



Thirteenth Sunday Ordinary Time

2Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16; Ps 88; Rm 6:3-4, 8-11; Mt 10:37-42

A cup of cold water ... and much more.



The first reading and the gospel immediately bring us to reflect upon the importance of hospitality. In the time of Jesus, the wandering nomadic nature of life depended upon the hospitality of others to welcome strangers. It was seen as a response to their need. The stranger was made welcome, using whatever means were available.

Our random acts of kindness open us up to others and demonstrates how we can extend our care for them. This is the path of discipleship we are called to follow, and it can be a difficult one by times. It involves challenges to us and may even bring us to change our relationships – with ourselves and with others too. The discipleship relationship is by its nature meant to challenge and change us. A relationship that is the same today as it was when it began is not growing and deepening along with how our lives and the lives of others are changing.

Inviting Jesus into our lives involves a re-shaping of our attitudes. Christ comes to us in many disguises and is not always as recognisable as we think. Hospitality in the gospel means showing a generosity of heart and a willingness to interrupt our personal lives, freeing us to perform random acts of kindness. It is not what is given that counts, but the heart with which it is given. When we lose our life in love for others we find our life, we become ‘alive for God in Christ Jesus.’ (Rm 6:11)

Let's keep making random acts of kindness – they will change us and our world, and we will become God's image for all to see.

Fr. Melvyn

ANNIVERSARY / SPECIAL INTENTION MASSES

- ✦ **Sat 27th 10am:** Zoé Boylan (Recently deceased – London, Uk)
- ✦ **Sat 27th 6pm:** Freddie Cooper, Francis & Bridget Farrell, Bernard Cawley, Sean & Orlaith O'Brien (BR), Mark Comey (BR)
- ✦ **Sun 28th 9.30am:** Gerard Thornton, Martha Aherne, Bobby, Mary & Edward Aherne (Rem)
- ✦ **Sun 28th 11am:** May Treleaven, Graham Barnett, Kitty & Martin Ryan (BR), Peadar 'Peter' O'Connor, Billy & Bridie Cummins, John Lally

- ✦ **Mon 29th 10am:** Mass Card Intentions
- ✦ **Tues 30th 10am:** Janette Walker (RD)
- ✦ **Wed 1st July 10am:** Martin O'Farrell (1 st A), Eileen Rooney (1 st A)
- ✦ **Fri 3rd 10am:** First Friday – Altar List
- ✦ **Sat 4th 10am:** Joe Heffernan, Cathy Smith,
- ✦ **Sat 4th 6pm:** Mary Carroll (MM), Peter Phelan, Brother Lucian Phelan, Patrick 'Pat' Phelan
- ✦ **Sun 5th 9.30am:** Kathleen Branagan, Margaret Kite, Mary & Edmund Noonan
- ✦ **Sun 5th 11am:** Mary Radley, Stephanie Ryan



OUR SYMPATHY

To the families of David Lowe and Patrick Malachy Quinn who died recently. May they Rest in Peace.

SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR PETER'S PENCE

The special collection for Peter's Pence will take place at all Masses this weekend **27/28th June**. This will replace the usual Share collection.



WE WELCOME

Fiadh Ross, Nancy McKenna-Litchfield, Riadh Ronan McNally, Tiernan Mackey, - recently Baptised

FEASTDAYS

29th June: SS. Paul & Paul, Apostles

1st July: St. Oliver Plunkett

3rd July: St. Thomas, Apostle

PARISH OFFICE HOLIDAY COVER: OPENING HOURS, weeks commencing **29th June** and **6th July 2026**

Monday 29th June 10.30 – 12.30pm

Tuesday 30th June **CLOSED**

Wednesday 1st July 10.30 – 12.30pm

Thursday 2nd July **CLOSED**

Friday 3rd July, 10.30 – 12.30pm

Monday 6th July 10.30 -12.30pm

Tuesday 7th July **CLOSED**

Wednesday 8th July 10.30 – 12.30pm

Thursday 9th July **CLOSED**

Friday 10th July 10.30 – 12.30pm

SUMMER DUES 2026 REMINDER

Envelopes still available in the church. Thank you.

SCHOOL'S OUT!



Now that the holidays have begun, check out Skerries Library for great events and activities. Join the Summer Stars reading adventure.

Lots of events for adults too. Pick up a copy of **Summer in Fingal Libraries 2026** for full details.

TIDY TOWNS



Let's keep Skerries looking its best. Can you adopt a patch for litter control? Email tidytownsskerries@gmail.com

30 Years Ago in the Parish

- Our new curate, Father Paddy Ryan, was welcomed into the Parish.
- The Pioneer Association organised an all-day outing to Kilkenny on August Bank Holiday Monday. Price was £10.50 including dinner.
- The world-famous Glenn Miller Orchestra, under the directions of his nephew, visited the NCH Dublin in aid of Clonliffe College on Thurs, 25th July.
- Apostolate of Our Lady of Fatima held a Eucharistic Night Vigil in the Church to include hymns, Holy Hour, confessions, procession with pilgrim statue and benediction, and Mass at midnight.
- Skerries Tidy Towns advised that the judges were out and about and urged everybody to join the fight against litter
- The town was gearing up for the Skerries 100 Motorbike races, Classic Run round the old course and line dancing at the Monument!

SKERRIES HARPS GAA CLUB



All adult fixtures were postponed last weekend due to Dubs v Donegal fixture.

Congrats to Tim Deering who made his Croke Park debut in that win over Donegal.

Sun 28th June: Minor football league v Naomh Barróg, home at **11am**

Tue 30th June: Senior football Div. 1 v Raheny, away at **6 pm** (time to be confirmed)

Sat 4th July: Senior football Div. 1 v Ballinteer, in Skerries at **6pm**

Juvenile Academy on Saturday mornings has finished up for the Summer break.

Summer Camps: Kelloggs Cul camps on **6th – 10th July** and **20th – 24th July**. Both fully booked.

Club Camps **Tues 4th Aug** to **Fri 7th Aug**. See details at skerriesharps.clubzapevents.com

ZINGO Sun. 21st June: 19, 20, 23, 27. No winners of Jackpot, but 2 Match 3 winners – congrats to Carmel Molly and Denis Murphy who share €100.

Jackpot now €4,400. Next draw on Sunday at 6:30 pm. Join us for Dublin v Galway game and play Zingo online at www.skerriesharps.com