



Skerries Parish Bulletin

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13th-20th August, 2023

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Kings 19:9,11-13. Ps 84 9-14 . Rm9: 1-5 Mt 14: 22-33



Today's Gospel helps to describe what Christian Faith is all about. The disciples are endeavouring to cross the lake and they are overwhelmed by a furious storm. Jesus seeing their plight comes to them walking on the water. On the invitation and encouragement of Jesus, Peter steps out of the boat. As long as he keeps his eyes on Jesus, he can stay afloat, but when he takes his eyes off Jesus he begins to sink. Peter forgets that Jesus was looking after him.

God is always near enough to lift us up when we are overwhelmed by our daily trials, discouragement or fears. Let us reflect on Jesus's words: "You of little faith why did you doubt?": Doubt is the opposite of Faith. Doubt asks, "Where is God?" Faith hears: "Take courage . It is I.

Don't be afraid"!

Thank God today for the times you experienced being rescued from some trouble or danger, an experience that deepened your faith in the presence and compassion of God for you.

Sisters of the Holy Faith

Anniversary and Special Intention Masses

Sat. 12th 10am: Michael Whelton (Month's Mind)

6pm: Ann Colford (Month's Mind), Joe Heffernan (Month's Mind), Ailish & Paddy O'Brien, Joe Gordon, Sheila & Laurence McNally, Catherine & James Heraghty, Sean Ryan

Sun. 13th 9.30am: Michael Whelton (Month's Mind), Seamus Moorhouse (1st A), Alan Tierney & the Tierney family (rem)

11am: Louise Bracken Smith (Month's Mind) Christy Grimes (1st A), Joe Radley, Bishop Donal Lamont, Fr John Lamont, Jenny & Brendan Memery, Miriam Keogh

Mon. 14th 10am: Mass Card Intentions

Tues. 15th 10am: Seamus Moorhouse (1st A), John & Kathleen Mackle, Karl Mackle (rem), Cathy Smith (BR), Special Intention

Fri. 18th 10am: Mary Browne (rem)

Sat. 19th 6pm: Mary O'Driscoll (Month's Mind), Collie Doyle, Mary Plunkett (Month's Mind), Thomas & Brigid Clinton, Miriam, John, Rita & Tom Clinton (rem) Brendan & Aileen O'Connor (A + BR)

Sun. 20th 9.30am Michael & Abby Conlon

11am Patrick & John Lyons, Michael Browne, Edward Doyle, Gretta & Michael Sweeney, Willy Marks, Mona O'Brien, Tommie & Margaret Farrell

Holyday - Tuesday



Tuesday, 15th August is the Feast of The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary and is a holyday of obligation. Please note there is only **ONE** Mass for the holyday - the usual 10 o'clock morning Mass on Tuesday. A vigil Mass will **not** be celebrated on

Monday evening

World Youth Day (1st - 6th August)

We thank Ella Nwajei, a parishioner, who travelled to Lisbon to participate in this year's World Youth Day in Lisbon. Ella was joined by other young people from the Archdiocese of Dublin and many more from other parts of the world. We look forward to hearing Ella share some of the experience with us.

Synod in October

The *Instrumentum Laboris*, the official working document for the first session of the 16th Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops, was launched on June 20. A large number of people from various parts of the world with different expertise prepared this important text which will animate all the work of the October assembly.

See <https://synod.ie/instrumentum-laboris-for-synod-2021-2024/>

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Next week's Feast Days

13th: St. Fachtna; 15th: The Assumption of Our Lady;
17th: Our Lady of Knock

St. Vincent de Paul Society

The monthly collection for the local St Vincent de Paul Conference will take place at all masses on the weekend of August 19th and 20th. As always, your contribution is very much appreciated.

TOWARDS PEACE

Towards Peace is a service offering spiritual support for anybody who has been abused, physically, emotionally, sexually, spiritually, in a religious/church environment. Towards Peace was established in October 2014 by the Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference and the Association of Leaders of Missionary & Religious Leaders of Ireland. (AMRI). The Towards Peace office hours are Monday and Tuesday 9am - 4pm and Wednesday 9am - 12noon. For further information phone 01 5053028 or 086 7710533 or visit www.towardspeace.ie or <https://www.facebook.com/TowardsPeaceSpiritualSupportService/>

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT

The Irish Hospice Foundation provides a free Bereavement Support Line. This National Freephone Service is available from 10am to 1pm, Monday to Friday, by calling 1800 807077. Visit www.hospicefoundation.ie for more information.

AWARE – SUPPORT & SELF CARE GROUPS

If you or those with whom you work wish to connect with people in relation to your mental wellbeing, consider using Aware's phone-in and Zoom support and self-care groups, support line or support mail. For more information, visit www.aware.ie.

Heritage Week – local events

There are many free events taking place around Fingal next week. Among those locally are: -

1. Free guided tours of Skerries Mills, 16th/17th August, 10.30-11.30. Tickets essential – advanced booking admin@skerriesmills.ie or ph.: 8495205
2. Free Guided tour of Ardgillan Demesne, 17th August, 11 a.m., booking recommended, Ph. 8492212 or eventardgillan@fingal.ie
3. Free Ardgillan Garden Tour, Tues. 15th, with head gardener Domenica McKevitt. Meet at the front of the house at 11 a.m.. Booking recommended – see details above

Festival in a Van

Festival in a Van (an initiative of Fingal Co. Council) will be on the road, 18th/19th August bringing free music and spoken word performances to the communities of Fingal. This fully equipped mobile performance venue will showcase musicians, singers, poets (including local Enda Coyle Green) and storytellers. In Floraville on Sat. 19th from 14.15-14.55

Birdwatch Ireland – Fingal Branch

"The Birds of Fingal", a talk given by Dr. Frank Prendergast, will take place in Skerries Library on Tues. 15th August at 2.30 p.m.. All welcome

Skerries Ladies Bowls

A reminder that the next meeting for ladies takes place on Mon. 14th at 12.15 in the club. Monday morning competition continues. We are delighted to welcome some new lady members to our ranks. Our Div. 2 team took away 1 ½ points from last Wednesday's match v Shankill. They will welcome Crumlin next Wednesday – supporters welcome.

Skerries Harps GAA Club

Good Luck to the Dublin Ladies in All Ireland Final v Kerry on Sunday – a double on the cards??

Wed 16 Aug. Ladies v Clan na Gael, away in Inter Football Championship, Group B at 7.30 pm.

Fri 18 Aug: Minor Camogie Championship v O Plunketts, in Skerries at 6.45 pm

Sun 20 Aug. Junior Hurling Championship v St Peregrines, in Skerries at 11 am

Kelloggs Cul Camp week starts Mon 14 August - hopefully we get good weather. Our fourth and final Summer Camp for 2023 is the Academy Camp starting on Monday 21 Aug until 24 Aug. Details on the resumption of the weekly Juvenile Academy in September will issue shortly.

Our Golf Classic last week was won by Gerry O'Donoghue's team. Thanks to all who competed and who supported the event in sponsorship and to our team of organisers.

Zingo for 6 August: 4, 6, 2, 7, 3, 1, 5. No winners. Jackpot now €3,600 and Dividend is €400. Draw in Clubhouse on Sunday at 6.30 pm with Free draw for Spot prizes. Zingo entry still only €2.

Check www.skerriesharps.ie and our Social Media posts for latest Club news and fixture changes..