

## ***Rejoice in the Lord for He is full of Mercy and Forgiveness***

Thousand of years ago, leprosy was deemed by the elders of the time to be a highly contagious disease. The resulting swelling, scabs, sores, and deformity of those who suffered from this condition meant they were required to leave their family and friends and live outside the community as described in the First Reading.



In 1873 a Norwegian Physician, Gerhard Hansen identified a bacteria as the cause of leprosy and subsequently it was successfully treated by drug therapy.

In a number of places in the Bible this disease is mentioned several times, as is the curing by Jesus of those afflicted.

How many times do we exclude someone in our community who is suffering from mental illness or addiction? Do we deserve to be forgiven? If the Lord is our refuge, do we remember to praise Him when we are forgiven or thank Him when He answers our prayer in times of trouble.

**Church Readers**

### **ANNIVERSARIES REMEMBERED**

- ✦ Tues 13<sup>th</sup> 10am: Maryann & Charles McMorro
- ✦ Wed 14<sup>th</sup> 10am: Brian McNally, Esther Weldon
- ✦ Thurs 15<sup>th</sup> 10am: Josie Willcox, Greta McConnell, Mick Cannon, Eugene Baldwin, Dr Des Woods
- ✦ Fri 16<sup>th</sup> 10am: Richard Lambe
- ✦ Sat 17<sup>th</sup> 10am: Kathleen Larkin, John O'Dwyer
- ✦ Sat 17<sup>th</sup> 6pm: Paul Wilde, Patrick Lawlor, Laurence McNally, Michael Conlon, Mary Cawley
- ✦ Sun 18<sup>th</sup> 9.30am: James Everard
- ✦ Sun 18<sup>th</sup> 11am: Carol Russell, Tommy & Thomas Quinn, Christopher Radley, Baby Aoife Ann Carolan (Rec Dec)

### **MONTH'S MIND MASS**

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> 9.30am: Kitty Tyndall

### **FIRST ANNIVERSARY**

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> 10am: Edmond Sheeran

### **WE WELCOME**



Sophie Caroline Fagan, Leila France, Tadhg James Soitout, Lauren Máirin Hartnett who were recently baptised into our parish family.

### **ASH WEDNESDAY, 14<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY**

Mass at 10am and 7.30pm. Blessed ashes will be distributed after each Mass.

### **WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE SICK**

The 26<sup>th</sup> World Day of the Sick 2018 this weekend 10/11<sup>th</sup> February. To mark this occasion those who would like to receive the Anointing of the Sick may do so after 11am Mass today, 11<sup>th</sup>. Simply remain after Mass and we will celebrate the sacrament with you then.

### **ANNUAL COLLECTION FOR ACCORD**



Collection for Accord, the Diocesan Agency for Marriage and the Family will be taken up at all Masses on 17/18<sup>th</sup> February. This will replace the Share collection. Accord offers – Marriage Preparation Courses; Counselling for couples and individuals experiencing difficulties in their relationships; A Relationship and Sexuality Programme for Schools. Please support.

### **LECTIO DIVINA FOR LENT**

Lectio Divina is a way of reflecting on the Bible and dates back to the early centuries of the Church. It continues to be a source of deep spiritual growth for many people throughout the world. The expression itself means sacred reading and through it we are invited to read, understand and deepen our appreciation of the Scriptures and to seek guidance for our lives in the teaching of the Lord Jesus. On Wednesday afternoon, **14<sup>th</sup> February at 3.30pm** we will meet in the glass area at the back of the church to spend some time reflecting on the reading for the First Sunday of Lent. All are welcome.



## **PIONEER TOTAL ABSTINENCE ASSOCIATION OF THE SACRED HEART**

**Short-Term Pledge for Lent**, annual enrolment at rear of church after all Masses this weekend 10<sup>th</sup>/11<sup>th</sup> February. If you are eligible to receive a 25<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>, 60<sup>th</sup> or 70<sup>th</sup> pioneer pin and certificate please let us know this weekend.

## **SKERRIES ACTIVE RETIREMENT**

Mon 12<sup>th</sup> 2pm: AGM and exercises  
Tues 13<sup>th</sup> 2pm: Bowls  
Sun 11<sup>th</sup> 3.30-6pm: Tea Dance Cricket Club

## **30 YEARS AGO IN THE PARISH**

- Following the previous week's collection for the Parish Bulletin, £696.30 had been collected. It was estimated that it cost £37 per week to produce the bulletin
- Parents of children from St. Patrick's and Milverton, celebrating their First Confession, were invited to a special meeting
- The local Justice and Peace Group were planning a series of lectures for Lent
- Live Line on RTE Radio 1 was featuring Skerries Community Centre
- The Skerries News was published for the first time

## **SKERRIES LADIES BOWLING CLUB**

A reminder to all ladies that our next meeting will take place on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February at 12.15 pm in the Clubhouse. Hope to see you all there.

## **SKERRIES HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

presents a talk on Liam MacGabhann, Outstanding Journalist, by Paul Synott in the Bus Bar on 13<sup>th</sup> February, 2018 at 8.15 pm. All are welcome.

## **LOUGHSHINNY & RUSH HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

are proud to present a talk entitled "50 Years in Fingal before the Rising – How much had changed before the Revolution 1866-1916", by Declan Brady, at The Strand Bar, Rush on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February, 8pm. All welcome.

## **STANDBYME GOLDIES EVENTS**

Our next Goldies event is a lovely lunch in the Skerries Mills on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> February at 2pm. Our next theatre visit is to Jumpers for Goalposts by Tom Wells at our local Skerries Little Theatre on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February. Many thanks to all our supporters for your kindness and generosity.

## **STANDBYME WEEKEND DINNERS**

Standbyme will be back with a trial date for weekend dinners hopefully next week. We are delighted with the response. Thanks so much for the donations already received. This project needs some funding or if anyone is aware of funding available please let Anne know. We are also looking for a third driver as back up. If anyone is free, please contact Anne on 0831563595.

## **SKERRIES HARPS GAA CLUB**

Sun 11<sup>th</sup>: Senior Camogie v Clara, home 11 am  
Sat 17<sup>th</sup> v St Brigids, home 12.00 – both in the Leinster League. Adult football begins next Sun 18 Feb with Seniors away to O'Tooles, second team home to Raheny and third team home to Castleknock – see website for details.  
Zingo: 3, 6, 4, 5, 2, 7, 1. Jackpot is now €8,000 – draw on Sunday at 6 pm. Membership Fees for 2018 must to be paid by 31 March per GAA Rule. This allows voting at AGM plus inclusion in All Ireland ticket draw. All players must pay Fees before the playing season starts, to be covered by mandatory Player Injury Scheme. The club recently presented a cheque for €2,500 to St Vincent de Paul Society – the proceeds from the Christmas charity games and golf – thanks for support. Tickets for the Dubs Spring series in Croke Park are available in Super Valu. Diary Dates: Cheltenham Preview Night – 2<sup>nd</sup> March & Fashion Show – 9<sup>th</sup> March. For all club news, see [www.skerriesharps.ie](http://www.skerriesharps.ie).

## **SKERRIES TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB**

New GIRLS only Academy every Sunday morning 10-11am at Skerries Community Centre for all 4-12 year olds of any ability. Fee per session: €3.00 per player. One-off registration fee of €10 to be paid by all players on first session. Please text – Parents / Guardian's name & the name and age of the player to Ben Guildea 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?



Our thanks to Skerries Harps for their recent generous donation to our funds. Maybe other clubs and organisations which use our services might consider making a donation towards our costs? All donations are very much appreciated.

## **FOUND**

Pair of prescription glasses found at Mill Hill Park on 1<sup>st</sup> February. Phone 0858292562.