



# Skerries Parish Bulletin

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## I BELIEVE.....WHAT?

Two very long Scripture passages today, from St. Paul and St. Luke respectively, contain plenty of food for thought. The only trouble is that at just one or two sittings it is all but indigestible. Putting it through a sieve, however, leaves one large crumb – Faith.

The ancient Celtic world, which is our heritage, had a rich and mighty tradition of faith. Reverence for natural things, mysticism, poetry, folklore and music are all indications of this underlying mindset. Though some aspects of 21<sup>st</sup> century life suggest otherwise, this tradition of faith is not dead. It does need to be revived, however. Those of us with active Faith have a responsibility to feed and fuel this revival. We are all searching for meaning, for truth, for the security of certainty. Faith leads right into the centre of life, where Hope dwells. Our deepest feelings and greatest needs are dead without Hope. If Faith is the food, then Hope is the energy. How acutely they are needed in our tired world! Abraham's search in life was the same as our own. He dared to believe in the impossible. Then getting on with his life, he still wondered, he watched and he waited. Quite simply, he believed in Almighty God and lived his belief.

Can I do the same? Do I need to fine-tune my faith to allow me to take the risk?

Emily Dickinson, the American poet, wrote the following:

“Hope is the thing with feathers that perches in the soul  
And sings the tune without the words and never stops at all”.

That ‘thing with feathers’ needs its crumb of Faith to keep it singing.

Skerries Church Choir

### ANNIVERSARY / SPECIAL INTENTION MASSES

- ✦ **Sat 9<sup>th</sup> 10am:** Tony Healy (MM), Thanksgiving Mass for Peter Holland, RIP
- ✦ **Sat 9<sup>th</sup> 6pm:** Sheila & Laurence McNally, John Archbold, Lily & Jim Scanlan, Rosanna Keane, Sheila & Paddy Brady, Philip Lawless
- ✦ **Sun 10<sup>th</sup> 9.30am:** Paddy McGirl, Noel Cappock, Anna & Christy Freyne (50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniv), Ethel Jordan, Maura O'Hara, Elizabeth Rogers, Francis Mannon Jnr
- ✦ **Sun 10<sup>th</sup> 11am:** Pauline Treleaven, James & Josephine Dillon, Christy Grimes, Paddy & Ailish O'Brien, Joe Gordon, Larry & Frances Hughes
- ✦ **Mon 11<sup>th</sup> 10am: Mass Card Intentions**
- ✦ **Tues 12<sup>th</sup> 10am:** Tom Reynolds
- ✦ **Wed 13<sup>th</sup> 10am:** Gillian Cantwell (1<sup>st</sup> A)
- ✦ **Fri 15<sup>th</sup> 10am:** Michael McDonagh, Frank, Mary & David O'Leary
- ✦ **Sat 16<sup>th</sup> 10am:** Sadie Gibson (MM), Ann Colford, Brendan & Jenny Memery, Miriam Keogh, Ann & Michael Gibson, John & Mary Gibson
- ✦ **Sat 16<sup>th</sup> 6pm:** Frances Mulholland, Colm 'Collie' Doyle, Mona O'Brien

- ✦ **Sun 17<sup>th</sup> 9.30am:** Michael & Abby Conlon
- ✦ **Sun 17<sup>th</sup> 11am:** John & Patrick Lyons, Joseph Radley, Edward Doyle.

### OUR SYMPATHY



To the families of Pdraig Murray, Townparks, Tony Boyle, Quay Street and Barry Craig, Hamilton Hill who died recently. May they Rest in

Peace.

### FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION – HOLY DAY

**15<sup>th</sup> Aug:** The **Assumption** of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Mass at 10am.

### FEASTDAYS

**9<sup>th</sup> Aug** - St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, St. Nathy & St. Felim, **11<sup>th</sup> Aug** – St. Clare, **12<sup>th</sup> Aug** – St. Lelia, St. Attracta, St. Muredach, **13<sup>th</sup> Aug** – St. Fachtha, **14<sup>th</sup> Aug** – St. Maximilian.

### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Monthly Collection is **Saturday 16<sup>th</sup>** and **Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> Aug** for the St. Vincent De Paul. Any contribution, no matter how small, will be truly appreciated.

30 YEARS AGO IN THE PARISH

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- The graves in Holmpatrick were blessed following 12 noon Mass and a procession to the graveyard
- St. Vincent de Paul thanked all parishioners for their "extraordinary" generosity to their clothes appeal
- Tidy Towns needed help to replant tubs at the Monument and appealed to everybody to help with the litter on pavements
- Results of the Skerries Swimming Clubs' Joe May's cups were - Men, Tony Giles and Women, Catherine McMahon
- Congratulations to Deirdre O'Halloran who won a Silver medal in the 300m hurdles and a Bronze medal in the 400m at the National Track & Field Championships in Santry
- Skerries Harps had welcomed surprise visits to their Summer Camp from Jason Sherlock, Paul Curran and John O'Leary of the Dublin Senior Team.

#### 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

**IBAN IE77AIBK93201949647038**

**BIC AIBKIE2D.** Or by cheque/cash to any Committee member or to Tidy Towns, C/o Skerries Community Centre, Dublin Road.

Thank you

#### SKERRIES LADIES BOWLS



Sincere sympathy is sent to the family of Pdraig Murray, founding member and staunch supporter of the club.

Very hard luck to our Ladies Trips in the Finals of the LBI championships - Rita McIntyre, Valerie Rogan and Marian Fagan, were beaten by just one point on the final end last Saturday. No league matches this week, but normal Monday morning roll-up next Monday.

#### SKERRIES MILLS - DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

Harvest Festival takes place on **Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup>** August from 11am to 5pm. 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



Congrats to Hannah McGinnis and the Dublin Ladies team on their All Ireland football final win. Hannah

joins an elite band of Skerries Harps

players who have won Celtic Cross medals with Dublin – Bobby Beggs, Sean & 'Yank Murray', Bryan Cullen and Lyndsey Davey.

Well done to our Camogie team who rounded off the Summer 7s Series at home on Thursday night, finishing up with a brilliant 8 wins out of 9.

Our final Summer Camp for **Under 8 to 12s** is on **11 to 14 August**. Some places still available.

ZINGO 3 Aug: 3, 1, 6, 5, 4, 7, 2. No winners.

Jackpot is now **€3,800** on Sunday ay 6.30 p.m.

Next BINGO – Monday **11 August at 8 p.m**

with Jackpot of **€1,100**. Doors open 7.30 p.m

Live Music in Clubhouse on **Sat 16 August** at 8.30 p.m with CURRAGH in aid of SYSS.

**Sat. 16 Aug.** Bryan Cullen Under 16 football with 8 teams competing for the Oliver Moore Cup. First game at 10.30 a.m and the final is scheduled for 4.30 p.m. Come along and support!

#### THANK YOU

Many thanks to everyone who supported the antiquarian and second-hand book sale in aid of St. Francis Hospice held in Churchfield Close on 19 & 20 July. A total of **€620.10** was raised for this very good cause.

#### ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The wife and family of the late Peter Holland wishes to express our heartfelt thanks for the many expressions of sympathy, love and support shown to us during our time of bereavement. A special thanks to the carers, to Karl Duff for his professional service and to Fr. Donal Toal, who celebrated Peter's funeral mass. Mass will be celebrated on **9<sup>th</sup> August 10am** to remember Peter and all those who offered us support.

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