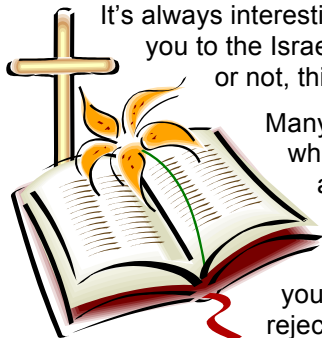


## TELLING IT LIKE IT IS

Do we want to know?



It's always interesting to recognise ourselves in the Scriptures! "Son of man" writes Ezekiel, "I am sending you to the Israelites, to the rebels who have turned against me...the Lord says this 'Whether they listen or not, this set of rebels shall know there is a prophet among them.'"

Many of us in Ireland today find ourselves trapped in a sort of tornado of secularisation. Being whipped up and carried along at such a rate, we can almost lose sight of the broader picture and panic. Indeed, despair is not far away at times. What can we hold on to, for hold on we must?

Moving on to St Paul, we find a lifeline. The Lord speaks to him "My grace is enough for you; My power is at its best in weakness." This is an odd idea, hotly contested and angrily rejected by many. It is, however, true. Think about it. God is, after all, Love.

Then we have Mark's account of Jesus in his 'home place.' The scene should ring bells with us – "Who does that fellow think he is?" Sound familiar? There's a warning here, too: "...he could work no miracles there." Why? "He was amazed at their lack of faith."

Who are the prophets in our own country these days? 'A still, small voice' met with ridicule and rejection? Going against the flow is the prophet's style. Now and again a more strident voice emerges. The Holy Father is coming here in just over a month. As 'Christ's Vicar on Earth,' he deserves to be listened to with an open heart. He is gentle but strong. So was Jesus.

The tide turns quietly; anyone on the beach during the past week could be amazed in the afternoon by this phenomenon. The pull of faith is what turns the tide of events, quietly and unnoticed, just like the pull of the moon on the tide. Is it not miraculous?

Do we want to know? We need to know - so let us pray for an unswerving, unshakeable faith.

*Skerries Church Choir*

## ANNIVERSARIES REMEMBERED

- ✠ Tues 10 July 10am: John & Rita Knight, Deceased colleagues of Josephine Knight, Special Intention
- ✠ Wed 11 July 10am: Special Intention
- ✠ Thurs 12 July 10am: Elizabeth Coady, Souls in Purgatory
- ✠ Sat 14 July 10am: Stephen McGrath
- ✠ Sat 14 July 6pm: Joe Grimes, Nellie Attley, Sheila McCullugh, Fiona & Andrew Downey, John & Catherine Saunders, Frank & Sheila Downey
- ✠ Sun 15 July 9.30am: P.J., Mollie & Paddy Griffin
- ✠ Sun 15 July 11am: Elizabeth Flanagan, Iris Flanagan & Clare Montcalm

## MONTH'S MIND MASS

Sat 14 July 6pm: J.J. Gilsean  
Sun 15 July 11am: Carmel O'Reilly

## DONABATE PARISH

Cemetery Sunday Mass will be celebrated on Sunday **15 July** at 3.30pm in Donabate Cemetery on the Portrane Road.

## SKERRIES ACTIVE RETIREMENT

**Mon 9 July** 2pm - Short Quiz and Exercises.  
**Mon 16 July** - Party with food and music to finish for Summer break.

## THE VERY REV. EOIN MCCRYSTAL, ADMIN., RIP

Fr. Eoin was born in 1965 and was ordained as a priest for ministry in the Archdioceses of Dublin in 1990. During his 28 years of priesthood Fr. Eoin has ministered in various places throughout the diocese. These included Priest/Teacher in Swords, National Chaplain to the Young Christian Workers and Parish Priest in Donaghmede. His last appointment was as Administrator in St. Mac Cullin's Parish in Lusk. It was with deep sadness that we learned of his sudden and untimely death last weekend. We extend our sympathies to his brother Peter and his sisters Florence and Regina and their families at this sad time. May he rest in Peace.

## A MESSAGE FROM TIDY TOWNS

We are all doing our best to conserve water during this dry weather. However, without using hosepipes our plants and trees can be given enough water to keep them alive.

We can also use any wastewater, **once it does not contain bleach**, to water the plants. Save the water that usually goes down the drain while waiting for the shower to heat up, use the water from the children's bath or the water used to wash vegetables or dishes.

We appeal to anyone who has a newly planted tree outside their house or down the road - many of which were put in this year by Fingal County Council - to water them as frequently as possible before they die.

## CONGRATULATIONS

Heartfelt congratulations to Fr. Robert Smith who was ordained for ministry in the Archdiocese of Dublin on Friday last. Fr. Robert is at present completing his studies in Rome before returning to take up an appointment at home. He is the only priest ordained for the diocese this year. We pray the Lord will continue to inspire young men and women to generously give themselves to follow him in ministry into the future.

## FAITH FOR LIFE

Faith for Life is an adult faith course designed to help you discover more energising and empowering ways to live out your faith in the reality of today's world, through relationships, family, home, workplaces and the events of daily life. It aims to help you to be more active, open, faithful, confident, trusting and willing to work for change. The Faith for Life course is experienced as a journey of four 'Movements' inviting you to explore the call you received in Baptism. The process for each weekend includes teaching, personal and group reflection, prayer and liturgy.

The course is run over four weekends: **6/7 October 2018, 17/18 November 2018, 12/13 January 2019 and 23/24 February 2019**. To apply, please contact the Office for Evangelisation and Ecumenism [atevangelisation@dublindiocese.ie](mailto:atevangelisation@dublindiocese.ie)

This course has been designed and is delivered through a partnership agreement between the Archdioceses of Dublin and Liverpool. Participants will be awarded a Certificate of Achievement when they have completed the course.

## COFFEE MORNING



In aid of Brother Kevin and the Capuchin Day Centre on **Monday 9 July** from 10am – 1pm at "San Francesco" opposite SuperValu, Church Street.

Your support would be appreciated.

## SKERRIES AGE FRIENDLY GROUP

The Skerries Age Friendly working group in conjunction with Flexibus/Localink is carrying out a survey for transport needs for older people in Skerries. The purpose of the survey is to identify what transport services are needed for older people and what area they are needed in. We want to identify the people who are without transport for vital or social services.

Completing this survey will help us plan and provide you with the transport you need. All information obtained in this survey will be used only by our analysts.

Thank you in advance for your participation. Copies of the survey are available in the library where you will also find a box for completed surveys.

## SKERRIES LADIES BOWLS



Congratulations to our Div. 4 team who had a great win on Tuesday night against Crumlin. Hard luck to the Div. 1 team who did not fare so well on Wednesday against Westmanstown. Despite their best efforts in sweltering conditions, luck was not with them.

## BIRDWATCH IRELAND FINGAL

Shenick Island Nature Walk.

Sunday morning **15 July**. Meet at

Brook stream, South Strand Skerries at 06.45.



## SKERRIES HARPS GAA CLUB



**Sunday**. Minor 1 v Thos. Davis and Minor 2 v Thos. Ashe, both home at 11 am

**Monday**. Ladies v Rush, away at 7.30 pm. Tues. Hurlers v Faughs, home at 7.30pm  
**Sat**. Seniors v Templeogue SS, away at 6.30pm.  
Congrats to Lyndsey Davey on Leinster Final win with Dubs ladies.

C & T Summer Camps - Multi Sports on **16/20 July** and Nursery Camp on **7/10 Aug**. Contact Louise 085 1465673. Our two Cúl Camps are now fully booked – apologies if you missed out.

New Bar opening times now posted on website – join us for all the TV sport.

Tickets for the Dubs Super 8 Series will be allocated to paid up members only. Membership fees can be paid online or to the Registrar, Mark Grimes.

**Golf Classic on Fri 3 August** at Skerries GC.

Details from Jackie 087 2121418

Zingo result: 7, 3, 4, 5, 1, 3, 6. Jackpot now €2,200 – draw Sundays at 7 pm.

## 30 YEARS AGO IN THE PARISH

- Newly baptised were Fionn Jenkinson, Joanne Jenkinson, Maebh de Burca, Conor Hurley, Emma Harris and Paul Brennan
- Tidy Towns committee thanked the many residents who put in an extra effort in their area and also the business owners who were cooperating with the anti-litter effort
- Congrats to St. Patrick's Sen. School Soccer team who won their league in a thrilling final against Balrothery NS
- Congrats to Allen Whitaker who won a Dublin gold medal in the swimming events, also the Chess team won gold. The Girls hockey team won silver, being unlucky to lose the final by 1 goal
- Congrats to all the athletes from Skerries Athletic Club who won 19 medals in the Dublin BLOE finals
- Skerries Rugby Club was holding a Carnival Day in the Club, proceeds to their Injury Fund
- Mens & Ladies Open sea swimming races were underway