



Skerries Parish Bulletin

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24th-31st August 2025

21st Sunday Ordinary Time

Is 66:18-21; Ps 116; Heb 12:5-7,11-13; Lk 13:22-30

‘Will I be saved? ...Is heaven real? ...How will I enter it?’



This is among the most important questions we ask? Maybe not using these exact same words but the enquiry is the same. When considered all religions speak of salvation. The question leads to another – so who will be saved? In today’s gospel Jesus uses the parable of the ‘Narrow Door’ to remind his listeners (mostly Jews) that salvation is not to be

viewed as a given just because you are of the chosen people or hold a certain status. Entry into God’s kingdom is not to be assumed on this basis but on our actions and behaviour. The true response to Jesus’ teaching involves not only hearing the message but ‘doing’ it as well. In this way we discover the way to salvation.

Our salvation depends somehow on our cooperation, our personal decision and how strongly we commit ourselves to it. It’s been said many times over – God does not have favourites. There is no automatic membership or entry into God’s kingdom. At the heart of our worship and faith life is the ‘how’ question. How do we live, behave towards God and

others – our neighbour? Many times, Jesus was asked who are my brother and sister? His answer each time was – those who hear the Word of God and do it. This our way through the door (Jesus) to eternal life/our salvation/God’s kingdom. We are all called to love God and our neighbour. Yes, we all fail by times to do this. The Lord extends his reconciliation to us and he awaits us with open and merciful arms through the door to his kingdom.

Fr. Melvyn

Prayer for Gaza and the Middle East

Special Day of Prayer for Gaza

The Archbishop has asked that we make **today Sunday 24th August** a special day of prayer and reflection for Gaza and for a renewed

commitment by the international community for a just and lasting peace in the Middle East. To mark this event, we will hold Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament this Sunday immediately after 11am Mass until 2pm. During this time, you are welcome to stay as long as you wish in quiet prayer.

Our sympathy

is sent to the family and friends of Teresa Bissett, Baltrasna, whose death has occurred during the past week. May Teresa rest in peace.

Roof Repairs

Sincere apologies for any inconvenience caused while the side passage of the church is temporarily closed off during necessary repairs to the roof of the church. It is hoped these interruptions will only last two weeks.

Feast Days: 23rd : St. Eugene (Eoghan), 27th St. Monica, 28th St. Augustine, 29th – The Passion of St. John the Baptist

All good wishes



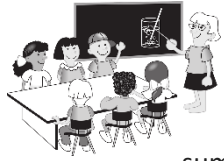
are sent to our Parish Leaving Certificate students of 2025, who will have received their exam results. We wish them every success in their future, wherever that may lead them. May they be guided to make wise and fulfilling choices in the years ahead.

ALTAR SERVERS: Altar servers will be returning to serve Mass in September.

If your child/grandchild is in 3rd, 4th, 5th or 6th class and would like to become an altar server, contact

altarserversskerries@gmail.com. Altar Servers serve Mass during school term time, and at the Christmas & Easter Masses. Practice takes place on a Thursday, 4pm - 4:30pm

It's back to school time!



Best wishes and prayers to all those children, young people and school staffs who return to school this week after their summer break, in particular the “newbies” and those heading into their final year.

Anniversary / Special Intention Masses

Sat. 23rd 10am: Angela Prouse (MM), Ronnie Prouse

6pm: John Kingston (MM), Decd. members of the McGarry family, Helen Walsh, Thanksgiving Mass – Paul Workman, Philip Workman, Robert Gelston

Sun 24th 9.30am: Louise O’Loughlin, Isobel St. John and decd. members of St. John family

11am: Patrick Markey (rem), Gerry Kelly, Hoar Rock, Breda & the Farrell family, Hoar Rock, Valerie Fitzsimmons & John Fitzsimmons & the decd members of the Roche and Fitzsimmons families

Mon. 25th 10am: Mass Card Intentions

Tues. 26th 10am: Oran Tully, Stephen and Bartle Butterly

Wed. 27th 10am: Charles McGinty

Fri. 29th 10am: Seamus Corr

Sat. 30th 10am: Agnes, Jack & Pauline Roche, Molly Malone, Paddy & Caitriona McDonagh (50th Wedding Anniversary), Margaret & Michael White, Bridie & Luke Clogher, Anne Delaney

6pm: Pdraig Murray (MM), Damien O’Leary (1st A), Matt ‘Matthias’ Grimes (1st A), Mike Flannery, Daniel & Ellen O’Connell

Sun. 31st 9.30am: John ‘Clipper’ Manson, Pat Rice, Kay Whelan (BR), Derek Earley

11am: Lynda O’Connor (1st A), Dolores Ryan, John Joe & Annie McGuinness

Summer Dues

Many thanks for your support of the priests of the Archdiocese through your contributions throughout the year. Just a reminder that **Summer Dues envelopes** are available throughout the church. You may return them either by placing them in the collection baskets during Mass or leaving them into the office at your convenience.

Legion of Mary Annual Pilgrimage to Knock

Shrine is on Sunday 28th September. Pick up at St. Patrick’s church at 7am and at St. Maur’s church carpark at 7.15am. Contact Mary 087-6741472 or Lorraine 087-6203317

VDP – Vincent’s Shop, Skerries

We are looking for TUS participants in our Skerries Store. If you have been unemployed for 12 months, and are in receipt of Jobseekers/Disability allowance, you may be eligible. What are the benefits?

*Work experience – 12 months placement, 19.5 hrs weekly, gaining practical experience

*Continued social welfare payments, with top-up and retention of other benefits, such as Medical Card

*Annual leave and public holidays

*Skills development, confidence building, community involvement, support network

If you think you may be eligible, call into us – we are next door to Eurospar, at Skerries Point

Free Blood Pressure and Pulse Checks



Skerries Community Centre,
Dublin Road, Skerries, Tuesday,
August 26th, 9am - 4.45pm

SKERRIES HARPS GAA CLUB

Well done to our u-16 footballers who defeated Newtown Blues in the final of the Bryan Cullen Tourney to bring home the Oliver Moore Cup. Massive appreciation to all the volunteers and the Sponsors who helped organise and thanks to all our visitors for coming to Skerries.

Congrats also to our Ladies football team on gaining promotion after their League campaign.

Sun 24 Aug. Junior ch'ship v Clontarf, away at 11

a.m. Tues 26 Aug. Camogie ch'ship v Kilmacud Crokes, home at 7 p. m

Wed 27 Aug. Ladies football ch'ship v Peregrines, home at 7.15 p.m

BINGO –due to Club refurbishment, next session will be on Monday 8th September at 8 p.m.

Students! – check out our Social Media pages re our Official Partnership with Dublin Maths Grinds.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT - WORKMAN



The family of the late Paul Workman would like to sincerely thank Sr. Marie, Fr. Melvyn, our relatives, friends & neighbours for the many expressions of sympathy and support we received following our sad loss. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered for your intentions on 23rd Aug at 6pm. We also lovingly remember Philip Workman, reposed in Birmingham, whose anniversary occurs at this time.

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