

The readings in today's mass tell us both how Christ our King will care for us and also how we should respond to Him.

The first reading written during the exile in Babylonia by the prophet Ezekiel was written to encourage the people during their darkest hour, telling them that the Lord God cares for them.

In Old Testament times a good king could greatly affect the well-being of his people and his care for his people was often described in terms of a good shepherd. Our answer to this is in Psalm 22 "Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life" We trust in the Lord.

How we should behave today is clearly outlined for us in the gospel. Not a word about which doctrine to follow or which creed to adhere to. It is all about how to behave towards our fellow human beings who share this little planet with us. "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you did this to one of the least of these brothers of mine you did it to me." It follows that we should strive to create a society where the well-being and flourishing of all is the guiding principle.

Prayer after Communion

"Lord you give us Christ, the King of all creation as food for everlasting life. Help us to live by his gospel and bring us to the joy of his kingdom where he lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Lydia Gillen (Bible Study Group)



Our sympathy is extended to the family of Kieran Bowers who died recently.

First Anniversary

Saturday 2 December 6pm John Nolan

Anniversaries & Intentions

Thursday 30 Nov 10am Paddy & Marie Hughes
 Saturday 2 December 10am Holy Souls of Skerries
 Saturday 2 December 6pm Rose O'Connor,
 Pdraig & Mona Potter, Tony & Liam Shiels,
 Anne Marjorem, Claire & Barry Mason
 Sunday 3 December **9.30am** Lily & Tony Smith
11am P.J. Ryan, Marie & Michael Grimes,
 Thomas Flanagan, Bernard & Mary-Ann Moles,

Crosscare Annual Food Appeal Saturday 2 and Sunday 3



December 2017. Archbishop Martin is seeking practical support for this year's Annual Parish food appeal on the 2 and 3 of December for the Crosscare Foodbanks. They have identified items that are most needed at this time i.e. Shampoo & Hygiene Products, Cleaning Products, Soups, Tinned Meats, Seasonal Biscuits. Your support will be greatly appreciated.

1 December 10am First Friday Mass

Found A wedding ring has been found in the vicinity of the Church. Enquiries to the parish office please. 01 8106771 or email info@skerriesparish.ie

Christmas Cards now on sale in the parish office €2 each. All proceeds will go the Capuchin Day Centre for homeless people in Dublin. www.capuchindaycentre.ie.



Sacred Heart Calendar 2018

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

Rosary on the Coast 26 November 2.30pm

Inspired by the Faith of the Polish people the *Rosary on the Coast for Life and Faith* will take place in coastal locations around Ireland on Sunday 26 November, the Feast of Christ the King. In Skerries, meeting-place is Red Island Martello Tower at 2.30pm. The organisers are conscious that it is winter time and will ensure that the ceremony will not take too long. See bulletin board for more details.

Youth 2000 Christmas Retreat 8-10 December

Newbridge College, Co Kildare. Youth 2000 invites young adults aged 16 to 35 to a Catholic week-end retreat 8-10 December. Parental consent needed for those under 18. Bring a donation & a sleeping-bag and join over 600 young people from all over the country. Booking essential www.youth2000.ie Youth2000 Ireland Facebook page or Tel 01 6753690.

Skerries Active Retirement

Monday 27 November 2pm Bingo
Tuesday 28 November 2 pm Bowls
Friday 8 December Christmas Party Skerries Golf Club 8pm. €30 on Monday please.

Skerries Ladies Bowls

A reminder that our next meeting will be on Monday 4 December at 12.15 in the Clubhouse. Hope all those who travelled to Westport had a good week.

Invitation to a public meeting on Skerries Better Energy Community programme (BEC)

4 December, 8pm, Old School, Skerries Community Centre. Skerries Community Association (SCA) invites you to a public information meeting to learn how communities can work together to avail of generous grants to retrofit homes, community buildings and business premises, to make them warmer and reduce energy costs. Grants of 80% are available if you are on a fuel allowance, 35% if not, 50% for community buildings and 30% for commercial buildings. Funding for Better Energy Communities is provided by the Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland www.seai.ie/grants/community-grants/ To help us get an idea of likely attendance please email betterenergy@skerriesca.com

Standbyme would like to offer our struggling Goldies or families a free Christmas dinner in your own home on Christmas day. Delivered between 12 noon - 2.30pm and donated by Conor McGloughlin and Ollie Grimes. Please contact Anne. We are organizing a weekly collection of the following items to bring to "A Lending Hand group" every Monday night at the Central Bank. Please donate any jumpers, tracksuit bottoms or warm jackets to help out our homeless friends. Next Goldies event is on Thursday 7 December in Brasco's restaurant with Edel Boyle doing an hour of bio energy first, followed by lunch. Cost €30 plus raffle. We are seeking a reliable technology Teacher to teach some of our Goldies how to use a computer. Spanish and Italian classes every Tuesday at 2pm & 3pm in Rockabill restaurant, €12 per hour. Please contact Anne by text/call on 0831563595 if you would like to attend any of these events/classes.

Acknowledgement

The family of the late Bernard Duff, his sister Eva Gilsenan (née Duff), niece and nephews would like to thank everyone who sympathised with us. A big thank you to the staff of Beaumont Hospital. Bernard's Month's Mind is on the 26 November at 6pm Mass.

Local Choir 'Skerries Sea Sharps'



under the musical direction of Caroline Cutcliffe will present an evening of Christmas Choral Music on Friday 15 December at 7.30pm in St Patricks Catholic Church, Skerries. Entrance is by donation, with all proceeds to benefit the Peter McVerry Trust. Guest Performer on the night will be Operatic Tenor, John Scott. All are very welcome.

Art Sale in aid of Capuchin Day Centre

Watercolours by Maria Chapman for sale at St Margaret's, Dublin Road, Skerries-: 2pm to 6pm Sunday 3 December. All proceeds will go to help Brother Kevin in his fight against hunger and homelessness. Your support will be appreciated.

ALONE – Information and Training for Companionship Volunteers Tuesday 5 December 2017 in Skerries Community Centre from 6.30pm – 8pm. ALONE is the charity that supports older people to age at home. Our organisation works with older people who find themselves in need of companionship and friendship to remain in their own homes. Loneliness is one of the main causes of older people giving up their independence. ALONE's befriending service matches an older person with a trained and vetted volunteer who provides companionship through a weekly visit, helping the older person stay connected with their community. If you are interested in finding out more about this valuable service, and can commit to volunteering with us for at least a year, please come along on 5 December. Places are limited, so please confirm your attendance to: hello@alone.ie

Skerries Harps GAA Club



Congrats to our Minor Footballers on their win in the Shield last Sunday vs Parnells Juvenile Academy – last Saturday of this term next Sat 2 Dec. 10 am. Refreshments available upstairs and Club Shop open with new stock and gift vouchers available; Online Shop is open 24/7 - link on club website. NOTE – Cark Park is closed during Academy for Health & Safety. Diary Dates: Sun 3 Dec Juvenile Presentation Evening 6.30pm in Community Centre. Club AGM Thurs 7 Dec 8pm in Clubhouse Sat 16 Dec - Music Night and Christmas Draw. Draw tickets now available from Joanne/Fergal or clubhouse bar. Zingo: 2-5-3-1-4-6-7 Jackpot now €6,900. Draw on Sundays in Club at 6pm. Entry is €2 per draw or 3 for €5. See www.skerriesharps.ie