



# Skerries Parish Bulletin

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5 – 12 July 2026

## Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Zechariah 9:9-10 Psalm 144 Romans 8:9, 11-13 Matthew 11: 25-30

Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest. This powerful verse comes towards the end of the Gospel passage and reinforces the message of God's gentle compassion and care which permeates today's readings. Psalm 144 intones the familiar and comforting words: *The Lord is kind and full of compassion, slow to anger, abounding in love.* We are invited to trust in God, to unburden to Him and entrust our cares and concerns to His guidance. As Christians we are offered the possibility of a spiritual life; a way of life which will bring fulfilment and peace but requires ongoing nourishment, the theme of the second reading. The unspiritual life or way of life needs to be recognised and rejected. We have been given the knowledge and the tools to discern our journey towards the prize of salvation. The passage from St Paul's letter to the Romans encourages us to reflect on how or to what extent we live a spiritual life.

In the Old Testament first reading the prophet describes a king who will be victorious and triumphant but will ride on a humble donkey; a king whose empire will stretch from sea to sea but whose reign will be based on peace, not on war. It is always timely to reflect on our individual actions towards this goal.

Church Readers

### ANNIVERSARY / SPECIAL INTENTION MASSES

- ✦ **Sat 4<sup>th</sup> 10am:** Joe Heffernan, Cathy Smith, Christopher Caffrey
- ✦ **Sat 4<sup>th</sup> 6pm:** Peter Phelan, Brother Lucian Phelan, Patrick 'Pat' Phelan, Mary Carroll (MM), Declan Lacey
- ✦ **Sun 5<sup>th</sup> 9.30am:** Kathleen Branagan, Margaret Kite, Mary & Edmund Noonan
- ✦ **Sun 5<sup>th</sup> 11.00am:** Mary Radley, Stephanie Ryan, Tony & Brenda O'Reilly
- ✦ **Mon 6<sup>th</sup> 10am: Mass Card Intentions**
- ✦ **Tue 7<sup>th</sup> 10am:** Ken Whitaker, Doreen Leonard, Debbie Killeen (Special Intention)
- ✦ **Wed 8<sup>th</sup> 10am:** Aine O'Leary
- ✦ **Fri 10<sup>th</sup> 10am:** Madge & Ronan Fagan, Special Intention
- ✦ **Sat 11 10am:** Evelyn, Michael & Ann Lynch (BR)
- ✦ **Sat 11 6pm:** Tony Healy (1<sup>st</sup> A), Mary Cooper, Peter & Rose O'Connor, Noelle & Ann Lacey, Louise Bracken, Lorraine De'Jong (RD), Richard & May Branagan & dec. family members
- ✦ **Sun 12<sup>th</sup> 9.30am:** Jack Grimes, Michael Whelton, Frank & Kathleen Boylan, Thomas Ellis, Bridget Ellis, Greta Kelly, Liam Davey
- ✦ **Sun 12<sup>th</sup> 11am:** Elizabeth Flanagan, Bridget & Richard Lambe, Iris Flanagan,

Eileen Marry, Edward 'Eddie' McGrath, John & Stella McAllister.

### FEASTDAYS

- 6<sup>th</sup> July – St. Moninne of Killeavy
- 7<sup>th</sup> July – St. Maelruain
- 8<sup>th</sup> July – St. Killian
- 11<sup>th</sup> July - St. Benedict

### PARISH OFFICE HOLIDAY COVER: OPENING HOURS WEEK COMMENCING 6TH JULY 2026

- Monday 6<sup>th</sup> July 10.30 -12.30pm
- Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> July CLOSED
- Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> July 10.30 – 12.30pm
- Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> July CLOSED
- Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July 10.30 – 12.30pm

### SUMMER DUES 2026 - REMINDER

Envelopes still available in the church.  
Thank you.

### TIDY TOWNS

Let's keep Skerries looking its best. Can you adopt a patch for litter control? Email [tidytownsskerries@gmail.com](mailto:tidytownsskerries@gmail.com)

**FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL & FESTIVAL IN A VAN**  
Fingal County Council and Festival in a Van are delighted to announce the return of Sounds of Summer, a vibrant touring programme of live music and performance visiting communities across Fingal this



July.

The festival launches on **Friday, 10 July at 1 pm in Floraville Community Park, Skerries**, adjacent to the library.

JOIN US FOR THIS FREE EVENT - EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

**FOR THE FULL PROGRAMME DETAILS, SEE LINK IN BIO OR**

**VISIT [FESTIVALINAVAN.COM/SOUNDSOFSUMMER](http://FESTIVALINAVAN.COM/SOUNDSOFSUMMER)**

### 30 YEARS AGO IN THE PARISH

- Newly baptised were Alice Garvey, Jack Markham and Sarah Leanne Markham.
- A large crowd of parishioners had attended the six-hour Vigil of Our Lady of Fatima held in our church.
- There was to be no 7.30am Mass during July and August.
- St. Vincent de Paul Society thanked all who had donated clothing at the recent Annual Appeal.
- Skerries Tidy Towns were short of volunteers for their work parties. They also appealed to dog owners to keep the streets and beach clear of dog poo.
- Congratulations to local athletes Clodagh Bolger, Kate Coleman, Niall Mulligan, Ciara Durkan, Sarah Lamont, Elaine Halpin, Gina Bradshaw and Karen Ferguson, medal winners at the Dublin Track and Field championships.
- Congratulations also to Matt Dwyer and the Hills 1<sup>st</sup> eleven on winning the Leinster Sen. 50 over's league.

### SCHOOL'S OUT!

Now that the holidays have begun, check out Skerries Library for great events and activities. Join the Summer Stars reading adventure. Lots of events for adults too. Pick up a copy of Summer in Fingal Libraries 2026 for full details.

### SKERRIES HARPS GAA CLUB



Senior footballers had an important win away v Raheny in Div.1 league on Tuesday night and Camogie girls won v Beann

Eadair in the Summer Cup opening game.

Congrats to Matthew Rock who won Silver in Basketball in the Special Olympic Games.

**Sun 5 July** - Inter football v St Brendan's, home at 11 am

**Wed 8 July** - Ladies football v Croi Ro naofa, home at 7.30 pm

**Sun 12 July** - Hurlers are away to St. Peregrines at 11 am in Junior Hurling Championship opening round.

Summer Camps: Kellogg's Cul Camp1 starts on **Mon 6 July to Fri 10 July** and Cul Camp2 runs from **20<sup>th</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> July** - both fully booked.

Club Camp and Academy Camp are on **Tues 4 Aug to Fri 7 Aug.**

[skerriesharps.clubzapevents.com](http://skerriesharps.clubzapevents.com)

**ZINGO Sun. 28 June:** 8, 19, 24, 25. No winners. Jackpot now €4,500. Next draw on Sunday at 6.30 pm. Join us for All Ireland Hurling semi-final. Play Zingo online at [www.skerriesharps.com](http://www.skerriesharps.com)

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