



Skerries Parish Bulletin

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HOPE – the Gift of Salvation.

Isaiah 25:6-10; Psalm 22; Phillipian's 4:12-14 19-20; Matthew 22:1-14.

Generosity and Abundance fill the Scripture passages this morning. The outpouring of Isaiah, the comfort of the Psalm, the confidence of Paul all create a sense of pure wellbeing. Life is very much worth living. The Wedding Feast of the Gospel passage continues the theme..... but soon sours.... and there's a fly in the ointment.

The Wedding-Guest of the parable, and the chosen guests are any one of us. What of our gracious acceptance of the invitation; what of our "wedding-garment"? The Wedding Feast of the parable represents the Eucharistic Feast of Salvation, Jesus being The King's Son. What is our attitude to this Feast, the source of all our hope? Do we simply take the comfort and assurance of God's infinite love without real respect or true commitment? Do we accept the invitation with a sort of casual indifference, committing to it just however and whenever it suits us? For example, a comment sometimes made by our fellow-Christians is that we Catholics abuse the gift of Confession, our 'personal salvation', doing exactly as we please on the basis that all our wrongdoing will be wiped out just by 'going to Confession'. Is it a valid point? Elsewhere in Scripture we read "God will not be mocked" - a large **N.B!**

Life is not a matter of taking the good for granted, never bothering about how it has come to us, regarding it instead as just some sort of automatic human right. But being indifferent to everything apart from our own gratification is a sort of 'spiritual psychopathy'. **N.B.** "God will not be mocked"! The Wedding Guest lacked the "wedding garment" of appreciation, without thought, emotion, commitment or answer. The King's response was unique in the New Testament; no second chance, no allowance made, instead the Death of Hell – Hopelessness - for the Wedding Guest. It would be no different for us.

Is this what we once called "Mortal Sin" - lacking "a wedding garment"?

Skerries Church Choir



NAMING OF THE PARISH PARTNERSHIP OF SKERRIES, LUSK AND RUSH

Our three Parish Pastoral Councils have been meeting as a partnership to find a selection of names, based on the guidelines given to us from the diocese, that we could recommend to you, our parishioners. We are now asking you to choose in order of your preference a name for our partnership of parishes.

The following proposals are the results of our thoughts and prayer:

1. *The Partnership of Parishes of Christ the Harvest – Críost an Fhómhair*
2. *The Partnership of Parishes of Christ the Seed – Críost an Síol*
3. *The Partnership of Parishes of St. Moibhí*
4. *The Partnership of Parishes of Réalt na Mara*

These proposed names are based on the location of our three parishes where there is much agriculture – Christ the Harvest and Christ the Seed. Also, we are in close proximity to the sea – Réalt na Mara [Star of the Sea – a title given to Our Lady] and finally a local saint whose name is not given to any one of our parishes, but whose presence is common to all three – St. Moibhí.

NEXT WEEKEND 17th / 18th October all three parishes will vote on these names. The name with the highest number of votes will be sent forward to the Archbishop which will then be checked to make sure there are no other parish partnerships choosing the same name – hopefully not !

OUR SYMPATHY

is offered to the families of Grace Devereux, Millers Lane and William "Bill" Joyce, Milverton House, whose deaths have occurred during the past week. May they rest in peace.

Anniversary and special Masses

Sat. 10th 10 a.m.: Teresa Concannon (MM), Patrick Price (1st A), Rose Price (rem), James Maguire, Teresa McCann, Gaskin Family (S.I.).

6 p.m.: Sheila Brennan (MM), Marie McNally (1st A), Michael White, Seamus Murphy, Dermot Fitzgerald. Rose Farrell (rem), Thanksgiving Mass & the Holy Souls

Sun. 11th 9.30 a.m.: Benefactors' intentions, Rose Grimes

11 a.m.: Eileen McDonald (MM), Colm Fox (MM), Helen Walsh (1st A), William Hoare, Charles Flanagan, Joe, Margaret and Joseph Howard, David Neace

Mon. 12th 10 a.m.: Mass Card Intentions

Tues. 13th 10a.m.: John and Delia Devaney, Special Intention

Fri. 16th 10 a.m.: Mary Marron (1st A), James Marron (BR), Brendan Hughes

Sat. 17th 10 a.m.: Michael & Nancy Loughrey, Mary Stevenson, Julia Clarke

6 p.m.: Laurence O'Byrne (MM), Mary Holland (MM), Joan Moorehouse, Nina Brennan, Nora Henneberry, Jim Henry

Sun. 16th 9.30 a.m.: Michael King

11 a.m.: Patricia (Tish) Sweeney (MM), Esther Crosbie, Brendan O'Brien, Pat McDonagh, Declan Friel.

Feast Days:

11th Oct – St. Canice,

15th Oct – St. Teresa of Avila,

17th Oct – St. Ignatius of Antioch

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL MONTHLY COLLECTION

The monthly collection for the local St. Vincent de Paul conference will take place on the weekend of Saturday 17th and Sunday 18th October. As always, any contribution is greatly appreciated.

Skerries Historical Society

Skerries Historical Society will hold its Annual General Meeting on Tuesday 13 October at 8 p.m. in Skerries Bowling Club. New committee members welcome!

Time and Tide volume 15 will be launched by Nora Finnegan, Senior Librarian at Skerries Library, after the AGM.

All welcome.

Membership Renewal: €15

Non-members: €5

Skerries Ladies Bowls

Monday morning competition as usual – names by 10.30 a.m. please. This will be followed by an important meeting of all lady members at 12.15 p.m.

30 years ago in the Parish

Special Mass for all parishioners celebrating their Silver or Golden wedding anniversaries with soloist Emmanuel Lalor

Edmund Rice was beatified in Rome

Holmpatrick Church was celebrating the Harvest

Festival with guest preacher Bishop of Limerick Rev. E Darling

Author Ann Thurston to speak at the Women's Forum on "A Woman's place in the Church"

Tidy Towns awards – Best shop window, Crilly

McGrath: Best Business premises: Bank of Ireland,

Best Shopfront: the Gladstone; best estate:

Churchfield.

Marian Musical & Dramatic Society was planning its 50th anniversary with celebratory dinner

Spotlight on Skerries – congratulations to Rebecca

Grimes overall winner of Aer Rianta Young Musician.

Skerries Harps GFC

Dublin Ladies Footballer Hannah McGinnis is travelling to Kenya in November with Plant The Planet Games in support of Self-Help Africa. She is looking to fundraise to help the building of essential infrastructure in the communities she will visit and is looking for your support!

<https://www.idonate.ie/fundraiser/hannahmcginnis>

Sun 11 Oct. Minor Foot Ch'ship quarter final v

Fingalians, home at 11 a.m.

Our girls Under 13 (2 teams), Under 14 and under 16 all play semi-finals on Sunday.

For details check www.skerriesharps.com/fixtures

ZINGO Sunday 4 Oct. 2, 12, 19, 20. Match 3 winners

were T and E McGinnis who share €100. Next Draw on Sunday at 6 p.m. with Jackpot €5,900. Play Online – 3 for a Fiver !

Skerries Harps GAA Club, in partnership with Kevin Rowe Events, is proud to present "Trial or Denial" on Saturday 7th November at City North Hotel. As Ireland's newest fundraising show, this is sure to be an unforgettable evening. So why not support us by donating to one of our "Prisoners" or buying a ticket and coming along to the main event itself. All funds raised will directly support our landmark 2026 project.

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