

Skerries Parish Bulletin

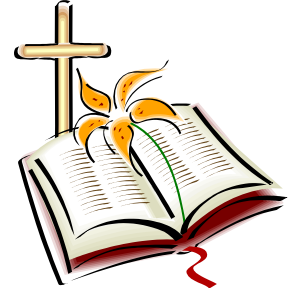
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30th August – 6th September 2026

DISCIPLESHIP FOR GROWN-UPS

Jeremiah 20:7-9. Psalm 62:2-6 8-9. Romans 12:1-2. Matthew 16:21-27.

One of the main elements of Christianity is discipleship i.e. sharing and promoting the blueprint for living which we have learnt from Jesus. The pre-Christian Prophets, like Jeremiah, had the same mission. "Go out to all the world and tell the good news". Then, as now, it was a challenging and costly business; at many different levels, we are all involved in it.



Discipleship is not just a message of "Sweetness and Light". That's part of it but far from the whole picture. As we see from today's Scripture passages, discipleship calls for a sustained effort and great courage, supported by total trust in the goodness of God. Warning against evil, insisting on true values and pointing out false ones are the very real, grown-up challenges of true discipleship. It's not "how you win friends and influence people"! Regularly "going back to the drawing-board" is necessary too. We must stay grounded. It's easy to be distracted, to stray, to lose sight of the right road. That can do a lot of harm. This is most dramatically illustrated in the Gospel passage. Even Peter, The Rock, lost sight of the right road. He wasn't listening to everything Jesus said but perhaps only heard "suffer grievously" and true to form, jumped in, reacting as any of us would for someone we loved. Matthew writes: "He remonstrated with Jesus"! That was extreme. The rebuke from Jesus was harsh and shocking: "You are an obstacle in my path because the way you think is not God's way but man's".

The acceptance of suffering as part of God's plan is the most difficult thing in the world – but we are not the masters. That is the bottom line. We need to listen to the whole message. "Worship (God), I beg you, in a way that is worthy of THINKING BEINGS" urges Paul. May our thoughtful, grown-up discipleship be our humble service and our worship.

My soul clings to you; your right hand holds me fast." Psalm 62.

Skerries Church Choir

ANNIVERSARY / SPECIAL INTENTION MASSES

- ✦ **Sat 29th 10am:** Michael & Margaret White, Bridie & Luke Clogher, Jack, Agnes & Pauline Roche, Molly Malone, John Joe & Annie McGuinness
- ✦ **Sat 29th 6pm:** James 'Jim' McDonnell (MM), Padraig Murray, James & Mary Manning
- ✦ **Sun 30th 9.30am:** Damien O'Leary, Mary Aherne, Edward, Martha & Bobby Aherne (Rem), Derek Reilly, Henry Clarke (Rem), Kitty & Willie Beggs
- ✦ **Sun 30th 11am:** Lynda O'Connor, Dolores Ryan, Kay Whelan (BR), Anne Delaney, Oran Tully, Terry Woods & deceased members of the Woods family
- ✦ **Mon 31st 10am:** Mass Card Intentions
- ✦ **Tues 1st 10am:** Liz McCloud (RD – New Zealand), Tommy & Nora Keogh, Margaret Keogh, Special Intention
- ✦ **Fri 4th 10am:** First Friday – Altar List
- ✦ **Sat 5th 10am:** Paddy Daly (MM), Alf Coleman, Patrick Leonard

- ✦ **Sat 5th 6pm:** Jerusha Hull McCormack (1st A), Anne 'Annie' Scully (1st A), Joe & Andy Scully, Tim Counihan, Peadar 'Peter' O'Connor (BR), Joan Smyth, Florence Clinton, Jim Coleman, Ronald Boylan
- ✦ **Sun 6th 9.30am:** Dermot Carroll (1st A), Charles & Mary Ann McMorrogh, Tommie & Margaret Farrell, Hughie Horan
- ✦ **Sun 6th 11am:** Michael O'Rourke, Mairead Donnelly, Maureen Hughes, Christopher Everard, Joe & Nancy Harford, Mary Rogan

FEASTDAYS

31st August - St Aidan; 3rd September – St Gregory; 4th September – St Mac Nissi

WE WELCOME

Aoibhín Staunton, Daithí Cooper, Maisie Meehan, Beckett, Lennox & Alexander Andrews, who were recently baptised into our parish family.

SPECIAL NOTICE

Friday 4th September – First Friday: 10am Mass is for Altar List of the dead: 7.30pm is Padre Pio Mass.

ATTENDING MASS

It's very true to say that we all get caught up with things. We also develop habits – good and bad ones. This can also happen when we are on our way to Mass. We can be delayed for legitimate reasons when it's our intention to attend at Mass fully.

As you know there are essentially two parts to Mass. The first is the Liturgy of the Word – the scripture readings. The second part is the Liturgy of the Eucharist – offering of the gifts of bread and wine, the consecration and reception of holy communion.

To attend Mass fully we should be in church for these two parts completely. Coming late or 'dropping in' for holy communion and leaving immediately afterwards does not fulfil our obligation to attend Mass. The Mass is given to us as one of the sacraments to spiritually nourish us and to deepen our relationship with Christ. In this sense it deserves our full attendance and participation.

PARISH STUDENTS

We wish all students many happy returns to our Parish schools - in particular we welcome those who are starting "big" school for the first time. We hope all our students and teachers will have a happy term ahead. And to all our second level students who received their CAO offers last Wednesday - we wish them every success in their chosen career path.

ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL

St Mary's Cathedral is closed temporarily to allow essential conservation and renewal works as part of the next phase in its development as the Cathedral of the Archdiocese of Dublin. During the closure period, major diocesan liturgies will take place in St Andrew's Church, Westland Row. The Palestrina Choir is based at the College Chapel on the All Hallows Campus of DCU, by kind permission of the University. Parish and sacramental life is continuing at St Joseph's Church, Berkeley Road, where the Cathedral Girls' Choir is also based.

SKERRIES TOWN TWINNING

A cordial invitation to all current and past members to a social gathering in Skerries Harps on Wednesday next, 2nd at 8 p.m., and an information evening for those of you who may be interested in becoming involved with the group. It will be an opportunity to reminisce and share photos of the recent visit by our friends from Guichen and also to share ideas and plans for next year.

PRAYER APP

Deacon Gerry Malone has developed a free Prayer App to provide support in our daily prayer life. The App contains various types of Prayer for different times of the day including; the Liturgy of Hours, Daily Mass Readings, The Rosary, Praying with Pope Leo for his monthly intentions and much more. This is completely free and is available through www.thesower.net.

SKERRIES LADIES BOWLS

Our Monday morning Autumn competition will start next Monday 31st and will continue till just before Christmas. €2 per session, 12 ends (weather permitting). Please sign in by 10.15, so that bowling can start as early as possible, particularly on cold mornings. End of the season dinner will be held in Man-o-War restaurant on 17th September, price €27.50 for 2 course meal - please let Eileen know if you are coming. Annual Reddan Cup v Aer Lingus, will be played on 14th September - 12 players, 18 ends. Sign up on list on the noticeboard if you're interested in playing. Are you interested in playing in the Winter League? Beginning towards the end of September/early October - open to all members.

SKERRIES HARPS GAA CLUB

Senior footballers lost by 2 points to Thos Davis in their Senior Championship group game and play next game v Na Fianna on Saturday 5 Sep. Intermediate team drew with Ballymun, away. Sat 5 Sep: Senior Football Ch'ship group game v Na Fianna, in Parnell Park at 5.30 pm. Also on Sat Intermediate Football Ch'ship v Castleknock, home at 6.00 pm. Sun 6 Sep: Minor Hurling Ch'ship v Nm Mearnog, home at 11 am. Wed 9 Sep: Ladies Football Ch'ship v Man O War, away at 6.45 pm. Skerries Harps Golf Society held their annual outing to Royal Tara GC on Friday last with 42 golfers taking part. The winner was 2026 Captain Loreto Lynch. Next up is Loreto's Captain's Day in Skerries GC on Friday 18 Sep. Contact Tony (0876498177) for tee times. Juvenile Academy resumes in September for boys and girls - www.skerriesharps.ie/academy. ZINGO Sun. 23 August: 1, 6, 15, 23. No winners. Jackpot €5,300. Next draw Sunday at 6.30 pm. Next BINGO Night is on Monday 7 September at 8 pm sharp with Jackpot €850. We extend our sympathy to Cait O'Donoghue on the passing of her sister Siobhan RIP.