Coffee shop open upstairs. Adult/Juvenile meetings every Thursday night at 9 pm. New members welcome. Music Night in Clubhouse on Fri 27th. First Society Golf outing Fri 11 May at Balbriggan GC. Details from Paul Murray. For all club news contact Joanne 086 4058523 or see website www.skerriesharps.ie

SKERRIES THEATRE GROUP

The Cripple of Inishmaan continues this week Wednesday to Saturday at 8.15pm. Tickets from Skerries Bookshop or phone 087 2105432.

FOUND

Designer bracelet found on 15th April close to The Malting House pub/Holmpatrick. Phone Anne on 086 1796175.

LOUGHSHINNY & RUSH HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Present a talk "Thomas Hand – Irish volunteer" by Frank Whearity in Strand Bar, Rush, Thursday 26th April at 8pm. All Welcome.



Many Thanks for recent donations to the Bulletin Funds – always appreciated!