

Skerries Parish Bulletin

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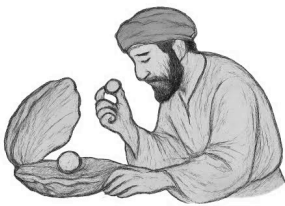
26 July to 2 August 2026

17 SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

1 Kings 3:5,7-12; Romans 8:28-3; Matthew 13:44-52

In Matthew's Gospel today Jesus tells the people three parables and then asks, 'Have you understood all this? Jesus himself explains in Matthew's gospel (13:10) *The reason I talk to them in parables is that they look without seeing and listen without hearing or understanding*'. The stories can help us understand what destiny God desires for us and appreciate more fully as the second reading says that "God co-operates with all those who love him."

Our faith is not only about us trying to find God but also like Solomon asking God to give us "a heart to understand how to discern between good and evil."



"The kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls". Just like the merchant who searched his whole life, we may search for God or we may desire something from Him. Searching and asking may help us to be ready to accept God's Grace.

No matter how the Kingdom of God comes to us, it must take over our life and lead us to adopt the words of the psalm "The law from your mouth means more to me than silver and gold."

"The kingdom of heaven is like a net cast into the sea" that gathers everyone. So there will be a judgement on whether we are with Christ or not. We can begin now to prepare to be with Christ.

He is the one who saves us. If we allow him to be with us, when that big net comes for us we will be with him for eternity.

Church Readers

Anniversary / Special Intention Masses

- ✦ **Saturday 25th 10.00am:** Angela Prouse (1st A), Tommy O'Brien, William and Patricia Baker, Ronnie Prouse (Rem), Patrick and Mary 'Polly' Carroll.
- ✦ **6.00pm:** Paul Murphy (1st A), David Lowe (MM), Mark Comey, Larry Hughes, Teresa Donaghy, Peggy and Paddy Coleman.
- ✦ **Sunday 26th 11.00am:** Jim Hyland, Breda Kennedy, Christopher 'Christy' and Florrie Casey, Peggy McGirl, Benjamin Farrell (BR).
- ✦ **Monday 27th 10.00am:** Mass Card Intentions.
- ✦ **Tuesday 28th 10.00am:** Larr Croke, Danny Croke, Owen Lamont, John Lamont, Donal Lamont, Special Intention, Joe Dowling.
- ✦ **Wednesday 29th 10.00am:** Patrick and Margaret Lynch and deceased family members, Terry McDonald (BR)
- ✦ **Friday 31st 10.00am:** Barry Craig (1st A), Esther Kelly (BR), Patricia Jenkinson, Patrick Murray.
- ✦ **Saturday 1st Aug 10.00am:** Pauline McBride.

- ✦ **6.00pm:** Barry Craig (1st A), Bernie Kinsella, Ellen and Christopher Fanning, Bill and Kathleen Kinsella, Jim Martin, Pat McNally.
- ✦ **Sunday 2nd 9.30am:** Barry Craig (1st A), Colm Keogh.
- ✦ **11.00am:** Tom McManus, Bernadette Dennis, Kathleen Everard, Bill Foran, Kay Coleman McGilloway, Peggy and Francie Ferguson.

Our Sympathy is extended to the family and



friends of Jim 'James' McDonnell, Skerries and late of Mullingar, who died recently. May he Rest in Peace.

Feast Days

29th July – St. Martha,
31st July – St. Ignatius,
1st Aug – St. Alphonsus.

We remember Fr. Clinton in our prayers at this time. As you know Fr. Clinton has been a priest in our partnership parish in Rush for a number of years. Fr. Clinton has been recalled by his bishop and will return to his home diocese in Nigeria later this week.

Summer Dues – Summer Dues support the priests of the parish and of the diocese. The Summer Dues Envelopes are available throughout the church. Please leave them into the Parish Office or in the collection baskets during Mass. Your support of the priests is always much appreciated.

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Skerries Town Twinning



Once again many, many thanks to all who helped and supported the recent visit from our French colleagues/friends. There are many lovely photos of the event on our Facebook page - have a look! If you or any of your friends would like to become involved with us, drop a line to skerriestwinning@gmail.com. Also, if you're visiting the Library, have a look out for the books which the French visiting group presented to our Library - from children's picture books to adult local history.

30 Years Ago in the Parish

- The Pioneer Association's day long outing was taking place £19.50 for the coach tour and evening dinner - as yet the location is a well-kept secret.
- Blessing of the Graves in Holmpatrick was at 3.00pm.
- The Belarussian children staying in the town were giving a dancing display outside the Church after 11.00am Mass.
- Skerries Tidy Towns appealed for helpers to ensure the town looked its best on Thursday 15th (a quick check at 6.30am) when the international judges from Entente Florale would be coming.
- Skerries Library was closing from 3-12th August
- Skerries Town was looking for new managers for school-boy football for the coming season.
- Spotlight on Skerries group was looking for entries for the Fingal Poetry and Poster competitions.

World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly

This year's celebration dedicated to grandparents and the elderly takes place this **Sunday, July 26th**. The theme for this year is *'I will never forget you' (Isa 49:15)*.

The **National Grandparents' Pilgrimage** to Knock also takes place this Sunday, July 26th.

Age Friendly Skerries:



Skerries Movie Matinee takes place on the last Wednesday of every month from 2pm to 4pm in the Library. Anyone over 60 interested in coming must book their place by contacting the library (as numbers are limited) Skerrieslibrary.library@fingal.ie or 01-8905671. The next movie takes place next Wednesday, 29th July.

Skerries Harps GAA Club



Hurlers won their Championship fixture v St Finians and play Faughs, away on Sun 26th at 11.00am. Senior footballers play Raheny in Parnell Park on Fri 7th Aug at 8.30pm in Dublin Championship. Hard luck to Hannah McGinnis and Dublin ladies on defeat to Kerry in All Ireland semi-final.

Our Under 16 footballers and mentors travelled to Santiago de Compostela, Spain recently to play in the inaugural Galicia Celtic Challenge Cup. They played games v the host club Galicia and teams from France, Derry, Antrim and Dublin and enjoyed the experience.

Our Annual Golf Classic takes place on Friday 31st July at Skerries Golf Club. All welcome.

The Annual Bryan Cullen U16 Tournament will be held on Saturday 15th August in Skerries. Summer Camps: Club Camp and Academy Camp are on Tues 4th to Fri 7th August. Advanced Camp on Tues 11th and Wed 12th August for player born 2010 – 2014. Limited places.

ZINGO Sun. 19th July: 3, 12, 16, 27. No winners. Jackpot now €4,800. Next draw Sunday 26th. Join us for the All-Ireland Football Final, Kerry v Mayo and stay for the Zingo draw. Thanks to all who supported the Official Launch Night for our major fundraiser Trial or Denial in the Clubhouse last Saturday night. Roll on the 7th of November. Check our Facebook page.