



# Skerries Parish Bulletin

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## Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Isaiah 58:7-10, Psalm 111(112), 1 Corinthians 2:1-5, Matthew 5:13-16**

Today's readings remind us that faith is not something we keep hidden. Our faith must show in our actions and shine for others to see. This is not so that we can show off. It is because when we serve others, we reflect God's love. When we do good, we help others see the way to God.

Each reading gives us a clear message to guide us in making our light of faith shine bright.

The first reading comes from a passage where Isaiah is challenging empty religious practices. Even today we may think that once we have said our prayers and been to church, we've done our bit. Isaiah reminds us that by sharing with others, one finds healing and God's presence. Helping others brings light into darkness.

The psalm teaches that faith in God leads to inner peace and outward generosity. It shows how those who live with virtue shine with God's light.

The second reading is a letter from St Paul to the early Christians in Corinth about how Jesus calls us to live in a way that points others to God.

The Gospel of Mathew introduces two more similes for our faith - salt and a city on a hill. Our faith gives flavour to life, just as salt makes food, including chips, taste good. Our faith is also like a city built on a hill for all to see. It cannot be hidden.

Drawing these ideas together, Paul wrote about how once we allow ourselves to be overwhelmed by the love of God, it is no longer really possible to keep the good news, the evangelisation, to ourselves. It is so good, it has to be shared

A question for us may be: "How do we ourselves show this light today and give witness to our faith?"

*Church Readers*



**Our Sympathy** is extended to the families and friends of **Valerie Pearce, Hoar Rock, Neil Loughrey, Sherlock Park and Mary Smith, Loughshinny** who died recently.

May they Rest in Peace.

### Anniversary / Special Intention Masses

- ✦ **Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> 10.00am:** Special Intention, Brendan McGuire, Mary Kelly.
- ✦ **6.00pm:** Katherine 'Kay' Rooney (1<sup>st</sup> A), Kevin O'Connor, Eily Butterly, Joe McNally, James Ryan, Richard Gaffney.
- ✦ **Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> 9.30:** Jim Slattery (BR), Miriam Healy, Francis 'Frank' Corr, Patricia O'Sullivan and dec'd members of the O'Sullivan family, Joan and John Mulvihill.
- ✦ **11.00am:** Joe Williams (MM), Pat, Maura and Mary Ellis, Michael McBride, Liam Canavan, Elizabeth Murphy Donnelly.
- ✦ **Monday 9<sup>th</sup> 10.00am:** Mass Card Intentions.
- ✦ **Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> 10.00am:** Mabel St. John and dec'd family members, Brendan and Loretta Buckley, Joseph and Catherine Gaffney.
- ✦ **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> 10.00am:** Greta Devine and the Ashe family, Mary Gilbride.
- ✦ **Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> 10.00am:** Theresa and Paddy Long

- ✦ **6.00pm:** Lill Hughes (MM), Paul Wilde, Finley Gannon, Michael Coleman, Mary Cawley and Michael Conlon, James Coleman, Esther Casey.
- ✦ **Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> 9.30am:** Isobel 'Bella' Fanning (MM), Maryann and Charles McMorro, Carol Russell, Carol Sheridan (RD), Tom and Rose Sheridan, James Everard.
- ✦ **11.00am:** Maureen Byrne (1<sup>st</sup> A), Loretta Mellows (1<sup>st</sup> A), Lil Woodward, Benny Donnelly, Tommy Quinn, Rita Price, Catherine Maypothor (BR).



**We Welcome** Alba Keegan-Garland to our parish family

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Confirmation Ritual

Sixth class children preparing to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation this year are reminded to attend the **2<sup>nd</sup> Ritual this Wednesday night 11<sup>th</sup> February at 7.30pm**. All children who wish to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation are required to attend and parents/guardians are invited too.

**Candles** blessed last Monday on the Feast of The Presentation of The Lord are on sale in the parish office.

## Feast Days

**8<sup>th</sup> Feb** – International Day of Prayer and Awareness against Human Trafficking,

**10<sup>th</sup> Feb** – St. Scholastica,

**14<sup>th</sup> Feb** – St. Cyril

This Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> February is the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes. It is also **World Day of the Sick**.

We remember in our prayer all those who are coping with illness of any kind at home, in hospital or places of special care and those who care for them.

Celebration of the Sacrament of the Sick will take place immediately after 10.00am Mass, providing there is no funeral.

## ACCORD Dublin Annual Collection



### [Relationship Care]

The Annual Collection for ACCORD Dublin [Relationship Care], the Diocesan Agency for Marriage and the Family, will replace the second (Share) collection at all Masses next weekend, 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> February. ACCORD Dublin appreciates your support. Please give generously.

## Skerries Forget Me Not Café



Please come along and join us on this Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> February, from 11.00am to 1.00pm, in **Skerries Harps GAA Clubhouse**. The café 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. If you require more info about our café please phone 0831192972 or email us at [skerriesforgetmenotcafe@gmail.com](mailto:skerriesforgetmenotcafe@gmail.com)

## Skerries Historical Society

The next meeting of Skerries Historical Society will take place in the Bowling Club at 8.00pm on Tuesday February 10<sup>th</sup>.

Topic: Dublin's (northside & north county) Twentieth Century Stained Glass Heritage by David Caron. David studied Visual Communication at the National College of Art and Design and is now a Head of Department at NCAD. His PhD focused on Michael Healy and the stained glass artists of an Túr Gloine, the Tower of Glass.

## Used Postage Stamps



The extension to the library has now opened so the box for the used postage stamps will now return to the library. The Guide Dogs Association appreciate all the stamps donated. Thank you for your support. Many thanks to Fr Melvyn for facilitating the collection of stamps while the library was closed.

## Skerries Ladies Bowls



A great turn out of 25 ladies last Monday saw the Spring competition up and running again. There will be a meeting for all lady members next Monday 9<sup>th</sup> at 12.15pm. Come along and get updated on all developments. Indoor bowls competition starts this Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> at 1.30pm. For those who wish to play this coming summer in ILB competitions, please sign up on noticeboard indicating your preference for days.

## 30 Years Ago in the Parish

- Special Holy Hour and Benediction to mark the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes to take place on 11<sup>th</sup> Feb, from 4 to 5 pm.
- A meeting for all 6<sup>th</sup> class parents on the topics of alcohol and drug usage to take place in Réalt na Mara on 5<sup>th</sup> Feb.
- A talk on Complementary Medicine was being given to the Active Retirement Group.
- Congratulations to Orla Boylan on her superb win at the ASLICA competition in La Scala Milan.
- Marian Drama Society was holding auditions for their Spring production of Sive.
- Well done to the 1<sup>st</sup> team from Skerries Badminton Club on reaching the semifinal of the League and best wishes to the 2<sup>nd</sup> team who play the League quarter final this week.

## Skerries Harps GAA Club



Well done to Alan Courell, Oisín Kenny, and Evan Bryce with the Dublin Under 16s who won in a close game against Meath.

A great night at the Bracken Court on Friday for our biggest Gala Presentation yet. We celebrated an amazing 2025 for Skerries Harps, honouring all our Adult League and Championship winners and all the team Players of the Year. Buala bos to our Social Committee for a great night.

Juvenile Academy every Saturday at 9.45 until 11.00am for boys/girls – Tea/Coffee available upstairs.

Club Lottery – ZINGO – Numbers drawn on Sun 1<sup>st</sup> Feb were 10, 17, 24, 25. Match 3 €100 shared by Hugh McCrory and Peter Smith. Jackpot is now €2,400. Play Online or via the envelopes in the clubhouse. The draw is every Sunday at 6:30pm. See [www.skerriesharps.ie/zingo](http://www.skerriesharps.ie/zingo)

BINGO in Clubhouse on Mon 9 Feb. at 8pm.

Jackpot is €850 and doors open at 7.30pm.

Skerries Harps Culture Club forming – for singers, musicians, dancer etc. If interested, come along to our info meeting in Clubhouse on Wed 11<sup>th</sup> Feb. at 7.00pm. Details from Ciara 086 8073739