



# Skerries Parish Bulletin

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## 29<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

**Give God what belongs to God**

**Isaiah 45:1, 4-6, Psalms 96:1, 3, 4-5, 7-10, 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5B, Matthew 22:15-21**

Matthew's gospel has a plot, a trap and Jesus' reply which has relevance for us today. The powerful leaders in his country plotted how to trap Jesus with a trick question. Their trap was if he answered "Not to pay taxes to Caesar" he would be guilty of treason against Caesar's rule. If he answered "Yes, pay Caesar" he would be guilty of idolatry because Caesar's father had been declared a god by the Romans who believed in many gods but the Jews believed in only one God (Isaiah 45:5).

Jesus asked, "Let me see the money you pay the tax with?" We can look at the coins of that time on the internet and clearly see the icon (an ancient word for image) of Caesar on it.

When Jesus responded, "Pay to Caesar what is Caesar's and to God what is God's," the plotters were amazed (Matthew 22:22). It is also amazing today when we realise that we too are being asked to give to God what his image is on – that is you and me because God made us in his image. We were given the god-like capacities to love, to reason and we have a will. So we cannot sit idly by in our culture. God is waiting to help us, to give us the grace and to set us free to do so many good things if we make time for Him in our busy lives.

We might begin by asking: "why do we allow political or secular identities to claim the devotion that belongs only to God?"

Or every time we handle a euro coin or note, we might look at the images on it and remember the important image in our lives – the image of God.

*Church Readers*

### Mission Sunday

This Sunday, 18<sup>th</sup> October, is World Mission Sunday. The theme for this year's Mission Sunday is '*One in Christ, United in Mission*'. To support the work of the missions the 2<sup>nd</sup> collection (usually for Share) will be taken up for the missions instead.

### Anniversary / Special Intention Masses

- ✦ **Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> 10.00am:** Michael and Nancy Loughrey, Mary Stevenson, Julia Clarke
- ✦ **6.00pm:** Laurence O'Byrne (MM), Mary Holland (MM), Margaret McMahon (1<sup>st</sup> A), Joan Moorehouse, Nina Brennan and Nora Henneberry, Jim Henry, Nancy Cauldwell.
- ✦ **Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> 9.30am:** Michael King, Declan Friel.
- ✦ **11.00am:** Patricia (Tish) Sweeney (MM), Esther Crosbie, Brendan O'Brien (BR), Pat McDonagh, Denis Duggan.
- ✦ **Monday 19<sup>th</sup> 10.00am:** Mass Card Intentions.

- ✦ **Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> 10.00am:** Brendan 'Bunny' Hughes, Denis Duggan.
- ✦ **Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> 10.00am:** Paddy and Nancy Hand, Tom and Maureen Hand.
- ✦ **Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> 6.00pm:** Charles Cooper, Bella and Michael Murphy, Tony McDermott, Gerry Nichol (BR), John Tatton, Garry Westby.
- ✦ **Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> 9.30am:** Brian McEvoy, Bernard Corr (BR).
- ✦ **11.00am:** John Halpin (MM), Peter and Hilda McMahon, Jane Dardis, Kathleen Keeley, Michael Daly, Ailish Ward (BR).



**Our Sympathy** is extended to the families and friends of Thomas (Tommy) Casey, Black Hills, and Dympna O'Connor, Holmpatrick and Bartra NH, who died recently. May they Rest in Peace.

### Feast Days

17<sup>th</sup> October – St Ignatius of Antioch.  
22<sup>nd</sup> October – St. John Paul II.

### St. Vincent De Paul Monthly Collection



The monthly collection for the local St. Vincent de Paul conference takes place **this weekend, Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> and Sunday**

**18<sup>th</sup> October.** As always, any contribution is greatly appreciated.

### Biblical Catechesis Genesis

*The Beginning of Everything and the Beginning of Salvation.*

Series of 8 monthly catecheses commencing on 21<sup>st</sup> October, 60 minutes each. An eight-month journey through Genesis, exploring the biblical text, asking difficult and fascinating questions, discovering its Catholic theological meaning, and seeing how the story speaks to Christian life today.

Venue is St Sylvester's Parish, Malahide Parish Centre, St Finnian's Room at 8:00pm. From October 2026 to May 2027

For further information please contact Ronan on 087-2429540.

### 30 Years Ago in the Parish

- The Sacrament of Healing for all those in the parish who are ill or infirm was held.
- Newly returned from pilgrimage to Fatima, plans are already underway for 1997 pilgrimage to Padua, Sienna, Rome and Assisi.
- Scoil Réalt na Mara was hosting the Garda Band for an evening of family entertainment, proceeds to the school Computer fund.
- £760 was collected at the annual churchgate collection for the Parish Bulletin expenses.
- Skerries Rugby Club was organising a Fancy Dress Hallowe'en Ball, tickets £5.
- Marian Musical & Dramatic Society was holding their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration dinner in the Golf Club.
- Tidy Towns asked all those who had planted up window boxes for them to return the boxes now that the season had ended.

### Tea Dance Hills Cricket Club

Tea Dance today, Sun 18<sup>th</sup>, from 3.30 to 6.00pm in the Hills Cricket Club. Lovely refreshments. All welcome. Music by Martin Byrne. €10.

### Skerries Active Retirement

Our Active Retirement Club is in action in Little Theatre every Monday from 1.45 to 4.00pm. All welcome. Bingo, quizzes, trips, indoor bowls, parties etc.

### Skerries Harps GAA Club



Minor footballers won the Ch'ship quarter final v Fingallians by 2 – 20 to 4 –12 (2 points!).

Girls Under 15 team won semi-final v Thomas Davis

Under 14 girls won semi-final v Castleknock.

Sun. 18<sup>th</sup> Oct: Under 13 Camogie semi-final v Kilmacud, in Skerries at 1.00pm.

Minor Hurling quarter-final v N. Barrog, away at 11.00am

Keeping Girls in Sport - a very interesting talk taking place in the club on Tuesday evening next October 20<sup>th</sup> at 7.00pm. All welcome.

ZINGO Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> Oct. 3, 7, 19, 24. Match 3 shared by C Vesey, A O'Callaghan, M O'Connor and M Grimes. Next draw on Sunday at 6.00pm with jackpot of €6,000.

Play Online – 3 for a Fiver!

Congrats to our Sponsors SuperValu on celebrating their 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary last weekend.

"Trial or Denial" creeps closer – it's on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> November at City North Hotel with audience participation. Tickets are now available on our website. For more information on where the funds are going, please take a look at our club website [www.skerriesharps.ie](http://www.skerriesharps.ie).

Next BINGO on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> October at 8.00pm with Jackpot of €1,000. Doors open at 7.30pm. The Elvis Spectacular Show returns next Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> October. Limited tickets available.

### Acknowledgements (Carol Sheridan)

We, Brendan and Helen Sheridan, along with our family, wish to thank most sincerely all those who sympathised with us on the death of our beloved daughter Carol. We deeply appreciate all your kind words, your messages, cards, attendance at the funeral home or at the Funeral Mass. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass has been offered for your intentions.