



# Skerries Parish Bulletin

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## Recreation Time

“The Holidays” are here! Life has slowed down; the streets are quieter, traffic is lighter, the rhythm of life eases, making for a more relaxed pace. It’s Recreation time.

Today’s Scripture passages also seem to be in holiday mode. An exuberance of feeling leaps from the Old Testament pages of Isaiah and the Psalmist. From the New Testament, St. Luke describes the excitement and delighted chatter of “the 72” after the dramatic success of their first mission. It’s a sort of “all-singing, all-dancing Scripture Sunday” - and isn’t it lovely?



St Paul doesn’t ‘do’ exuberance! Yet his ‘still small voice’ in the final Scripture Reading utters the most important message of today. “It does not matter if a person is circumcised or not (i.e. who a person is); what matters is for him to become an altogether new creature”. Without this transformation, this RE-creation, all the singing and dancing make no great sense.

There is a bit of homework for us here, holidays or not! Just a couple of questions:

1. How aware am I of the Divine in every single aspect of life – mine, my family’s, everyone’s, all life?
2. How often do I look beyond what I can see, think about what I hear, wonder about life and examine my current attitudes?

Holidays give us time to pause, to think, to do something different. Holidays are for recreation – RE-creation. “Happy Holidays!” we wish each other. RE-creation all but guarantees that. No singing now ‘til September but here are some lovely words from one of our hymns:

“I love you more than Gold and Silver, only you can satisfy;  
You alone are the real Joy-Giver and the Apple of my Eye.....”

**Skerries Church Choir**

### ANNIVERSARY / SPECIAL INTENTION MASSES

- ✦ **Sat 5<sup>th</sup> 10am:** Joe Heffernan, Peggy Baldwin, Cathy Smith
- ✦ **Sat 5<sup>th</sup> 6pm:** Peter, Teresa & Patrick Phelan
- ✦ **Sun 6<sup>th</sup> 9.30am:** Kathleen Branagan, Margaret Kite, Jimmy & Rita Grogan, Terry Kiernan nee Grogan, Miriam Duff (MM), Anthony McMorrow (RD)
- ✦ **Sun 6<sup>th</sup> 11am:** Peter Holland (MM), Joseph ‘Joe’ Grimes, Mary Radley, Brenda O’Reilly, Tony Smith (br), Edward ‘Eddie’ McGrath, Willie Grimes
- ✦ **Mon 7<sup>th</sup> 10am:** Mass Card Intentions
- ✦ **Tues 8<sup>th</sup> 10am:** Doreen Leonard
- ✦ **Wed 9<sup>th</sup> 10am:** Willie Grimes
- ✦ **Fri 11<sup>th</sup> 10am:** Marie O’Loghlen, Madge & Ronan Fagan
- ✦ **Sat 12<sup>th</sup> 6pm:** Mary & Charles Cooper, Noelle Lacey, Louise Bracken, Peggy

Ferguson, Peter & Rose O’Connor, Molly Costello

- ✦ **Sun 13<sup>th</sup> 9.30am:** Jack Grimes, Michael Whelton, Gerard Boland (RD), Liam Davey
- ✦ **Sun 13<sup>th</sup> 11am:** Alice Fenelon (MM), Elizabeth Flanagan, Iris Flanagan, Eileen Marry, Tony O’Brien, Barry Walls

### FEASTDAYS

- 7<sup>th</sup> July – St Maelruain,
- 8<sup>th</sup> July – St Killian,
- 11<sup>th</sup> July – St Benedict

### PARISH OFFICE HOLIDAY HOURS

- Mon 7<sup>th</sup> July: 10.30 -12.30pm
- Tues 8<sup>th</sup> July: CLOSED
- Wed 9<sup>th</sup> July: 10.30 – 12.30pm
- Thurs 10<sup>th</sup> July: CLOSED
- Fri 11<sup>th</sup> July: 10.30 – 12.30pm

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## SUMMER DUES

The Summer Dues appeal launched recently and lasts throughout the summer. This dues collection supports the priests of the Archdiocese and your help with it is much appreciated. Summer Dues envelopes are available in the church.

## BON VOYAGE !

Twenty-nine people travelled to the Canton of Guichen from Skerries last Thursday to take part in the festivities to celebrate 30 years of twinning between the two communities. For some of those travelling, it will be their first opportunity to encounter at first hand the warm welcome we always receive from the residents of the Canton and for others it will mark a happy return to see old friends. A wide variety of events have been arranged during their four day stay - a trip to St Malo, a visit to a local micro-brewery and the opportunity to play pétanque and badminton.

## 30 YEARS AGO IN THE PARISH

- The Parish Choir was seeking new voices to take part in "Voices of the World" which would take place in September
- A trip from Skerries Parish to Medjugorje was being planned for September.
- Application forms were available for the Aer Rianta Skerries Young Musician competition
- In the Skerries Pier Races, the Ladies McGloughlin cup was won by Theresa Woodlock and the Men's Iona Cup was won by Joe McLoughlin

## GRANDPARENTS PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK 2025



Celebrating World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly. The National Pilgrimage to Knock will take place on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup>

July. The theme for this year is: Blessed are those who have not lost hope. (Sir 14,2). Archbishop Francis Duffy will celebrate the Sacrament of the Sick at 2.30pm, followed by Mass at 3pm.

## PATHWAYS: EXPLORING FAITH AND MINISTRY

Registration for this two-year adult faith development course is now open. This is a two year course for adults of all ages who wish to explore and learn more and grow in their faith. It takes place on Thursday evenings starting September 2025 until April 2026 in St. Patrick's DCU Campus. More details available on [www.missionministry/pathways/](http://www.missionministry/pathways/).

## MANRESA RETREATS

Looking to pause and reconnect with God? Manresa Jesuit Centre of Spirituality (Clontarf, Dublin) is offering various retreats throughout July and August. An 8-Day Directed Retreat, 29 July to 7 August. An Oasis Day on Saturday, 19 July or Saturday, 16 August. Take time to pause with an Oasis Day - a gentle, one-day retreat of reflection and guided prayer, offering quiet space for prayer, rest, and renewal. A Poetry Retreat weekend 11-13 July – a contemplative weekend retreat using poetry and prayerful reflection. Visit [www.manresa.ie](http://www.manresa.ie) for more details.

## SKERRIES HARPS GAA CLUB



Senior footballers defeated Nm Olaf, away on Tues evening – Score was 3-14 to 1-13. Congratulations to our Under 15 footballers who won the

Regional Féile Final in Rathangan.

Sat 5 July. Senior football v St Brigids, in Skerries at 12.30. - last league game.

Senior football championship starts in August with Skerries in a group with Parnells, Mearnogs and Clan na Gael – dates to be confirmed.

Check all fixtures on [www.skerriesharps.ie](http://www.skerriesharps.ie).

Kelloggs Cul Camp #1 runs 7 to 11 July and Cul Camp #2 runs 21 to 25 July (both fully booked).

Academy Camp runs 5 to 8 August for boys and girls aged 4 to 7 and our Advanced Camp for Under 13 to 16 year olds is on 6/7 August.

ZINGO 29 June. 5, 4, 2, 1, 7, 6, 3. No winners.

Jackpot now €3,300. Draw on Sunday at 6 pm.

BINGO on Monday 7 July at 8 pm – Jackpot is €1,000. Upcoming: Golf Classic on Fri 1 Aug at Skerries GC.

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