



# Skerries Parish Bulletin

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## NEVER GIVE UP!

You could say that two of today's Scripture passages describe desperate measures. Propped up by his friends, Moses was desperate to keep going. Fighting for justice, the Widow kept going. She too was desperate. They never gave up – and in the end they were rewarded.

It is so easy to lose heart. What we wish for may seem impossible – and we're usually wishing for something. Often as a last resort, we pray – but how? Do we set a time-limit on an answer? Do we give it up as a bad job if things don't work out as we want them to? What then?

In his letter to Timothy, Paul writes "You must keep to what you have been taught and know to be true.... ever since you were a child, you have known the Holy Scriptures". Listening to the Scriptures at Mass, maybe reading them for ourselves but above all, thinking about them forms and feeds Faith. There are always new insights, new angles and little revelations. Faith is what keeps us going. Faith kept Moses and the Widow going – he in God, she in her own cause. Their persistence serves as an example for us. God will always answer our prayer - but in His time, not ours! Somebody once called prayer "God-bothering" - a bit like the Widow's approach!

Today is Mission Sunday. Pope Leo spent most of his ministry as a Missionary in Peru. He became a Peruvian citizen. Knowing first-hand the importance of overseas Mission, he urgently requests our support. In addition, on our own little patch, we too have a mission to everyone in our lives, and they to us. Encouragement to keep going is at its root. "Never give up!" is a tall order without help and support. Our Communion hymn this morning puts it nicely:

"Brother, Sister, let me serve you; let me be as Christ to you.  
Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant too".

Skerries Church Choir

### ANNIVERSARY / SPECIAL INTENTION MASSES

- ✦ **Sat 18<sup>th</sup> 10am:** Mary Stephenson (1<sup>st</sup> A), Michael & Nancy Loughrey, Julia Clarke, Joan Woods née Heffernan (RD) Canada
- ✦ **Sat 18<sup>th</sup> 6pm:** Liam Mellows (MM) Michael & Bella Murphy (A) Kitty & John Ellis (A) & deceased members of the Ellis family Margaret 'Maggie' Phillips (A) & deceased members of the Phillips family
- ✦ **Sun 19<sup>th</sup> 9.30:** Peter Boylan (MM), Mary Caffrey, Michael King, Declan Friel, Robert Healy (RD) & the Healy family, William Shiels
- ✦ **Sun 19<sup>th</sup> 11am:** Jamie Reid (MM), Esther Crosbie, Michael & Grace Lyons, Ruth Ashworth, David Hanson Brearley, Derek Costello, Kathleen Keeley
- ✦ **Mon 20<sup>th</sup> 10am:** Mass Card Intentions
- ✦ **Tue 21<sup>st</sup> 10am:** John & the McMahon family, Brendan 'Bunny' Hughes, Nancy Macken, Rose Hennessy, Mary Fennell
- ✦ **Wed 22<sup>nd</sup> 10am:** Paddy & Nancy Hand
- ✦ **Fri 24<sup>th</sup> 10am:** Peter & Hilda McMahon

- ✦ **Sat 25<sup>th</sup> 6pm:** Charles & Mary Cooper, Garry Westby, Finian Murray, Brian McEvoy
- ✦ **Sun 26<sup>th</sup> 11am:** Marion Keating (1<sup>st</sup> A), Michael Daly, John Tattan, Joe 'Galway' Connelly, Jane Dardis.

### OUR SYMPATHY

 To the families of Marie McNally, Rush Road, Skerries & David Neacy, Drogheda Street, Balbriggan who died recently. May they Rest in Peace.

### FEASTDAYS

18<sup>th</sup> Oct. – St. Luke, Evangelist  
23<sup>rd</sup> Oct. – Bl. Thaddeus MacCarthy

### MISSION SUNDAY

This Sunday **19<sup>th</sup> October** is World Mission Sunday. To support the work of the missions the second collection (usually for Share) will be taken up to support the missions instead.

### SHORT TERM PLEDGE

Enrolment for the Short-term pledge for the month of November for the Holy Souls in Purgatory will take place at the rear of the church after all Masses on **Saturday/Sunday 25<sup>th</sup>/26<sup>th</sup> October 2025**.

### HOLY COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION 2026

Enrolment - If you are a parent of a child in 2<sup>nd</sup> class, or 6<sup>th</sup> class, and you wish them to celebrate these sacraments this year, you will need to enrol them, using the Enrolment Form on the Parish Website. N.B. you will need to attach a scanned copy or photo of the child's Baptism Certificate to the form to submit it.

### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Monthly collection is **Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> October** for the St. Vincent de Paul. Any contribution, no matter how small, will be truly appreciated.

### November Altar List

Altar List of the Dead envelopes are available in the church for those who wish to avail of them. Every 1<sup>st</sup> First Friday each month we offer the 10 o'clock Mass for these our deceased loved ones.

### 30 YEARS AGO IN THE PARISH

- Popular tenor Emmanuel Lawlor was joining the Church Choir to celebrate those in the Parish who had Golden or Silver wedding anniversaries
- The Pioneer Association were heading on a day out to Warrenpoint, Rostrevor and the Mourne Mountains on Bank Holiday Monday - trip open to all
- The Active Retirement Association was holding it's annual Dinner and expecting a bowls team from Phibsborough to visit
- Holy Faith/de la Salle was delighted to launch its Treecycler which will dispose of all your waste newsprint
- Simon Delaney was presenting a talk on Wildlife in Sub-Antarctic Islands in Skerries Sailing Club
- In Ardgillan Castle, there was an exhibition entitled "Poverty and the Potato" a study of Fingal 1835-1850.

### AGE ACTION IRELAND DIGITAL TRAINING

Age Action is currently getting started with its Digital Training for Older People in Balbriggan Library each Tuesday from 11.00 – 13.00. Each course offers free individual tuition for a period of five weeks (ten hours).

To enrol on a course, do call Age Action at 01-4756989 and ask for the Getting Started team or email [gettingstarted@ageaction.ie](mailto:gettingstarted@ageaction.ie)

### SKERRIES LADIES BOWLS



The popular Monday morning competition for ladies of all abilities and newcomers continues next **Monday 20<sup>th</sup>** - sign in or text by 10.15 please €2.

### SKERRIES HARPS GAA CLUB



Minor footballers – A team qualified for Championship semi-final and B team lost out by just 1 point. Under 13, 14, 16 and Minor girls all playing semi-finals this weekend, the 2 Under 14 boys football teams are also playing in semi-finals and our 2 Under 16 football teams play in quarter-finals. Add the senior football semi-final and the Minor hurling quarter- final makes it a busy weekend.

Juvenile Academy every Saturday at 9.45 am - for boys and girls aged over 4 years. Register with our Games Promotion Officer, Lauren at [www.skerriesharps.com/academy](http://www.skerriesharps.com/academy)

**Sat 18 Oct.** Senior football Ch'ship semi-final v St. Pats in the Naul at 4 p.m. **Sun 19 Oct.** Minor hurling Ch'ship quarter final v Fingallians in Swords at 11am.

ZINGO 12 Oct. 3, 4, 7, 5, 1, 2, 6. No winner. Jackpot is now €1,800. Draw on Sunday at 6pm.

BINGO – congrats to Trisha Carroll who won the Bingo Jackpot of €1,250. Next Bingo Night is **Monday 20 October at 8pm** with Jackpot of €500. Doors open at 7.30pm.