



# Skerries Parish Bulletin

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## 28<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

2 Kings 5:14-17, Psalm 97(98):1-4, 2 Timothy 2:8-13, Luke 17:11-19

### Do we thank God enough for His care and love?

**Healing, mercy**, and the gift of **faith** are the main topics in today's readings and **gratitude** is the overarching theme.

Healing comes from God: In 2 Kings, Naaman was healed of leprosy after following God's instructions which he heard from Elisha. At first Naaman doubted but then obeyed and was healed. His faith led to his healing. In the reading from Saint Luke's gospel the Samaritan leper, who also trusted Jesus, returned to give thanks, and was told, "Your faith has saved you".



God's mercy is for all. Naaman was not an Israelite, but God still healed him. The one grateful leper was a Samaritan. At that time, Jews and Samaritans did not mix, yet Jesus does not reject him showing that God's mercy is not just for a chosen few—it is for all. Writing to Timothy, Paul said that he suffered for preaching about Jesus and yet still remained faithful. He believed that suffering for Christ leads to glory with Him. Paul reminds others that "We may be unfaithful, but He is always faithful". Gratitude is an important feature of all our readings today. Naaman struggled to find ways to thank Elisha. One leper thanked Jesus, but the others forgot.

Do we sometimes forget to thank God for the gifts of healing, mercy, faith and other gifts we have received? Today we might consider beginning to make a daily gratitude list and praying with it. This may be a way of growing closer to God as we thank Him.

### Church Readers

#### ANNIVERSARY / SPECIAL INTENTION MASSES

- ✦ **Sat 11<sup>th</sup> 10am:** William Horrigan
- ✦ **Sat 11<sup>th</sup> 6pm:** Annie Scully (MM), Jim Coleman (MM), Michael White, Seamus Murphy, Nina Brennan, Nora Henneberry, Pat McDonagh
- ✦ **Sun 12<sup>th</sup> 9.30am:** Gabrielle Whelton, Rose Grimes, Aileen Gibson (RD), Canon Liam Shanahan
- ✦ **Sun 12<sup>th</sup> 11am:** Antonia "Nan" Heyenga (1<sup>st</sup> A), William Hoare, Charles Flanagan, Joe, Margaret & Joseph Howard, Theresa Maher, Patrick Coleman
- ✦ **Mon 13<sup>th</sup> 10am:** Mass Card Intentions
- ✦ **Wed 15<sup>th</sup> 10am:** Catherine Cruise (BR), Brendan Hughes
- ✦ **Fri 17<sup>th</sup> 10am:** Louise Earley (SI)
- ✦ **Sat 18<sup>th</sup> 10am:** Mary Stephenson (1<sup>st</sup> A), Michael & Nancy Loughrey, Julia Clarke, Joan Woods nee Heffernan (RD) Canada
- ✦ **Sat 18<sup>th</sup> 6pm:** Michael & Bella Murphy, Kitty & John Ellis & decd mbrs of the Ellis Family, Margaret 'Maggie' Phillips & decd mbrs of the Phillips family

- ✦ **Sun 19<sup>th</sup> 9.30am:** Mary Caffrey, Michael King, Declan Friel, Robert Healy (RD) & the Healy family
- ✦ **Sun 19<sup>th</sup> 11am:** James Reid (MM), Esther Crosbie, Michael & Grace Lyons, Ruth Ashworth, David Hanson Brearly, Derek Costello, Kathleen Keeley

#### OUR SYMPATHY

To the families of Breda Dunne, Captains Court, Skerries and Mary Varley, Kelly's Bay, Skerries, Paddy Price, Skerries. May they Rest in Peace.

#### FEASTDAYS

15<sup>th</sup> Oct: St Teresa of Avila,  
17<sup>th</sup> Oct: St. Ignatius of Antioch,  
18<sup>th</sup> Oct: St. Luke, Evangelist

#### WE WELCOME

Ayla Giles, Poppy O'Connor and Charlotte Channing who were recently baptised into our parish family.

## MISSION SUNDAY

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> October is World Mission Sunday. To support the work of the missions the second collection (usually for Share) will be taken up to support the missions instead.

## PARENTS/GUARDIANS MEETING FOR HOLY COMMUNION

All parents/guardians of children in 2<sup>nd</sup> class and who wish their child to celebrate 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion this year are requested to attend a meeting taking place in the church on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30pm. As this is an important meeting that you should attend we look forward to seeing you there.

## CONGRATULATIONS

to all our Parish students who got the results of their Junior Certificate examinations last Wednesday. We hope you felt rewarded for your work and can look forward to the future with confidence. Enjoy your celebrations sensibly !!

### 30 YEARS AGO IN THE PARISH

- The Parish tour to the shrines of France had returned after a wonderful holiday and were already planning for the Holy Land next year 1996
- Spotlight on Skerries had been a great success and thanks were extended to all who had contributed in any way
- Auditions were taking place for the Marian Society's production of "Oklahoma" in the New Year. Meanwhile the Youth Theatre Group was presenting The Caucasian Chalk Circle in HF/DLS College Hall
- Citizens Information Centre had a new publication available - Entitlements for the over 60's
- Congratulations to Skerries golfers Mary Branagan and Mary Kinsella who were representing Ireland and won the Daily Mail Trophy in Norfolk during the week

## SKERRIES LADIES BOWLS

We were saddened to hear of the death of our former member Breda Dunne. She is remembered with great fondness for her good company and of course her unfailing belief in all things Kerry. May she rest in Peace.

Last Monday saw a great turnout of 30 ladies for our Monday morning competition. We will continue tomorrow Monday - sign in by 10.15 if possible (by text/in person). The annual Reddin Cup competition has been postponed until Springtime.

## ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Monthly Collection is Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> October for the St Vincent De Paul. Any contribution, no matter how small, will be truly appreciated.

## SKERRIES HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Annual General Meeting of Skerries Historical Society will take place on Tuesday, 14 October at 8pm in Skerries Bowling Club. Gwyneth MacMaster will present A **Stroll Around Skerries** with the photographs of Vernon MacMaster.

## SKERRIES HARPS GAA CLUB



Senior footballers have qualified for Championship semi-final v St Pats Donabate on Sat 18 Oct.

Minor hurlers are in Ch'ship quarter final after defeating Na Fianna, away and

Under 16 girls are in the Cup semi-final by winning against St Brigids, away. Juvenile Academy every Saturday at 9.45 am - for boys and girls aged over 4 years. Register with our Games Promotion Officer, Lauren at [www.skerriesharps.com/academy](http://www.skerriesharps.com/academy).

Sun 12 Oct. Minor football Ch'ship quarter final v St Peters in the Naul at 11 am.

Sat 18 Oct. Senior football Ch'ship semi-final v St Pats in the Naul at 4 pm.

Sun 19 Oct. Minor hurling Ch'ship quarter final v Fingallians in Swords at 11 am.

ZINGO 5 Oct. 7, 3, 6, 2, 4, 5, 1. No winner. Jackpot is now €1,700. Draw on Sunday at 6pm with Free In-house draw. Join us to view our re-vamped Clubhouse Bar area.

Play Zingo online via link on front page of [www.skerriesharps.com](http://www.skerriesharps.com). Bingo Night is Monday 20 October at 8pm sharp. Doors open at 7.30 pm.

Skerries Harps function room is available for hire for all your social events, etc.

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The Scully family wish to thank everyone who sympathised with us on the recent death of our dear Mam, Annie. To all who attended her removal, funeral Mass, sent messages, Mass cards, flowers and who called to our home. To Fr Melvyn for his kindness and support, Joe Lannon & his team, Jenny for her beautiful singing & her accompanist, Holy Faith Sisters Pat, Veronica and Marie, Beaumont Hospital, Doctors Sarah and Jack Keane and the team at Seaholm Surgery, Sean Oakes Pharmacy, Comfort Keepers Carers and Karen who was a constant, every day in Mam's care, Emmet and the crew in Skerries Fire Brigade, The management and staff of Supervalu, To her wonderful neighbours, relatives and many friends. We thank you all from the bottom of our hearts. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered for your intentions.

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