



# Skerries Parish Bulletin

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## TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**Jer. 38: 4-6,8-10 Ps 39: 2-4.18, Heb. 12:1-4, Luke 12: 4**

All the Readings today teach us how to be disciples of Jesus in difficult times.

In the first Reading from Jeremiah, we hear him predict that Jerusalem will fall to Babylon. The people reject this message and they throw Jeremiah into a well and leave him to die. He is rescued by an official of the King and continues to proclaim his unpopular message. He eventually persuades the King to place his trust in God.

The Reading from the Hebrews also teaches us the importance of perseverance and resignation like Jesus in the face of His suffering and death.

The Gospel Reading is particularly demanding. Jesus, who constantly talks about peace, is now saying that He has come to cast fire on the earth and to bring division within families.

The fire that Jesus was to bring was the Holy Spirit, who would bring comfort, justice and hope into our troubled lives. Jesus recognised that his message would meet with a mixed reception but it did not hold Him back from proclaiming the Reign of God.

Let us pray that we will find this courage in ourselves, courage to be true to ourselves and our beliefs. Ask yourself today, "Does my Christian faith make a real difference to the kind of person I am and the kind of life I live?"

Let us take the words from Hebrews to heart, "Let us not lose sight of Jesus, who leads us in our Faith."

Holy Faith Sisters

### ANNIVERSARY / SPECIAL INTENTION MASSES

- ✦ **Sat 16<sup>th</sup> 10am:** Sadie Gibson (MM) , Ann Colford, Brendan & Jenny Memery, Miriam Keogh, Ann & Michael Gibson, John & Mary Gibson
- ✦ **Sat 16<sup>th</sup> 6pm:** Frances Mulholland, Colm 'Collie' Doyle, Mona O'Brien, Thomas & Brigid Clinton & deceased family members
- ✦ **Sun 17<sup>th</sup> 9.30am:** Michael & Abby Conlon, Jack, Mary, Essie, Cissie, John & Lil Walsh late of Rush Road, Skerries
- ✦ **Sun 17<sup>th</sup> 11am:** John & Patrick Lyons, Joseph Radley, Edward Doyle
- ✦ **Mon 18<sup>th</sup> 10am: Mass Card Intentions**
- ✦ **Tue 19<sup>th</sup> 10am:** Jacque & Claude Vanhems (Special Intention/RD)
- ✦ **Wed 20<sup>th</sup> 10am:** Joe Dowling (100<sup>th</sup> BR), John & Kathleen Mackle
- ✦ **Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> 10am:** Ibar Carney, Christina Horan
- ✦ **Sat 23<sup>rd</sup> 6pm:** Deceased members of the McGarry family, Helen Walsh
- ✦ **Sun 24<sup>th</sup> 9.30am:** Louise O'Loughlin
- ✦ **Sun 24<sup>th</sup> 11am:** Patrick Markey, Gerry Kelly, Breda & the Farrell family (Hoar Rock)

### FEASTDAYS

- 20<sup>th</sup> Aug. – St. Bernard
- 21<sup>st</sup> Aug. – St. Pius X, Pope
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Aug. – The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Aug. – St. Eugene (Eoghan)

### PRAYER FOR GAZA & THE MIDDLE EAST

Archbishop Martin and the Irish Bishops have asked the people of Ireland to set aside time for prayer for the people of Gaza and for peace in the Middle East. This will take place on **Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> August**. In response to this request Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will take place immediately after **11am Mass on 24<sup>th</sup> August** and will conclude at **2pm**. You are welcome to come along and spend some time in quiet prayer for this intention.

### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Monthly Collection is **Saturday 16<sup>th</sup>** and **Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> Aug.** for the St. Vincent De Paul. Any contribution, no matter how small, will be truly appreciated.

## WE WELCOME



Senan Ó Muirí, Mya Newe, Rían Roche, Mollie McBride, Anna Rose Kennedy, Liam O'Callaghan Bedda & Gaia

O'Callaghan Bedda who were recently baptised into our Parish family.

## ALTAR SERVERS

The altar servers will be returning to serve mass in September. If your child/grandchild is in 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> or 6<sup>th</sup> class and would like to become an altar server please

contact [altarserversskerries@gmail.com](mailto:altarserversskerries@gmail.com)

Altar Servers serve mass during school term time, and at the Christmas & Easter Mass. Practice takes place on a Thursday, 4pm – 4.30pm.

## 30 YEARS AGO IN THE PARISH

- The Legion of Mary Pilgrimage to Knock was planned for the end of the month
- Skerries Town Twinning Association was holding a reunion of all those who had travelled to the Canton of Guichen for the Twinning ceremonies in July
- Skerries Bowling Club sent their congratulations to Liz Kenny who won the Montgomery Cup at the National Championships defeating Irish International player Phyllis Nolan
- Winners of the South Strand open sea races: Ladies: Yseult Whitaker, Mens: T. McMahon. Results of "Round the Head" races: Ladies: E. McLoughlin, Mens: D. Moloney.

## LADIES BOWLING CLUB



Congratulations to our Div 2 team who had a great win against Leinster, away, last Wednesday. Play has now resumed in all

Leagues after the break for Championships. Hard luck to Cathy Fay and Moya O'Leary who lost in the Club Open Pairs Final. They put up a great fight against Andy Martin and Mark O'Leary.

Rita McIntyre will meet Moya in the Ladies Singles Finals this week. Monday morning ladies roll-up, followed by tea and goodies continues each Monday at 10.30am.

## SKERRIES MILLS - DATE FOR YOUR DIARY



Harvest Festival takes place on **Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> August** from **11am to 5pm**. This outdoor festival will kick off with

Ukulele Strummers and will also include harvesting of the crops, harvesting knot-making, music, crafts for kids and face painting. Naturally this event is weather dependent so let's all pray for a dry day!

## SKERRIES HARPS GAA CLUB



Its Championship time again with away fixtures next week and 2 home games this Saturday.

**Sun 17 Aug.** Hurling championship v Plunketts, away

at 11am.

**Wed 20 Aug.** Ladies championship v Clontarf, away at 7.15pm

**Sat 23 Aug.** Inter championship v Clontarf, at 5pm and Senior championship v Clanna Gael at 6.45 both homes.

**Sun 24 Aug.** Junior championship v Clontarf, away at 11am.

**Tues 26 Aug.** Camogie championship v Kilmacud Crokes, home at 7pm.

**ZINGO 10 Aug:** 7, 2, 4, 3, 5, 6, 1. No winners. Jackpot is now **€3,900** and Dividend **€200**. Draw on Sunday at 6.30pm. Thanks to all who support our Zingo fundraiser.

We welcome the clubs from Louth, Kildare, Roscommon and Dublin for the Bryan Cullen Under16 football tournament this weekend. - 8 teams competing for the Oliver Moore Cup and Shield.

Juvenile Academy starts back on **Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> September**.

## USED POSTAGE STAMPS

Used Postage Stamps can be left into Skerries Library [temporary] Church Street, beside SuperValu, all year round. The Guide Dogs Association are most grateful for the stamps.

**Legion of Mary Annual Pilgrimage to Knock** shrine is on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> September. Pick up at St. Patrick's church at 7am and at St. Maur's church carpark at 7.15am. Contact Mary 0876741472 or Lorraine 0876203317

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