



# Skerries Parish Bulletin

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## NEW BEGINNINGS

This Sunday the unveiling and blessing of the architect's model for our Parish Pastoral Centre takes place. Let us give thanks for this gift of space and place in which to grow as a community of faith.

### 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time: Readings: Amos 8:4-7; Ps 112; 1Timothy 2:1-8; Luke 16:1-3

Amos delivers a poignant message from God, condemning greed and injustice. He addresses those who are exploiting the poor and needy at every opportunity. Focussing only on gain and motivated by greed, they have allowed corruption to consume their hearts. What might Amos have to say about me, about us?

Psalm 112 focusses on praise, especially for the upright. Most of us would like to be classified as upright. As we profess our faith in God, and at the same time are intolerant of human frailty, do we sometimes see others' faults more clearly than our own? Positive thinking encourages us to flourish.

St. Paul's Letter to Timothy calls us to prayer, not only for ourselves but for all "kings and others in authority, so that we may be able to live religious and reverent lives in peace and quiet".

What a gift this would be to those who are suffering due to war! Pray for a just and enduring peace for all.

In the Gospel Jesus reprimands the unjust steward for his conniving with those who were in debt to his master. This opportunist was "lining his own pockets" to ensure that he might continue to enjoy the quality of lifestyle to which he was accustomed. Similar unjust behaviours, which have negative outcomes and victimise others, are not unheard of in our own time. We are invited to be good stewards, not only of our own resources but of all that we share with others.

Our care of the earth is one way in which we can respond to the call to good stewardship. As we celebrate this Month of Creation, may we open our eyes to recognise the splendour of God in all that surrounds us.

Holy Faith Sisters

### ANNIVERSARY / SPECIAL INTENTION MASSES

- ✦ **Sat 20<sup>th</sup> 10am:** Angela Burke
- ✦ **Sat 20<sup>th</sup> 6pm:** Teresa Bissett (MM), Tom Burke, Tony Twomey, Maureen (A) & Mary Hughes (Rem), Matthew Smyth
- ✦ **Sun 21<sup>st</sup> 9.30am:** Maura Lawler (1<sup>st</sup> A), Paddy Sexton (1<sup>st</sup> A), Seamus 'Seamy' Russell, Terry Woods, Doreen Rafferty
- ✦ **Sun 21<sup>st</sup> 11.00am:** Special Celebration Mass, 85<sup>th</sup> Anniversary
- ✦ **Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> 10am:** Mass Card intentions
- ✦ **Wed 24<sup>th</sup> 10am:** William & Joan Ruigrok
- ✦ **Fri 26<sup>th</sup> 10am:** Christy Jenkinson
- ✦ **Sat 27<sup>th</sup> 6pm:** Jack & Dede White, Gerry Maguire, Matthew Smyth, Seamus Sweetman, Josephine Feeney (Rem), Julie Shannon (Rem), Georgina O'Connor (Rem)
- ✦ **Sun 28<sup>th</sup> 9.30:** Paddy Sexton (1<sup>st</sup> A)
- ✦ **Sun 28<sup>th</sup> 11am:** Ann Thomson, George Hand (Br), Cissie Lally, Maria Kielty

### OUR SYMPATHY

To the families of Peter Boylan, The Square, and Adrienne Cunningham, Barnageera, who died recently. May they Rest in Peace.

**On Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> Sept. Bishop Paul Dempsey** will join us as chief celebrant at the **11am Mass** to celebrate the Anniversary of our church. The theme, '**Building Hope – Faith for the Future**', invites us to reflect on our journey and look ahead with renewed spirit, unity and hope. Bishop Dempsey will unveil and bless a model of the new Pastoral Centre which will be developed across the road on the site of 42a Strand Street. The Parish Pastoral Council warmly invites parishioners to join us for this joyful occasion and be part of this milestone moment in our faith community. Refreshments will be served afterwards.



## FEASTDAYS

**20<sup>th</sup> Sept** – St. Andrew Kim Tae-Gon,

**23<sup>rd</sup> Sept** - St. Pius of Pietrelcina & St. Eunan,

**25<sup>th</sup> Sept** - St Finbar,

**27<sup>th</sup> Sept** - St. Vincent de Paul

### 30 YEARS AGO IN THE PARISH

- The Divorce Referendum was due to take place and Fr. Quinlan offered some guidelines for Parishioners in making their choice.
- Congratulations to Skerries Tidy Towns committee for their valiant efforts in securing three national awards in this year's competition
- Skerries Methodist Church invites all to attend their Harvest Thanksgiving service
- Skerries Guides and Skerries 98th Scout troop returned after the summer break
- The Active Retirement Association was heading for a day trip to Newry/Carlingford
- Congrats to Skerries Girls Hockey team who won silver medals at the National Community Games and to the Girls Relay team who also won silver

### SKERRIES LADIES' BOWLS

Well done to our Div. 2 team who had a great win in their last match of the season. The team ended up in 4th place in a very competitive league of 10 teams. The ladies send their thanks to Nancy, Linda and Liz who steered the ladies through a great year of competition. A new Monday morning competition will start on Monday 28th. This will run until Christmas, €2 per session, sign-in by 10.15a.m each Monday.

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL** Monthly Collection is Saturday 20th and Sunday 21st Sept. Any contribution, no matter how small, will be truly appreciated. The East Region of the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul (SVP) has announced that it intends to place Maria House in Sandy Banks Lane, Skerries for sale. The East Regional Council says that in accordance with the wishes of St. Patrick's Conference in Skerries preference will be given to families in determining the purchaser. Maria House had

been used by SVP for over 30 years as an occasional summer holiday home for families in the SVP East region, primarily from Dublin.

### SKERRIES HARPS GAA CLUB

Adult hurlers lost narrowly to Raheny in their championship quarter final. Our 3 adult football teams play their final championship group games this weekend.

Juvenile Academy every Saturday from 9.45a.m till 11a.m - for boys and girls aged over 4 years.

Register with our GPO Lauren at [www.skerriesharps.com/academy](http://www.skerriesharps.com/academy)

**Sat 20<sup>th</sup>** Senior football championship v Parnell's, away at 6p.m and Inter championship v Brigid's, home at 6p.m

**Sun 21<sup>st</sup>** Minor hurling championship v St Maurs, home at 11a.m and Junior football championship v St Pats, Donabate, away at 11a.m **Mon 22<sup>nd</sup>** Minor girls football v Raheny, home at 7.30p.m

ZINGO 14 Sept. 4, 3, 2, 7, 6, 1, 5. No winner. Jackpot is now €1,400. Draw on Sunday at 6p.m with Free In-house draw. Play Zingo online via link on front page of [www.skerriesharps.com](http://www.skerriesharps.com) BINGO – on **Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> Sept** at 8p.m. Doors open at 7.30p.m

ELVIS Spectacular Show in the Clubhouse on Sat 4<sup>th</sup> October. Ticket Only, from Pat 087 2505479

### ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The family of the late Teresa Bissett, who passed away after a long illness, wish to thank all the wonderful staff in Beaumont and Bon Secours hospitals, Fr. Melvyn, Lannon's Funeral Directors, the wonderful singers, and everyone from home and abroad who came to say goodbye at this very difficult time. We also wish to thank the many relatives, friends and neighbours who sent Mass cards and messages.

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered for your intentions on Sat. Sept 20<sup>th</sup> at 6.00p.m.

**LOST AND FOUND:** Selection of **Eye Wear** in the parish office. Ted Baker prescription sunglasses returned, as collected in error.

**Purse** lost – Black, Last Saturday.  
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