



# Skerries Parish Bulletin

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## TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Ezekiel 33:7-9, Psalm 95:1-2, 6-7, Romans 13:8-10, Matthew 18:15-20



Often, we feel hurt by personal conflicts. After the death of Jesus many conflicts arose in the early church. Matthew's Gospel today tells of the advice Jesus gave for handling interpersonal conflicts. He said to address the offender privately first, then with witnesses, and finally bring it before the community if necessary. This is a respectful process. In the final verses of the Gospel Jesus linked it to a spiritual teaching. Just as communities have rules and times when they must be followed, God's rules can be reflected in our communities on earth.

The response to the Psalm reminds us: If today you hear his voice harden not your hearts.

Ezekiel reminds us of the need for personal accountability in the story of the watchman. If the watchman fails to warn the wicked, the wicked will die in their sin, but the watchman will be held accountable for that silence.

Paul's letter to the Romans ties all the themes together. He teaches the Law of Love and love of our neighbour. Love does no evil to a neighbour; therefore, love is the ultimate expression of the commandments. When we act with active charity and respect, open hearts, personal accountability and listen to God, the Law of Love lives on earth as it does in heaven.

## Church

## Readers

### ANNIVERSARY / SPECIAL INTENTION MASSES

**Sat. 5<sup>th</sup> 10am:** Paddy Daly (Month's Mind), Alf Coleman, Patrick Leonard, Laura Hennessy (BR)

**Sat. 5<sup>th</sup> 6 pm:** Jerusha Hull McCormack (1st A),  
Anne 'Annie' Scully (1st A), Jim Coleman (1st A), Joe & Andy Scully, Tim Counihan, Peadar 'Peter' O'Connor (BR), Joan Smyth, Florence Clinton, Ronald Boylan

**Sun. 6<sup>th</sup> 9.30am:** Dermot Carroll (1<sup>st</sup> A.)  
Charles & MaryAnn McMorrow., Tommie & Margaret Farrell, Hughie Horan,

**Sun. 6<sup>th</sup> 11am:** Michael O'Rourke, Mairead Donnelly, Maureen Hughes, Christopher Everard, Joe & Nancy Harford, Mary Rogan

**Mon. 7<sup>th</sup> 10am:** Mass Card Intentions

**Tues. 8<sup>th</sup> 10am:** Kathleen & John Archer, Caroline Heyenga, Rena & Sam Condrot

**Fri. 11<sup>th</sup> 10am:** John Hughes, William Small

**Sat. 12<sup>th</sup> 10am:** Ita Martin

**Sat. 12<sup>th</sup> 6 pm:** Peter Boylan (1 st A), Mary Kelly, Patrick, Joe & Catherine Fitzgerald, Niall Dungan, Evelyn Sheridan

**Sun. 13<sup>th</sup> 9.30am:** Jack McGuinness, Joe & Catherine Stapleton

**Sun. 13<sup>th</sup> 11am:** Elizabeth Nevin, Bill Treleaven, Bill Hayes, Packie Markey, Noeline O'Connor, Tony Grimes, Ursula Rooney

### OUR SYMPATHY

To the families and friends of Anthony Staines, Skerries Rock and Eileen McDonald, Shenick Park, who died recently. May they Rest in Peace.

### FEASTDAYS

8th Sept - The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

9th Sept - St. Ciaran

12<sup>th</sup> Sept - St. Ailbe

### ATTENDING MASS

It's very true to say that we all get caught up with things. We also develop habits – good and bad ones. This can also happen when we are on our way to Mass. We can be delayed for legitimate reasons when it's our intention to attend at Mass fully.

As you know there are essentially two parts to Mass. The first is the Liturgy of the Word – the scripture readings. The second part is the Liturgy of the Eucharist – offering of the gifts of bread and wine, the consecration and reception of holy communion.

To attend Mass fully we should be in church for these two parts completely. Coming late or 'dropping in' for holy communion and leaving immediately afterwards does not fulfil our obligation to attend Mass. The Mass is given to us as one of the sacraments to spiritually nourish us and to deepen our relationship with Christ. In this sense it deserves our full attendance and participation.

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## ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL



St Mary's Cathedral, Marlborough Street, is closed temporarily to allow essential conservation, accessibility and renewal works.

During the closure period, major diocesan liturgies will take place in St Andrew's Church, Westland Row. The Palestrina Choir is based at the College Chapel on the All Hallows Campus of DCU, by kind permission of the University. Parish and sacramental life will be continuing at St Joseph's Church, Berkeley Road, where the Cathedral Girls' Choir is also based.

### **Pathways into Pastoral Ministry**

This course is for any adult who wants to explore and grow their faith. Year-long, participants are offered inputs on foundational issues of faith and the impact they have on ministry and parish life/ small group sharing/the opportunity for three retreat experiences. Pathways are run on a Thursday evening (during term times) at the St Patrick's campus of DCU in Drumcondra from 7.15pm to 9.15pm. The course starts on September 24 and runs until May 13, and costs €300. Online registration is now open. Further details, please visit the adult faith section [www.dublindiocese.ie/missionministry](http://www.dublindiocese.ie/missionministry). Or contact [peter.siney@dublindiocese.ie](mailto:peter.siney@dublindiocese.ie).

### **Skerries Forget Me Not Café**



We're back ! Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> from 11 a.m. to 1p.m., Skerries Harps GAA, Dublin Road. The Café is free of charge and open to all those living with dementia, their families, carers and friends. Come for tea and biscuits, for a chat, to meet with others on a similar journey and to learn more about services available in the area. To make sure we don't run out of cake, let us know you are coming – Phone or text, 083 1192972

### **Skerries Historical Society**

The next meeting will take place on this Tues. 8<sup>th</sup>, at 8pm. in Skerries Bowls Club, ( behind Supervalu). Brendan Grimes will present a paper, "A Short Architectural Tour in the vicinity of Skerries". The talk will include descriptions of several buildings of architectural merit in or near Skerries and a short pen picture of the architect Sandham Symes who designed some of these buildings will be included.

**Lost & Found:** Man's wedding band. Found last week in a car park. Contact Parish Office: 01-8106771 or [info@stpatricksskerries.ie](mailto:info@stpatricksskerries.ie)

### **Active Retirement Club**

Reopening Mon. 7<sup>th</sup>, 1.45 p.m. New members welcome to Little Theatre, Old School, Dublin Rd.

### **Spread the word please!**

FREE RETROFIT EVENT 9/9/2026 organised by Skerries Sustainable Energy Community Initiative (SSECI\*) with Skerries Library: Eric Dennis (SEAI retrofit grants explained) and Paddy McMenamin (Home Energy Savings Kit demo), 6.30- 7.30pm in the Skerries Library, Wed, 9 Sept 2026. Fáilte roimh chách - Everyone welcome\*SSECI is a committee of Skerries Community Association SCA

### **Skerries Ladies' Bowls**

Our Autumn Monday morning competition continues. €2 per session, names before 10.15 a.m., so play can start asap. The end of season meal in the Man-o-War, on 17<sup>th</sup> Sept. – sign up, if you have not already done so! The on-line shop for club gear is open again 7<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> Sept., <https://kitsportswear/product-category/skerries-bowling-club>

### **SKERRIES HARPS GAA CLUB**

Ladies' team defeated Kilmacud-Crokes, away in their opening Championship game. Hard Luck to the second team who lost the Shield Final, away to Sylvester's, with the last kick of the game. Both Minor football teams had wins in their Championship games v St Olaf's and St Maur's.

**Sat. 5 Sept.** Senior Football Ch'ship group game v Na Fianna, in Parnell Park at 5.30 pm.

Also on Saturday, Intermediate Football Ch'ship v Castleknock, home at 6.00 pm

**Sun. 6 Sept.** Minor Hurling Ch'ship v Nm Mearnog, home at 11 am

**Wed. 9 Sept.** Ladies Football Ch'ship v Man O War, away at 6.45 pm

Golf Society Captain's Day in Skerries GC on **Friday 18th Sept.** Contact Tony 0876498177 .

Juvenile Academy starts at 9.45 am **Saturday, 12<sup>th</sup>** September for boys and girls born 2019-2022. Register at [www.skerriesharps.com/academy](http://www.skerriesharps.com/academy).

ZINGO Sun. 30 August: 1, 3, 14, 24. No winners. Jackpot €5,400. Next draw Sunday at 6.30 pm