



# Skerries Parish Bulletin

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## *Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time*

**Exodus 19:2-6; Psalm 100 (99)2-3,5; Romans 5:6-11; Matthew 9:36-10:8**

In the Old Testament God's love was expressed as conditional as Exodus 19:5 says, "if you hearken to my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my special possession". St Paul's letter to the Romans explains the New Testament covenant as "God proves his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us." Jesus Christ's sacrifice is not dependent on our ability to meet specific conditions.

The reading from Matthew introduces a new stage in Jesus' ministry. He begins the setting up of his foundational community of the Twelve Apostles. Each is called by his own name and is sent off on a mission. The name of Judas Iscariot reminds us that Jesus accepts our fallen human nature.

The readings today show how God loves His people and calls them to follow Him. God saves and cares for Israel. Jesus gives His life for us even when we are weak. He shows mercy to the crowds and wants them to be healed and helped. God acts with love and we are invited to trust Him.

Today as a Christian community, we too are sent out to serve. Jesus gives His disciples the task of sharing His message and caring for others. We are called to do the same. We are chosen, loved, and sent to share God's love and the gospel freely with others. A snap shot from the 2022 census shows there is much work for us to do in Ireland. While Roman Catholics remain the largest group of the population at 69%, the 3<sup>rd</sup> largest group (14%) state that they have "no religion."

Jesus reveals that love surpasses any condition. We can rejoice that we are now God's disciples whose sins Christ died for.

Let us rest in the sure knowledge of Christ's unconditional love for us.

**Church Readers**

### **ANNIVERSARY / SPECIAL INTENTION MASSES**

- ✦ **Sat 13<sup>th</sup> 10am:** Ann Duffy, Kathleen Farrell
- ✦ **Sat 13<sup>th</sup> 6pm:** Nicholas & Mary Shiels, Nicky Shiels (BR), Mark Comey (BR), John Clinton, Eamonn & Deirdre O'Neill, Sean Murtagh
- ✦ **Sun 14<sup>th</sup> 11am:** Alice Fenelon (1st A), David Kelly, Jimmy & Peter Lambe, J.J. & Nellie Gilsenan, Terry & Elizabeth Ward, Cahir & Noeleen Boyle
- ✦ **Mon 15<sup>th</sup> 10am:** Mass Card Intentions
- ✦ **Tues 16<sup>th</sup> 10am:** Tommy Ruddy, Frank Rafter, Luke & Mary McRedmond, Diane McRedmond, Carl Danby
- ✦ **Wed 17<sup>th</sup> 10am:** Patrick Grimes & deceased members of the Grimes family,
- ✦ **Fri 19<sup>th</sup> 10am:** Eoghan Byrne, Baby Sean McDonagh Gaffney
- ✦ **Sat 20<sup>th</sup> 10am:** Marianne Gibney
- ✦ **Sat 20<sup>th</sup> 6pm:** Jane, Billy & William Potter, Robert Kelly, Seamus Murphy, Lily 'Elizabeth' Coleman, David (BR) & Rita (BR, Rem) O'Sullivan, Kevin Kelly (BR)

- ✦ **Sun 21<sup>st</sup> 9.30am:** Eugene Snr & Eileen Coyle & deceased members of the Geoghegan family, Jack, Angela, Brendan, Kieran & Mary Mulkere (Rem), Bernard Wilcox (BR)
- ✦ **Sun 21<sup>st</sup> 11am:** Martin Grimes (MM), Joe, Jimmy & Margaret 'Peig' Grimes, Paddy Richardson, Carmel O'Reilly, John Carney (BR), Patrick & Lily Grimes

### **FEASTDAYS**

13<sup>th</sup> June: The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary, 19<sup>th</sup> June: Bl Dermot O'Hurley & Companions, 20<sup>th</sup> June: The Irish Martyrs

### **WE WELCOME**

Safira Cottacooopen Foster, Aoibh Grimes, Indie Smith, Séan O'Callaghan, Dara Thornton, Hugo Leguesse Murphy, Cillian O'Connor, all of whom were baptised into our parish family recently.



### BLESSING OF THE GRAVES

14<sup>th</sup> June: Ardla at 2.30pm; Milverton at 4pm. Water will be blessed for loved ones to bless their deceased loved one's grave.



### SUMMER DUES APPEAL 2026

The Summer Dues Appeal for this year begins this weekend 13<sup>th</sup> /14<sup>th</sup> June. The envelopes will be available throughout the church. Your generosity is much appreciated. As the Archbishop says 'The Summer Dues appeal contributes to the essential support of priests. The generosity that you have towards your priests is indispensable.'

### ST VINCENT DE PAUL MONTHLY COLLECTION

The monthly collection for St Vincent De Paul Society will take place the weekend of 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> June. All donations greatly appreciated.

### CONGRATS & WELL DONE

to all the boys and girls who recently received their First Holy Communion, who attended the Corpus Christi mass last Sunday. We look forward to seeing you all again soon.

### 30 YEARS AGO IN THE PARISH

- It was with great sorrow that the Parish learned of the resignation of Bishop Dermot O'Mahony on health grounds. He had been such a popular, charismatic and giving figure for many years
- Skerries Pioneers were celebrating the Golden Jubilee at a special concelebrated Mass
- Well done to Colt Group of Sea Scouts who had raised £600 for the local St. Vincent de Paul Society
- It was judging time for Tidy Towns and the committee urged everybody to do their bit in keeping the town rubbish free. Extra hands needed to water flower tubs and window boxes around the town
- Open sea races were starting again - ladies and mens 200m from the North Strand at 12 noon
- Congratulations to Altar Servers of the Year - Eoin Jenkinson, Sean Hughes, Conal Keane and Graham Cullen.

### SKERRIES TRAD WEEKEND – 25TH ANNIVERSARY

Special thanks to Carol, Trad Committee, Mary and Volunteers for the wonderful weekend of 39 sessions, music and dancing to suit all Trad enthusiasts. It was great to see the display of the Brochures and photos of the past 25 years in the Library. Go raibh míle maith agaibh go leoir.

### HELPING OUT WITH A WELCOME



Did you know that local communities in Ireland can come together to welcome refugee families and help them start a new life? Through Community Sponsorship Ireland, groups of friends, neighbours, clubs, or colleagues can provide practical support, friendship, and a sense of belonging to families arriving in Ireland. Whether it's helping with everyday tasks, creating a welcoming home, or simply being a friendly face, every contribution makes a huge difference. It's a chance to connect with others, make new friends, and positively change lives in your community. If you'd like to help or want to find out more about getting involved, please get in touch today! Contact Kevin O'Leary ([kevin@irishrefugeecouncil.ie](mailto:kevin@irishrefugeecouncil.ie))

### SKERRIES HARPS GAA CLUB



Senior footballers lost to Thos Davis, away, by 3 points in Div.1. They sit midway on the league table with 11 points from 11 games played.

Hurlers drew with Clan na Gael.

In the draw for Dublin Sen Football Ch'ship, Skerries Harps have been paired in a group with Na Fianna, Thos Davis and Raheny.

**Tues 16<sup>th</sup>:** Senior football league Div.1 v Na Fianna in Skerries at 7.30pm.

**Wed 17<sup>th</sup>:** Inter football league Div.6 v St Margarets, away at 7.30pm.

**Sat 20<sup>th</sup>:** Senior football league Div.1 v Cuala, away at 6pm.

Juvenile Academy on Saturday mornings at 9.45am for boys and girls – until Sat 27<sup>th</sup> June.

**Summer Camps:** See details at [skerriesharps.clubzapevents.com](http://skerriesharps.clubzapevents.com) and at [kelloggsculcamp](http://kelloggsculcamp) website.

**ZINGO** Sun 7 June: 12, 17, 19, 23. No winners. Jackpot now €4,200. Draw Sunday at 6:30pm. Play online at [www.skerriesharps.com](http://www.skerriesharps.com).

### ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The family of **Patrick 'Paddy' Power** would like to sincerely thank Fr. Melvyn, Joe Lannon, our friends, family, our wonderful neighbours and all the staff at Danu Home Care for their kindness and support. To all the friends and family for all the lovely messages on Facebook and RIP.ie, we sincerely thank you.

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