



Skerries Parish Bulletin

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23rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Readings: Wisdom 9:13-18; Psalm 90 (89); Philemon 9-10, 12-17; Luke 14:25-33

Today Pope Leo will canonise two young saints; Pier Giorgio Frassati, who died aged 24 and Carlo Acutis who died aged 15. Carlo showed joyful faith when he used his talent in computing to spread Eucharistic devotion online and Frassati showed how to be holy in the everyday things of life.



These new saints may have searched for wisdom like Solomon in today's first reading when he asked, "Who can divine the will of God?" Using different words, we might also ask how will we ever understand how God is directing us? For example, the psalm tells us that when we experience the fragility of life we pray for God's favour.

In the second reading Saint Paul, in a warm and personal letter to Philemon, emphasises the importance of spontaneity in our acts of kindness.

Our new saints, just like the early Christians, knew that being a Christian comes at a price. As today's gospel says, "Anyone who does not carry his cross and follow me cannot be my disciple" – a disciple of Jesus who is the embodiment of love. There are seeming contradictions worth thinking about in these readings. We have been told to honour our parents and yet in today's gospel Jesus suggests that if a person does not distance himself from important people in his life or his possessions or overvalue his status in this world, and "yes and his own life too, he cannot be my disciple." Here Jesus also hints at his crucifixion which at that time was the fate of slaves, rebels, and criminals. Yet it is the extraordinary way in which God showed His love for us. As Christians we need to be aware of what we are undertaking and why, just as Carlo and Pier were.

Church Readers



On **Sunday 21st September the 11am Mass** will be offered to celebrate our church. **Bishop Paul Dempsey** will join us as chief celebrant. The theme, '**Building Hope – Faith for the Future**', invites us to reflect on our journey and look ahead with renewed spirit, unity and hope. Looking towards the future development of our faith community, Bishop Dempsey will unveil and bless a model of the new Pastoral Centre. As you know the centre will be developed across the road on the site of 42a Strand Street.

Work will commence shortly. The **Parish Pastoral Council warmly invites parishioners** to join us for this joyful occasion and be part of this milestone moment in our faith community. **Refreshments will be served afterwards**, offering a chance to connect, share memories, and celebrate together. Let's all come together in faith, gratitude, and hope as we mark this remarkable chapter in our parish story.

ANNIVERSARY / SPECIAL INTENTION MASSES

Sat 6th 10am: Hughie Horan, Thomas 'Tommy' & Margaret Farrell, John 'Millie' McCabe, Ursula Rooney

Sat 6th 6pm: Joe & Andy Scully, Tim Counihan, Joan Smyth, Ronnie Boylan, Florence Clinton, Essie Boylan, Harry, Damian & Amy Boylan (rem), Margaret Guinan (rem)

Sun 7th 9.30am: Charles & Maryanne McMorrow, Caroline Heyenga, Margaret Keogh (A)

Sun 7th 11am: Michael O'Rourke, Bill Treleaven, Christopher Everard, Joe & Nancy Harford, Mairead Donnelly, Mary Rogan

Mon 8th 10am: Mass Card Intentions

Tue 9th 10am: Patty Devine (BR), Rena & Sam Condrot

Fri 12th 10am: John Hughes, Evelyn Sheridan, Niall & Jean Wilde, Niall Dungan, Ita Martin, William & Bridget McDonough

Sat 13th 10am: Kathleen Campbell (MM)

Sat 13th 6pm: Andrew Collins (1st A), Mary & Robert Kelly, Clare McGloughlin, Noeline O'Connor

Sun 14th 9.30am: Jack McGuinness, Fan Dalton, Rose Farrell, Tony Grimes, Derek Reilly, Mary (A), Bobby, Martha & Eddo Aherne (rem)

Sun 14th 11am: Elizabeth Nevin, Bill Hayes, Patrick Markey, Niall Dungan, Jonathon Flanagan, Francie & Josie Rogan

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OUR SYMPATHY

To the families of Dr. Dermot Carroll, Hamilton Hill, who died recently. May he Rest in Peace.

FEASTDAYS

8th Sept – The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

9th Sept – St. Ciaran

12th Sept – St. Ailbe

13th Sept – St. John Chrysostom

14th Sept – The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Registration and first rehearsal for the new term of the Children's Choir will take place on Friday 12th September at 4.30 p.m. in the church.

Boys and girls from second class and up are welcome. All enquiries to 0879657290

SKERRIES COMMUNITY CHOIR

Returns for rehearsals on Thurs 11th Sept at 8pm in the Cornerstone Church (beside the Garda Station). New members are welcome to join in our four-part choir. In particular, we are looking for more male singers. Come along to our rehearsal to see if it's for you!

FORGET ME NOT CAFÉ

Open on Wed 10th Sept 10am-1pm in Skerries Harps GAA Clubhouse. It is free of charge and open to people living with dementia, their families, carers and friends. Come for tea and biscuits, a chat, to meet others on a similar journey and to learn more about dementia services in the area. To ensure we don't run out of cake, please let us know if you are coming. Phone or text 083 1192972

SKERRIES LADIES BOWLS

As the Summer leagues draw to a close, our Div 2 team had a great win last Wed. 3rd against CYM. Well done ! Monday morning bowls continue at 10.30 am. with tea and goodies afterwards. A dinner to mark the end of the season is planned for Wed. 17th in Man-o-War - open to all lady members. Add your name to the list in the clubhouse.

St. Patrick's JNS are looking for a bus escort for the school transport scheme. One hour daily from 1.15 pm - 2.15 pm on days when the school is open. For further details ring the school on 01 8490836

LOST AND FOUND

Selection of Eye Wear in the parish office

Skerries Chess Club

Reopens on Tuesday 2nd Sept at 7pm. We meet in the Bridge Club every Tuesday. All adults and children of parents who can help out are welcome to join, as are players of all levels from master to minion. We play informal games, club competitions and we have four teams in the Leinster Leagues, in divisions to suit everyone's level of play. Visitors are welcome to try out the club to see if they enjoy it. For more information see <https://skerrieschess.com> or ring John on 086 3745410. It's your move 😊

SKERRIES HARPS GAA CLUB

Results – both the Camogie and Ladies footballers won v Peregrines; the Hurlers won v Judes to qualify for Championship quarter final. Our 3 adult football teams play championship games this weekend with their final group games fixed for Sat/Sun 20/21 September. Juvenile Academy resumes on Saturday 13 Sept at 9.45 till 11 am - for boys and girls aged over 4. Register with our GPO Lauren at www.skerriesharps.com/academy
Sun 7 Sep. Junior football ch'ship v St Vincents, home at 11 am. Wed 10 Sep. Ladies football ch'ship v St Vincents, home at 7 pm. Fri 12 Sep. Minor camogie ch'ship v O'Tooles, home at 6.30 pm.
ZINGO 31 Aug: 3, 4, 6, 7, 1, 5, 2. No winner. Jackpot is now €1,200. Draw on Sunday at 6.30 pm.
Eyes down for BINGO – on Monday 8th September at 8 pm – doors open at 7.30.
Social Golf - Captains Day at Skerries GC on Friday 19 September. Contact Tony at 0876498177.
ELVIS Spectacular returns to Skerries Harps on Sat 4th Oct. Limited tickets available.

SKERRIES HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The next meeting takes place on Tuesday, September 9th @ 8.15pm in Skerries Bowling Club. Stephanie Bourke will speak about the Skerries Guild of the Irish Countrywomen's Assoc. She will review the people involved and their many and varied activities during those years. All are welcome.