



Skerries Parish Bulletin

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September 19th – 27th 2026

Twenty-fifth Sunday Ordinary Time

Is 55:6-9, Ps 144, Phil 1:20-24, 27, Mt 20:1-16

Kingdom values. God's generosity – our openness of heart.

At first reading, in the parable in St. Matthew's gospel, the landowner might appear to be very unfair. He rewards each of the workers equally, regardless of how many hours they worked in his vineyard. How often do we find ourselves assuming we know more than we really do about any situation? Truth is, we don't know why each of the different groups of workers showed up at the times they did in today's parable.

The landowner represents the loving heart of God towards each one of us. We are invited to reflect on the generosity of God. At the heart of the parable are two messages: Firstly, God wants everyone to work in his vineyard and secondly, we will each receive the same reward for the efforts we make to 'work in God's vineyard.' We can tend to make up our minds about others from impressions we have made of them. The gospel offers us an inspiring image of a generous, gracious, and forgiving God whose love for us has no bounds and whose mercy extends to those who have laboured all their lives in his service and equally to those who lost their way and returned to him later in life. Hard as it might sound to us - the way we see is not always the way God sees.

Lord, we pray that you might help us have a heart that is free and looks at others not with judgement or criticism but with generosity and openness.

Fr. Melvyn

ANNIVERSARY / SPECIAL INTENTION MASSES

- ✦ **Sat 19th 6pm:** Tom Burke, Dorothy Murray, Matthew Smyth, Andrew Collins
- ✦ **Sun 20th 9.30am:** Liz McLeod, (MM) New Zealand, Paddy Sexton
- ✦ **Sun 20th 11am:** Tony Twomey, Maura Lawler, Irene Kirwan, Francie & Josie Rogan
- ✦ **Mon 21st 10am:** Mass Card Intentions
- ✦ **Tues 22nd 10am:** Paddy & Maureen Swan (rem), Derek Swan (rem)
- ✦ **Wed 23rd 10am:** Patrick Reddin (1st A)
- ✦ **Fri 25th 10am:** William & Joan Ruigrok, Kathleen Caffrey, Christy Jenkinson
- ✦ **Sat 26th 10am:** Patrick Ward, Eileen Croke, Theresa & Kathleen Lamont
- ✦ **Sat 26th 6pm:** Ronan Early (MM), Gerry Maguire, Jack & Dede White, Seamus 'Seamy' Russell, Sheila & Paddy Brady, Seamus Sweetman, Cecil Richardson
- ✦ **Sun 27th 11am:** Keeva Finnigan (MM), Ann Thomson, George Hand, Cissie Lally, Maria Keilty

FEAST DAYS

21st Sept: St. Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist

23rd Sept: St. Eunan, **25th Sept:** St. Finbarr

OUR SYMPATHY



To the families of Sheila Brennan and Larry (Laurence) O'Byrne who died recently. May they Rest in Peace.

WE WELCOME



Ciara Byrne, Harper Mary Reilly, Cádhlá Conway who were baptised into our Parish family recently.

WEDDING



Congratulations to Zac & Aoife Crisp Djorem, who had their Marriage Blessing in St Patrick's Church.

ANNUAL CROSSCARE COLLECTION

The annual collection to support the work of Crosscare – our diocesan agency for social pastoral care, takes place at all Masses this weekend **Sept 19th /20th**. The theme for this year is **'Hope & Resilience'** which reflects the remarkable courage of those served by Crosscare every day. This collection will replace the usual 2nd collection for Share.

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EVER WONDERED ABOUT THE SCRIPTURES?

Who wrote the Bible? How were its books chosen? Why do we hear particular readings at Mass? What exactly does a lector do?

If these questions interest you - even if you are not considering becoming a parish reader - you are warmly invited to two easy, relaxed evenings exploring Scripture and the Liturgy of the Word.

Join us in the Parish Centre, Lusk, on

Tues 22nd Sept & Tues 29th Sept 7.45pm. to 9.00pm.

No previous knowledge or experience is needed. Everyone is welcome.

V. Rev. Fr. Melvyn Mullins, Parish Priest.

ST. THÉRÈSE OF LISIEUX

The Relics of St. Thérèse of Lisieux and SS Louis and Zélie Martin will be welcomed to Legion of Mary, Dublin, on **Fri 2nd Oct at 1pm.** by Dublin Archbishop Dermot Farrell. They will be available for public veneration until **Sat 3rd Oct at 5pm.**, when a closing Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Paul Dempsey. See Legion of Mary Events Page for further detail.

ACTIVE RETIREMENT

Our Active Retirement Club is back in action in the Little Theatre, every **Monday from 1.45-4pm.** All welcome. Bingo, quizzes, trips, bowls, parties etc.

CHESS CLUB

Skerries Chess Club reopened on **Tues 1st Sept.** We meet every **Tuesday from 7pm until late**, in the Skerries Amalgamated Bridge Clubs, on Strand Street. We are actively recruiting adult players. With three teams competing in the Leinster Leagues, we have a team suitable for players of all strengths, including beginners. We also play friendly tournaments within the club, which has a great atmosphere and is very welcoming. So, if you feel like trying chess, we will be delighted to see you. For information see skerrieschess.com or ring John Loughran on 086 3745410. It's your move!

SKERRIES LADIES' BOWLING

A great night in Man o' War marked the end of the Summer Leagues. Monday morning competitions begin again this **Mon 21st at 10.30am.** Congratulations to all on bringing the Reddin Cup back to Skerries last Monday!

HILLS CRICKET CLUB TEA DANCE

Tea Dance, today **Sun 20th at 3.30pm.** All welcome. Lovely refreshments served. Music by Martin Byrne.

30 YEARS AGO IN THE PARISH

- Fr. Ray Field and Fr. Martin Drennan were ordained as auxiliary Bishops for the Dublin Diocese. Fr. Field will be the successor to Bishop O'Mahony for our area
- A special Padre Pio Mass was celebrated to mark the anniversary of his death. The new monument to Padre Pio will be blessed
- Legion of Mary pilgrimage to Knock was leaving by train on Sun 28th at 7.22
- Planning permission was sought for Skerries Swimming Pool at the Ballast Pitch
- Readycall Skerries was holding its AGM - the reality being that it could close if no new volunteers come forward.

SKERRIES HARPS GAA CLUB

Ladies' footballers advanced in the Championship after win over Man O' War. Both boys Minor football teams had wins in their Championship games. Hurlers lost out to Clan na Gael.

Sat 19th Sept. Intermediate Football Championship v St Judes, home at **5.30pm.**

Sun 20th Sept Senior Football Championship Quarter-final v Cuala in Parnell Park at **2pm.**

Juvenile Academy on Sat mornings at **9.45-11.00.** for boys and girls aged 4+.

Coaching is provided in Football, Hurling, Camogie, with emphasis on movement skills and increasing confidence and social skills. Fully Qualified Coaches, Low coach-to-child ratio, Fun-Based Games Skills.

See www.skerriesharps.com/academy .

ZINGO Sun 13th Sept: 2, 13, 19, 24. with 3 Match 3 winners. Jackpot now €5,600. **BINGO on Mon 21st Sept** at 8 pm sharp. Jackpot is €900.

Elvis Spectacular returns to Skerries Harps Sat 24 Oct. Tickets from Pat - 087 2505479

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The family of the late Mary Carroll acknowledge and sincerely appreciate your kind and considerate expression of sympathy on their recent sad loss. Thank you to friends, family and neighbours for their kindness and support, to those who sent Mass cards, condolences and flowers and to all those who attended the removal and cremation.

A special word of thanks to Fr Melvin, and Joey Lannon and his team for their excellent and professional services.

The holy sacrifice of the Mass will be offered for your intentions.

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