

“On this mountain, for all peoples, Yahweh Sabaoth is preparing a banquet of rich food...” Isaiah 25:6



This promise in the Old Testament is the same promise to us today as we follow the way of Jesus in our everyday lives. In the gospel story, the invitations to this banquet are issued by the king. Some accept them while others are too busy about their daily commitments.

The father of the groom seems a little frustrated by the non-recognition on the part of some of the invitees of the opportunity they are being offered to come and share in the festivities around his son's wedding. Many will know that when it comes to a wedding celebration in our culture, great sensitivity is demanded to ensure that the “right” people are invited.

The wedding feast being referred to in the gospel is no ordinary celebration. It is the heavenly banquet to which all of us are invited. Like the invitees in the story, sometimes we are too caught up in what is happening now to be able to focus on the future. The invitation, however, is never withdrawn. Little by little we realise that while we have responsibilities and commitments, we do not have a lasting city here. Our path to the “banquet of rich food” is a life-long journey. Just as when we receive an invitation to a wedding we must consider all that it entails; the outfit, the gift, the travel, the accommodation, the honour of being selected. Likewise, in our response to the invitation to follow in the way of Jesus, we might reflect on the how we receive the invitation.

In St. Paul's letter to the Philippians he marvels at how much joy it brings him to be appreciated. Imagine the joy we bring to our God when we appreciate all that he has offered to us through his invitation to follow him. As we look forward in hope to the great banquet we can say with joy:

***“In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever.”***

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### Mission Sunday

As Christians we are called to heed the words of Jesus ***“go out to the world to proclaim the Good News”***. Next Sunday, 22<sup>nd</sup> October is Mission Sunday and the annual collection for the missions will replace the Share collection at all Masses.

### Altar List of the Dead

Envelopes for the Altar List of the Dead will be available at the Church doors from this weekend. All Masses on the first Friday of each month are offered for those names on the list.

### Sacred Heart Calendar 2018

Calendar featuring Sacred Heart Churches around the world and the Pope's Intentions for 2018 are now on sale in the parish shop – price €2.50. All proceeds go to the Pioneer Total Abstinence Association of the Sacred Heart.

### We Welcome

Elena Leigh Matos, Cian  
Jamie Reid, Michael  
Declan Walls and Billie



Joan Traynor who were recently baptised into our parish family.

### First Anniversary Mass

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> October @ 11am – Jane Dardis  
Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> October @ 11am- Peter McMahon

### Feastdays

Tues. 17<sup>th</sup> Oct. – St. Ignatius of Antioch (Bishop and martyr).

### Anniversary Masses and Intentions

- ✠ Sun. 15<sup>th</sup> @ 11am: Lawrence & Annie McDonough.
- ✠ Tues. 17<sup>th</sup> @ 10am: Paddy Reid, John Moorhouse, Patrick (Paddy) Reid.
- ✠ Wed. 18<sup>th</sup> @ 10am: Tony Woods.
- ✠ Thurs. 19<sup>th</sup> @ 10am: John, Jack & Gertie McMann.
- ✠ Sat. 21<sup>st</sup> @ 10am: Diarmuid O'Sullivan, Nancy Macken.
- ✠ Sat. 21<sup>st</sup> @ 6pm: Edward Prendergast, Michael & Nancy Loughrey, Billy Tanner, Eamonn Farrell, Declan Friel.
- ✠ Sun. 22<sup>nd</sup> @ 11am: Esther Crosbie, Charles Cooper, Michael & Bella Murphy, Jim & Annie Keeling and deceased members of the Keeling family.

### Family Mass – An Invitation

Children from 3<sup>rd</sup> class upwards are invited to participate in the Family Mass on some Sundays at 11am. If your child would like to take part, you can get more information from Brenda on 087-6189411.

### Confirmation

Reminder – the Registration for Confirmation for 6<sup>th</sup> class pupils of St. Patrick's Snr School and Educate Together will take place on Thurs. 19<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the church. All family members welcome.



### Magnificat Prayer Group

Meet each Tues. night 8-9pm in the Hills Cricket Club for Rosary & Scripture. All welcome.

### Skerries Active Retirement Group

Sun. 15<sup>th</sup> – Tea Dance in Hills Cricket Club from 3.30pm to 6pm.

Mon. 16<sup>th</sup> – Bring and Buy Sale at 2pm.

Tues. 17<sup>th</sup> – Bowls at 2pm.

### Remembrance Concert

The Dean of Saint Patrick's Cathedral invites you all to the Annual Remembrance Concert on Fri. 10<sup>th</sup> Nov. at 6.15pm. The Cathedral Choir will be singing Gabriel Fauré's much loved Requiem. Admission is free and there is a collection in aid of the Irish Red Cross.



### Drop In for Prayer

Would you be interested in dropping in now and then to a 30 minute ecumenical 'Mindful Prayer of Stillness' on Mondays around 12 noon in 1 The Orchard, Tennis Court Lane? If yes, please contact Norma on 087 7538173.

### Coffee Morning



A Coffee Morning in aid of the Capuchin Day Centre for Homeless People will be held on Thurs. 19<sup>th</sup> Oct. at 'Portziuncola' on Church Street (opposite SuperValu). 10am to 1pm and all very welcome.

### Standbyme

Next round of conversation classes start on Mon. 16<sup>th</sup> Oct. in the Rockabill Restaurant. Italian will be at 11am and Spanish at 4.30pm. Cost is €60 for five weeks.

Next outing is a tasty brunch in Seasons with Mel & staff on Wed. 18<sup>th</sup> Oct. at 12 noon. Cost is €20 and €5 for the raffle.

Please note that the Christmas Vanity Fair Photo-shoot is now in Thurs. 26<sup>th</sup> Oct. at 2pm. Contact Anne on 083 1563595 for full details.

### Tidy Towns Update



Skerries scooped four more awards in Fingal County Council's Cleaner Communities Awards which were announced on Tuesday evening at a ceremony in The Carlton Hotel:

- Best town in Fingal.
- Best Special Community Project – this was for the information panel about the Holmpatrick Graveyard. It is at the gate into the graveyard and is well worth a visit.
- The Community College won the award for biodiversity for their project on lichens. Sarah and Sara accepted the well-deserved award.
- Rockabill apartments won the Best Presented Apartment award.

A great result overall for Skerries and thank you again to our great group of volunteers.

### Tommy Fleming in Concert

Balbriggan Parish is delighted to announce Tommy Fleming in Concert on Wed. 15<sup>th</sup> Nov. at 8pm in the Church of SS Peter and Paul. Tickets are €20 and are available from <http://tommyfleming.net/upcoming-events/> or from the Balbriggan Parish office 01 8412116. This promises to be a most entertaining and enjoyable evening – all are welcome.

### Skerries Harps GAA & Camogie Club

Sun. 15<sup>th</sup>: Senior Camogie Champ. Final v St. O Plunketts/ER – 1pm in Abbotstown. Minor 1 v St. Anne's – 11am at Home. Minor 2 v St. Pat's – 11am Away in Donabate.



**Congrats** to Ladies Footballers on winning Div. 3 League last week.

**GA 4 Ma's** – Gaelic for Mothers, contact Fiona to join up.

**Juvenile Academy** every Sat. at 10am. Annual Juvenile Awards will take place on Sun. 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec. in the Community Centre.

**Zingo**: 3,6,2,7,4,1,5 – Jackpot now €6,300.

### Naul Gardening & Flower Club

A talk on the Chelsea Flower Show will take place in the Studio Three Gates in Naul on Wed. 18<sup>th</sup> Oct at 8pm. Christopher White (medal winner at Chelsea) and Dominica McKeivitt (Head Gardener at Ardgillan) will be speaking. More information from 086 2850561.

### Lost

A ladies watch was lost on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> Oct. around 9.20am near the church or SuperValu. Please contact Catherine on 087 9505032.