



16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gen 18:1-10, Ps 14, Col 1:24-28, Lk 10:38-42

Our Priorities and God

The scripture readings this weekend remind us how much hospitality has a special place in our lives as God's people. How often has it been said – 'we are all a reflection of God.' The Lord calls out to us in each other and invites us to respond to him. Our kindnesses, our patience, our forgiveness is always before us in and with one another. Each time we respond to Him we make an act of faith, and as such, the welcome we extend to him in one another, is both a listening and answering to his call to us each day.

These readings centre us on hospitality and putting God at the centre of our lives. Abraham's response is totally attentive in care and service to the needs of his guests (God). The Gospel story reminds us of Martha and Mary and the welcome they gave to Jesus to their home. Each responds to Jesus' presence differently – one providing food and the other attentively listening to Jesus and what he had to say.

We all live busy lives and in doing so we are given and make choices each day. We choose to give our time and attention to various pursuits and people who are important to us. It's not either 'Martha or Mary' – it's about finding the balance in our lives and making time for God there too. Priorities matter and how we live them bears fruit in us. Starting with spending ten minutes listening/reading God's Word or in prayer each day will make a difference - try it.



Fr. Melvyn

ANNIVERSARY / SPECIAL INTENTION MASSES

- ✦ Sat 19th 10am: John, Rose & Richard Harrison
- ✦ Sat 19th 6pm: Joe Grimes, Molly Ryan, Mary O'Driscoll, Mary Plunkett, Mary Murphy, Brenda Quigley Murphy, Billy & Francis Ryan (Rem)
- ✦ Sun 20th 9.30am: Sadie 'Sarah' Ruigrok, Michael Andrews.
- ✦ Sun 20th 11am: Mary Hughes (MM), Seamus Hughes, Pauline Treleaven (BR) & deceased members of the Wafer Family, Annie Russell, Peter & Annie O'Connor, Freddie Russell
- ✦ Mon 21st 10am: Mass Card Intentions
- ✦ Tues 22nd 10am: Joan Doyle, Andy Jones
- ✦ Wed 23rd 10am: Seán & Bella Alcock, Lar Croke, Owen Lamont, Fr. John Lamont, Bishop Donal Lamont
- ✦ Fri 25th 10am: William Grimley, Anne Marie Nardini (BR)

- ✦ Sat 26th 10am: Sheila Waters, Bill Baker
- ✦ Sat 26th 6pm: Raymond O'Neill (1st A) Mark Comey (1st A), Jim Hyland, Christy Casey, Teresa Donaghy, Benjamin Farrell (BR), Peggy & Paddy Coleman
- ✦ Sun 27th 9.30am: Thomas Ellis, Bridget Ellis, Greta Kelly
- ✦ Sun 27th 11am: Tom McManus, Breda Kennedy, Kay Coleman McGilloway, Teddy Treleaven, Peggy McGirl, Benjamin Farrell (A)

OUR SYMPATHY

To the families of Tony Healy, Downside & Robert McCann, Kelly's Bay, who died recently. May they Rest in Peace.

SUMMER DUES

The Summer Dues appeal, which supports the priests of the Archdiocese, lasts throughout the summer. Envelopes are available in the church.

FEASTDAYS

22nd July: St. Mary Magdalene

23rd July: St. Bridget of Sweden

24th July: St. Declan


25th July: St. James, Apostle

26th July: SS Joachim & Anne, Parents of the BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

30 YEARS AGO IN THE PARISH

- As plans were underway for the Annual Blessing of the Boats at the end of the month, 12 noon Mass was offered for all our local fishermen and those connected to the sea
- Local St. Vincent de Paul society was looking for local school uniforms in good condition
- Skerries Rugby Club and Skerries Tennis Club were both organising fund-raising Barbecue nights
- Tidy Towns Committee sought extra volunteers for twice-weekly clean-up
- Separate Drama and Music sub-committees were set up by the Marian Society to promote each activity
- Skerries Harps were taking applications for tickets for the forthcoming Dublin v Meath match in Croke Park
- At the recent Rehab Summer Garden Party, £3000 was raised

SKERRIES LADIES BOWLS CLUB

 Congratulations to Marian Fagan and Rita McIntyre who are through to the semi-finals of the Junior Ladies Pairs of the Leinster league. They join our two ladies' Trips teams (Rita, Marian and Valerie Rogan, plus Eileen McMahon, Isobel Murray and Norma Radley), who are also through to the semi-finals - a good season for Skerries Ladies. Monday morning roll-up and cuppa continues during the summer season, from 10.30am.

WELCOME BACK!



.. to the 29 participants from Skerries after a wonderful four-day trip to the Canton of Guichen in France. The visit included the celebration of the 30th anniversary of the signing of the Twinning

Charter there in 1995. As usual, the local host families provided a warm Breton welcome to the Skerries visitors. Visits to the Departmental Council chamber (Rennes), a local micro-brewery, a restored chapel and a day out to St. Malo were very interesting. In St. Malo the group spent time at the historic Fort National and at the SNSM Lifeboat station. If you are interested in becoming involved with the local Town Twinning Association why not contact us at skerriestwinning@gmail.com

DATES TO NOTE

Sat 19th & Sun 20th July: Monthly St. Vincent de Paul Collection (this weekend)

Sat 19th & Sun 20th July 11am-4pm: Antiquarian & second-hand book sale in aid of **St Francis Hospice**, 3 Churchfield Close

Thurs 24th July, 4.30-8.30pm: Irish Blood Transfusion Service, Skerries Community Centre.

SKERRIES HARPS GAA CLUB

Adult hurlers lost their opening championship game to Ballyboden by just 1 point.

Good Luck to Hannah McGinnis and Dublin Ladies in All Ireland semi-final v Galway on Sat July 19th at 7.30 pm - watch it in Clubhouse live on TG4. The Clubhouse will also open for the All Ireland Hurling final Cork v Tipp on Sunday afternoon followed by Zingo draw at 6.30 pm
Sun 20th: Hurling championship v Clan na Gael, away at 11am

Wed 23rd: Ladies football v Man O'War, home at 7.30pm. Check fixtures on www.skerriesharps.ie
Places remain for Academy Camp (5th to 8th August) for boys/girls aged 4-7, for our Advanced Camp (Under 13 to 16) on 6th/7th August and for the Club Camp (Under 8 to 12) on 11th to 14th August.

ZINGO July 13th: 5, 1, 3, 7, 4, 6, 2. No winners. Jackpot now €3,500. Draw on Sunday at 6.30pm. Ladies - Join our Gaelic for Mothers and Others, Tuesdays at 8pm on our All-Weather pitch. Contact Grainne 085 1746294. The Dads and Lads panel get together on Fridays also at 8 pm
Next BINGO – Monday 21st July at 8pm with Jackpot of €1,050.



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