



Skerries Parish Bulletin

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31st August – 7th September, 2025

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ecclesiasticus 3:17-20,28-29. Psalm 67. Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24. Gospel Luke 14:1.7-14

Advice for every day



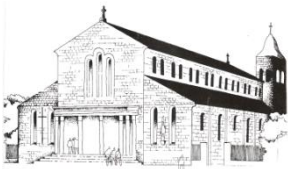
Today's Gospel continues the story of Jesus' journey up to Jerusalem. You will remember last Sunday, the talk was of getting through the narrow door and Jesus' encouragement; "try your best" and that would be sufficient. Today's Gospel however enters the realm of where to sit at a gathering. Most of us, will at one stage or another, have witnessed the anxiety of the mother of the bride as she tries to arrange seating without offending either the in-laws or the family!

Jesus gives us advice as visitors not to push ourselves forward. A bit of humility never goes astray. Humility comes from the Latin word 'humus' meaning earth. So, humility literally means 'down to earth truthfulness.'

However, there is a false humility, for example when someone has made a craft of what could be termed 'acquired incapacity,' always saying, 'Oh, I would not be able to do that,' and leaving all tasks to somebody else. Humility obliges us to acknowledge the gifts we have and to use them for the benefit of family and society. When we meet God, he might ask us, "Why did you not use the gifts I gave you?"

Those in any sort of authority are encouraged, "to be gentle in carrying out your business". Do not have 'bad days'. A Christian should be predictable in virtue every day of the week.

Lydia Gillen (Bible study group)



Celebrating our Church – Looking to the Future

On **Sunday 21st September the 11am Mass** will be offered to celebrate our church. **Bishop Paul Dempsey** will join us a 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.



We welcome:

Miles Grimes, Ellie Farrell, Zoe Byrne and Coille McCorry Astadillo, recently baptised into our Parish family

Our Sympathy

to the family and friends of Paul Murphy, Hertfordshire, whose death has occurred.

Continued apologies for any inconvenience caused by closure of side passage of the Church, due to necessary repairs to the roof.

Anniversary / Special Intention Masses

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

6pm: Padraig Murray (MM), Matt 'Matthias' Grimes (1st A), Damien O'Leary (1st A), Mike Flannery, Daniel & Ellen O'Connell, Thomas, Mary & Susan Butler

Sun. 31st 9.30 am: Angela Grennan(MM), John 'Clipper' Manson, Pat Rice, Kay Whelan (BR), Derek Earley

11am: Barry Craig (MM), Lynda O'Connor (1st A), Dolores Ryan, John Joe & Annie McGuinness, Michael & Sheila Browne, Arthur Patrick Farrell (BR)

Mon. 1st 10am: Mass Card Intentions

Tues. 2nd 10am: Tommy & Nora Keogh, Maxi Cully

Wed. 3rd 10am: Alf Coleman

Fri.5th 10am: First Friday, Altar List of the Dead

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

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

Sun. 7th 9.30am: Charles & Maryanne McMorrow, Caroline Heyenga Harford

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

Feast Days: 3rd Sept – St Gregory the Great, 4th Sept – St Mac Nissi

Dates to Note: Sept. 5th – First Friday, Altar List, Padre Pio Mass is at 7.30pm

Skerries Ladies Bowls

As the summer BLI league season draws to a close, best wishes to Div. 2 and Div. 5 teams in their final matches. Monday morning roll-up and cuppa continues, starting at 10.30 a.m.

Celebrating 40 years - could this be you?

An invitation to former pupils of Holy Faith/de la Salle who attended between **1980 and 1985** to their 40 year reunion, which takes place on Sat 13th September in Joe Mays, kicking off at 7.30pm. If you shared the journey with us from 1980 to 1985, come and join us for a catch up.

Lost and Found: Selection of Eye Wear in the parish office

Skerries Active Retirement Club:

Active Retirement Club will be back in action next Mon 1st Sept from 1.45 till 4pm. We will have chair exercises and a few bingo games. Bowls on Tues. All welcome especially new members.

St MacCullin's Church Lusk - to commemorate the CHURCH'S 100th Anniversary 1925 – 2025

Come and join us for an unforgettable evening with the **Dublin Gospel Choir** at **St. MacCullin's Church** in Lusk on **Friday 28th November 2025**. Get ready to be uplifted by their soulful voices and powerful harmonies in person. Don't miss out on this incredible opportunity to experience their amazing performance live. LIMITED TICKETS AVAILABLE On EVENTBRITE. Contact Deirdre 087-7740746 for info.

SKERRIES HARPS GAA CLUB

Football Ch'ship Group games' results:

Sen.: won; Inters: drew; Jun.: lost

Next championship games are on **6/7th of September**. Minor girls had a big win v Trinity Gaels.

Juvenile games resume this weekend in Football, Hurling and Camogie.

Sun 31 Aug. Junior hurling ch'ship v Peregrines, away at 10.30a.m. and both Minor football teams play championship games away at 11a.m.

Tues 2 Sept. Camogie ch'ship v Peregrines, away at 6.45p.m.

Wed 3 Sept. Ladies football ch'ship v Kilmacud, away at 6.45p.m.

Sat 6 Sept. Senior football ch'ship v Nm Mearnog, away and Inters v Vincents, away at 6.15p.m.

ZINGO 24 Aug: 1, 5, 6, 3, 2, 7, 4. The Jackpot is now €1,100. Thanks to all who support Zingo Social Golf - next outing is Larry Gaffney's Captains Day at Skerries GC on Friday 19th of September.

Bookings for Captain's Day can be made by contacting Tony at 0876498177.

BINGO – next session will be on Monday 8th September at 8p.m. – doors open at 7.30p.m.

Hopefully Wednesday brought good news to our Leaving Certificate students with first round offers. If your number didn't come up yet, don't lose hope, there are so many routes to take to achieve your dreams.

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