



Skerries Parish Bulletin

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16th-23rd November, 2025

33rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Malachi 3:19-20 Psalm 97(98):5-9 2 Thessalonians 3:7-12 Luke 21:5-19

As the sun gets lower in the sky and the end of the Church year draws near, our readings bring to mind how we read our world today and warn us of the need to do more. Above all they bring us hope. Strong themes today are judgement, conversion and endurance.



Looking at our times, we might judge that our world is a mess and ask where is God in this mess? Today's readings can help us understand this and also give us hope. Like our world, with wars, persecutions, refugees, climate change, poverty and so much more, the Psalm urges us to remember that God is justice and fairness. He brings hope. As Malachi tells us healing and hope will come like the sun rising "with healing in its rays".

Conversion: We are encouraged to make ourselves an example for others to follow. Paul urges the Thessalonians to live responsibly and work hard. Faith is not lazy. Our belief in Jesus shows in our daily actions.

Endurance: In the gospel of Luke Jesus predicts the destruction of the temple and describes future trials, including wars, natural disasters and persecution. He promises divine wisdom for their defence and assures preservation for those who endure. He promises us today that

'Your endurance will win you your lives'.

We are invited to stay faithful and trust that "God will care for those who honour Him".

Church Readers

ANNIVERSARY / SPECIAL INTENTION MASSES

Sat 15th 10am: Michael, Agnes & Colin Griffin
6pm: David Neacy (MM), John Costello, Iny McNally, Kieran, Raymond & Patricia Bowers, Nicky Foley, decd mbrs of the Keeling & Halpin Families

Sun. 16th 9.30am: Roisin & Kevin O'Leary, Henry Sheridan
11am: Mary Marron (MM), John Fenelon, Ultan Ryan, Anna Walsh, Irene Murphy, Rita O'Boyle, William & Maureen Derham

Mon. 17th 10am Mass Card Intentions

Tues. 18th 10am Michael & Cormac Doggett

Wed. 19th 10am Paul Martin

Sat. 22nd 10am James Larkin (BR), Denis & Irene Martin, Donal O'Donoghue,

6pm Louise Bracken, Joe & Colette May, Joeseeph May, Noelle & Ann Lacey, Dr. John & Mary B Keane (all remembered), Maureen Delaney, Mary Woodcock

Sun. 23rd 9.30am Rita Clinton, Mary Smyth, James & Julia Christie

Sun. 23rd: 11am: William Power, Maura Guiden Moran, George Pratt, Alicia Fabre, Stacie Bailey

Feast Days: 17th Nov – St. Elizabeth of Hungary, 21st Nov – The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, 22nd Nov – St. Cecilia, 23rd Nov – Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Congratulations



To all the girls and boys from our Parish schools, who took the first steps along the path to their

Confirmation, at Masses last Sunday. Please remember them in your prayers.

Many Thanks !

We at Missio Ireland extend our thanks to the parishioners of Skerries Parish for their generosity on Mission Sunday. An amount of €1623.41 has been received, for which we are very grateful. The support of each parishioner who donated to this worthy cause is very much appreciated.

An Evening of Hope, Praise & Christmas Promise in Balbriggan



Join Balbriggan Parish, who are presenting gospel singer James Kilbane for **Hope, Praise & Christmas Promise** at St. Peter & Paul's Church, Balbriggan, on Sunday, Nov 23rd at 7 pm (doors 6.30 pm). Local singer Sharon

Gaynor is a special guest. The event is in aid of the Church Restoration Fund.

Donation tickets €20 from the parish office, organisers, Eventbrite, or 089 4227057 / 086 8185186. All are very welcome for an evening of uplifting music and faith!

98th Dublin Scout Group Presents Youth Night 2025



A celebration of Youth Empowerment – Open night on Friday 21st November, at 7.30pm – 9.00pm in the 98th Dublin Scout Den, behind the Skerries Community Centre

The Hill Cricket Club Tea Dance



Hills Cricket club Tea Dance takes place this weekend Sun 16th Nov at 3.30pm-6. Refreshments served. All welcome. Bring a friend.

Draft – Skerries Active Travel Plan

In 2022, Fingal County Council invited local people and businesses to give their ideas on what travel plan would work best for Skerries. Over 560 responses were received. If you would like to view the proposed plan which has been developed, the Portal has been open from Monday 10th November and will remain until Friday 9th January, and your comments will be valued. www.fingal.ie/activetravel/skerries . A great opportunity to have your say in the future of our town.

Skerries Ladies Bowls

Another busy morning last Monday, with 24 ladies and the weather was kind. Week 7, Monday 17th. Don't forget indoor bowling takes place each Wednesday from 1.30 p.m..

30 years ago in the Parish

Plans were already underway for a Parish tour to France and Switzerland in 1996

The Parish Choir was recruiting extra voices for Christmas

Skerries Parishioners had donated £1215 to the Mission Sunday appeal

Charity Christmas Cards were on sale in the Methodist Church each Friday morning

Congratulations were sent to C. Treacy, G.

Bradshaw and M. Lacey who all won medals at the BLOE National cross-country championships

A public meeting was to be held to discuss the future plans for the Old School premises

One-act Drama Festival, 2025

Skerries Theatre Group once again hosts the 37th One-act Drama Festival from 20th – 22nd November, with adjudicator Alan Howley. A feast of drama with groups from all over Ireland. Nightly at 7 p.m. in The Little Theatre. Bookings at Greg Reddins or by phone: 085 1342999

SKERRIES HARPS GAA CLUB

Under 21 championships are under way with first round wins for all 3 teams – Football, Hurling and Camogie. Wins also for Under 14 boys in Cup final (by 1 point) and for Under 14 Camogie girls in their semi final v Kevins; Dads & Lads side won the Shield in an epic blitz in Co Louth.

Sat 15 Nov. U21 Hurling v St Brigids, away at 2.15 p.m

Sat 22 : U21 Football v Erins Isle, away at 2.15 p.m

Sun 23: U21 Camogie v Ballyboden, away at 12.00

Playing Gear and Leisure wear available in Club Shop. Check club Social Media pages re opening hours. Order now for Christmas.

ZINGO result 1, 3, 4, 5, 2, 6, 7. No winners. Jackpot now €1,200. Draw on Sunday at 6. p.m with Free In-house draw. Entry is €2 per line or 3 lines for €5. See www.skerriesharps.com

BINGO. Next session on Monday 17 Nov. at 8 p.m with Jackpot of €600.

AGM will be held on Thursday 27 Nov at 8 p.m. New members are very welcome to join, players and non players, male and female. Ta Failte romhaibh go léir.

Our Christmas Charity Golf outing will be held on Monday 29 Dec in Skerries GC.