



Skerries Parish Bulletin

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3 to 10 August 2025

18th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Readings: Ecclesiastes 1: 2; 2: 21-23, Psalms 90: 3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17, Colossians 3: 1-5, 9-11. Matthew 5: 3, Luke 12: 13-21.

How can I become rich?

In times when money is tight or life is hard, we might ask, how can I become rich? The answer to this question is in today's readings. They help us to understand the deeper meaning of "rich".



The reading from Ecclesiastes points to the futility of human endeavours and the vanity of earthly pursuits when they are not done in the context of God.

The letter to the Colossians cautions against being overly preoccupied with earthly pursuits and encourages a focus on spiritual growth.

The Psalm and St Luke remind us that our life is not made secure by what we own. The story of the rich man in today's gospel warns of the foolishness of storing up treasure instead of making ourselves rich in the sight of God.

Life does not consist of an abundance of possessions. We are more than what we own. Our worth is much greater and God confirms this in the love he shows for us. He showed his love for us when he sent his only Son into our world so that we could have the richness of life with him forever.

We can distance from the self-centredness in our world by putting others first. True inner wellbeing comes when we focus on the love and the wellbeing of others.

God is love. By loving others we become more like God. This is how we become rich in God.

Church Readers

Anniversary / Special Intention Masses

- ✦ **Saturday 2nd 10.00am:** Martin O'Farrell (MM).
- ✦ **6.00pm:** Eileen Rooney (MM), Pauline McBride (1st A), Bernie Kinsella, Bill and Kathleen Kinsella (Rem), Ellen and Christopher Fanning (Rem), Pat McNally, Jim Martin.
- ✦ **Sunday 3rd 9.30am:** Robert Walshe (1st A), Bob Laughlin.
- ✦ **11.00am:** Bernadette Dennis (1st A), Colm Keogh (1st A), Mary and Liam Cody, Kathleen Everard, Sadie and William Johnston, Bill Foran, Alan, Brian and Jim Tierney (Rem).
- ✦ **Monday 4th 11.00am:** Mass Card Intentions
- ✦ **Tuesday 5th 10.00am** Concepta Nolan, Special Intention.

- ✦ **Friday 8th 10.00am:** Marie and Ted Cullen.
- ✦ **Saturday 9th 10.00am:** Tony Healy (MM)
- ✦ **6.00pm:** Rosanna Keane, Sheila and Laurence McNally, John Archbold, Lily and Jim Scanlan. Sheila and Paddy Brady.
- ✦ **Sunday 10th 9.30am:** Paddy McGirl.
- ✦ **11.00am:** Pauline Treleaven, James and Josephine Dillon, Christy Grimes, Paddy and Ailish O'Brien, Joe Gordon.

Dates to Note: 4th August – Bank Holiday, Mass at 11.00am

Feast Days

4th Aug – St. John Mary Vianney,
6th Aug – The Transfiguration of the Lord,
8th Aug – St. Dominic,
9th Aug – St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, St. Nathy, St. Felim.

Balbriggan Cancer Support Group is a community driven and volunteer based organisation. It is a place where people touched by cancer (and their families and friends) can find support, guidance or just someone to talk to. If you would like more info please call 087 3532872 or 01 8410116.

Skerries Ladies Bowls



An exciting week for Skerries Ladies at the ILB

Championships at Ierne

Club. Congratulations to our team of Rita McIntyre, Valerie Rogan and Marian Fagan who won their way through to the Trips final later in the week and hard luck to Marian and Rita, who lost in the Pairs' semi-final, after a hard-fought match. A great turn-out of lady supporters was there to cheer their teams on.

30 Years Ago in the Parish

- Following Mass at 12 noon the blessing of the fishing fleet took place at the harbour at 3.00pm.
- Thanks were expressed to members of the Parish Choir from Holmpatrick Church for their participation in the Service of Institution of Rev. Watts last weekend.
- Due to a cancellation, two places had become available for the Parish pilgrimage to Paris, Lourdes and Shrines in September.
- Tidy Towns appealed to everybody to keep flower boxes and tubs watered during the hot spell - also to keep the pavements clear of cigarette butts!
- The monthly waste paper and cardboard collection was taking place.
- Congratulations to the Girls Hockey team who beat Westmeath and Wexford in the Community Games and are now through to represent Dublin in the Finals.
- The Hills Cricket Club was holding the official opening of their new Club Pavilion.

Lost and Found: Pair of prescription sunglasses left in the parish office.
A brown umbrella was left behind in the church. If found please return it to the parish office.

Skerries Tidy Towns are hard at work these days and would like to remind you of their annual fundraising appeal and to thank those who have already contributed.

We can't do our work without your support!

Donations please to our iDonate

page, <https://www.idonate.ie/event/SkerriesTidyTowns25> or by bank transfer to

The Skerries Community Association CLG t/a Skerries Tidy Towns

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Committee member or to Tidy Towns, c/o

Skerries Community Centre, Dublin

Road. Thank you,

Skerries Mills, Date for your Diary:

Harvest Festival takes place on Saturday 23rd August from 11.00am to 5.00pm. This outdoor Festival will kick off with Ukulele Strummers and will also include harvesting of the crops, harvesting knot-making, music, crafts for kids and face painting. Naturally, this event is weather dependent so let's all pray for a dry day!

Skerries Harps GAA Club



Good Luck to Hannah McGinnis in the Ladies All Ireland football final Dublin v Meath in Croke Park on Sunday. Watch the game in the Clubhouse and stay on for the Zingo draw at 6.30pm. Congrats to our club member Sean Geoghegan who was Ireland's flag-bearer at the European Youth Paralympic Games Opening Ceremony in Istanbul this week. Our Adult Camogie team remain unbeaten after 3 rounds of the Summer 7's competition. After last weeks exciting Cul Camp, the Academy Camp starts Tues 5th till Fri 8th Aug and the Advanced Camp is on 6th and 7th August. Some places still available on both camps.

ZINGO 27th July: 1, 5, 7, 3, 4, 6, 2. Dividend €600 won by Kellie Tait. Jackpot now €3,700. Next BINGO – Monday 11th August at 8.00pm with Jackpot of €1,100.

Sat. 16th Aug. Bryan Cullen Under 16 football with 8 teams competing for the Oliver Moore Cup. First game at 10.30am and the final is scheduled for 4.30pm A long day of sport.