



Skerries Parish Bulletin

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9th-16th August, 2026

Nineteenth Sunday Ordinary Time

1 Kgs 19:9, 11-13; Ps 84; Rm 9:1-5; Mt 14:22-33

Faith, fear, hope and security.



The doubts that Matthew's church experienced is expressed in today's Gospel. Jesus is praying to his Father. His disciples are separated from him in a boat on the lake. It's night. A storm blows up and they are under serious threat of going down. All seems lost. They are overtaken with fear. Jesus calls out to them and tells them not to be afraid and comes to them on the water. When Peter goes to meet Jesus on the water – his own doubt sets in when faced with the storm and he begins to sink.

Neither Elijah (in the first reading) or Peter (in the Gospel) had faith that matched their zeal. God supported them in their need. The promise that God will support us in our need is extended to us. The boat is an image for the church – us – the People of God. As church, we all face 'storms' collectively and individually. We too doubt and feel isolated when we are facing the various storms in our lives. The gospel shows us that especially in those moments we are not alone.

Like Jesus to Peter – the Lord stretches out his hand to us. As a community gathered in faith, we listen to the Word of God and receive the Bread of Life. And as church we are supporting each other as we stretch out our hands to one another and lift one another when we need it. In doing so we live eucharist and help change fear and doubt into faith and hope in the Lord who is our constant life companion.

"We are called to give life knowingly to others at the expense of ourselves."

Fr. Melvyn

ANNIVERSARY / SPECIAL INTENTION MASSES

Sat. 8th : 10am Maura Fagan (MM), Pat McCarthy

6pm Joe Smyth (MM), Sheila and Laurence McNally, Lily and Jim Scanlan, Bob Gelston, Ethel Jordan, Mike Flannery

Sun 9th: 9.30am Paddy McGirl, Nell O'Connell, Linda and Jack Cusack, James and Josephine Dillon, Maura O'Hara, John Archbold,

11am John Ibar Carney, Pauline Treleaven, Christy Grimes, Alan, Jim and Brian Tierney (rem), Brendan and Jenny Memery, Miriam Keogh, Paddy and Ailish O'Brien

Mon. 10th: 10am Mass Card Intentions

Tues. 11th: 10am Joan Moorehouse, Noel Cappock

Wed. 12th: 10am Tom Reynolds, Richard and Sinéad Ruigrok (BR)

Fri. 14th: 10am Seamus Moorehouse

Sat. 15th: 10am Harry, Kitty and Roseleen McBride

6pm Michael McDonagh, Thomas, Eleanor & Eileen O'Leary, Frank, Mary and David O'Leary, Thomas and Bridget Clinton & decd family members

Sun. 16th: 9.30am Michael and Abby Conlon, 11am Septa Downey (MM), John and Patrick Lyons, Joseph 'Joe' Radley, Edward Doyle, Joseph Gordon, Teresa Bissett, Elizabeth McKenzie

Feast Days for the coming week

8th Aug – St. Dominic

10th Aug – St. Lawrence

11th Aug – St. Clare of Assisi

12th Aug – St. Muiredach, St. Attracta, St. Lelia

13th Aug – St. Fachtna

15th Aug - The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary – the holy day will be celebrated on Sunday

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Thank You

To all who supported the Coffee Morning on 9th August at "Portziuncula", Church Street, in aid of the Capuchin Day Centre. All of you will be remembered in a Mass which will be celebrated by the Capuchin Franciscans.

Learning Opportunities

As part of our fight against digital exclusion, Age Action's "Getting Started" programme offers free, one-to-one, volunteer-led training supporting older people to use their devices with confidence. We are hosting our "Getting Started Digital Training" in Skerries Library, Tuesday Mornings, 11:00- 13:00. To enrol on this Course, please phone Age Action on 01-4756989/0818 911109 or email: gettingstarted@ageaction.ie

Ardgillan Garden Walk



Sustainable Skerries invites you to join them on Wed. 19th August, for a walk with Ardgillan's head gardener, Dominica McKeivitt. Entitled "Ardgillan and its Biodiversity",

the walk will take place at 7.30 p.m., and is free, but sign up so you can be reached in case of any change in plan. Meeting is at the Upper Car Park, near the compost toilets.

30 YEARS AGO IN THE PARISH

Newly baptised were Robert Plant, Jack Fitzmaurice, Marie Branagan, Helen Doyle and Sean Rocks

The Blood Transfusion Service was calling for a big turn-out at the mobile unit which was visiting Skerries this week

The newly refurbished Community Information Centre was re-opened

Skerries Golf Club celebrated the opening of their new Clubhouse

The visit of the judges for the Entente Florale was anticipated – everybody's cooperation was asked for – work parties even starting at 6 a.m. on the morning of the judging, Thurs.15 !! Just to make sure Skerries looked its very best

Skerries Ladies Bowls

Monthly meeting for ladies takes place tomorrow, Monday at 12.15 in the Clubhouse. A two-week break for the ladies' league competitions. Hard luck to our fellow bowler Moe Hogan, who was beaten in his final and to our Trips team who also lost their final match in the Leinster Senior championships – they had a great run to reach the finals. Better luck for our own Eoin Johnson who won the under 25 championship with his Crumlin partner.

SKERRIES HARPS GAA CLUB

Annual Golf Classic held at Skerries GC on Fri 31 July won by Seamus Mulholland's team. Thanks to everyone who took part, to all of our generous tee box sponsors and to everyone who helped make the day such a success. Congratulations to all of our prize winners, and thank you to everyone who contributed to another brilliant fundraising event.

Senior footballers play the second group game in the Dublin Senior Football Championship on weekend of 21/22/23 August against Na Fianna or Thos Davis with third game on 4/5/6 Sept. Summer Camps: Advanced Camp on Tues 11 and Wed 12 August for Under 13 – 16 players, with Inter county coaches.

Sat. 15 Aug. Bryan Cullen Under 16 Football Competition for the Oliver Moore Cup ZINGO Sun. 2 August: 6, 19, 21, 27. Match 3 winner Colette McMahon. Jackpot now €5,000 Next draw Sunday at 6.30 pm in the Clubhouse. Entry €2 or 3 for €5.

Bar/Function room area is available to hire. We take bookings for functions, meetings, parties, fundraisers, community events, quiz nights and more Contact: bookings.harps@gmail.com



Have your remembered ?

We thank all those who have already contributed to the Summer Dues collection.

This fund supports all the priests in our Dublin Diocese. If it's slipped your mind, you can still drop your envelope in the collection baskets during Mass or leave it into the Parish Office.