



Skerries Parish Bulletin

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June 29th - July 5th 2025

SAINT PETER and SAINT PAUL, APOSTLES

Acts 12:1-11 Psalm 33: 2-9 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18 Matthew 16:13-19

Our readings focus on two pillars of the early Church, the Apostles Peter and Paul, contemporaries of Jesus. Their words and actions drew attention and prompted fear, as described in the case of Peter in the passage from the Acts of the Apostles and in the case of Paul, in his own letter to Timothy, the second reading. Both apostles experienced doubt as followers of Christ, but ultimately they suffered death for their faith.

These two accounts make for stark reading. However, just as in the Psalm and the verses from Matthew's Gospel, we can see hope, comfort and joy. Peter was imprisoned by King Herod but, inspired by a vision or dream, he escaped. The refrain of the Psalm: *From all my terrors the Lord has set me free*, or again, as in verse 3: *This poor man called; the Lord heard him and rescued him from all his distress*, describe Peter's circumstances, and our own, at different times in our lives. The Apostle Paul, knowing that he was facing death, acknowledges the help he has received to carry out his mission and testifies to his belief in a heavenly kingdom. Finally, in the Gospel passage, we recognise joy and hope in the words *You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church*. We can all of us at times be in need of comfort and at times be those rocks.

CHURCH READERS

ANNIVERSARY / SPECIAL INTENTION MASSES

- ✦ Sat 28th 10am: George (A) & Jennifer (Rem) Peters
- ✦ Sat 28th 6pm: Freddie Cooper, Paul Smith, Bridget & Francis Farrell, Declan Lacey, Pauline Keane (Br), Pauline Hanlon (100th Br)
- ✦ Sun 29th 11am: Laurena O'Connor (MM), Margaret, Joseph 'Joe' & Jimmy Grimes, May Treleaven, Graham Barnett, Peadar O'Connor, Kitty (Br) & Martin (Rem) Ryan, Billy & Bridie Cummins
- ✦ Mon 30th 10am: Mass Card Intentions
- ✦ Wed 2nd July 10am: Christopher Caffrey
- ✦ Fri 4th 10am: First Friday – Altar List
- ✦ Sat 5th 10am: Joe Heffernan, Peggy Baldwin, Cathy Smith
- ✦ Sat 5th 6pm: Peter, Teresa & Patrick Phelan, Willie Grimes
- ✦ Sun 6th 9.30am: Anthony McMorro (RD), Jimmy & Rita Grogan, Terry Kiernan (née Grogan), Kathleen Branagan, Margaret Kite
- ✦ Sun 6th 11am: Peter Holland (MM), Joseph 'Joe' Grimes, Mary Radley, Brenda O'Reilly, Tony Smith (Br), Edward 'Eddie' McGrath

WE WELCOME

Aoibh Éala Bríd Dennis, Tadgh James Smith, Alannah Maeve Ellwood, Sienne Whelan, Ryan Peter Coleman



FEASTDAYS

Sat 28th: Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary, **Sun 29th:** St. Peter & St. Paul, Apostles, **Tues July 1st:** St. Oliver Plunkett, **Thurs 3rd:** St. Thomas, Apostle

DATES TO NOTE:

July 4th: First Friday, Altar List

PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION

The **Peter's Pence** collection will take place this weekend **June 28th & 29th**, the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul. This special collection will replace the Share Fund second collection.

Peter's Pence aims to **support the Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV's mission**, which extends throughout the entire world, from the proclamation of the Gospel to the promotion of integral human development, education, peace, and brotherhood among peoples, and to support the numerous charitable works in aid of people and families in difficulty, populations afflicted by natural disasters and wars, or who are in need of humanitarian assistance or support for development.

RALLY FOR LIFE 2025

This year's Rally will take place on Saturday 5th July, starting at 1.30pm, from Parnell Square. Please assemble @ 1pm, to start at 1.30pm. More details @ www.rallyforlife.net

PARISH OFFICE: Holiday Cover opening hours,

weeks commencing 30th June and 7th July 2025

Mon 30th June 10.30 – 12.30pm

Tues 1st July CLOSED

Wed 2nd July 10.30 – 12.30pm

Thurs 3rd July CLOSED

Fri 4th July, 10.30 – 12.

Mon 7th July 10.30 -12.30pm

Tues 8th July CLOSED

Wed 9th July 10.30 – 12.30pm

Thurs 10th July CLOSED

Fri 11th July 10.30 – 12.30pm

GRANDPARENTS PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK 2025

Celebrating World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly. The National Pilgrimage to Knock will take place on Sunday 27th 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 @ 2.30pm, followed by Mass @ 3pm.

SKERRIES TIDY TOWNS wish

to remind you of their annual fundraising appeal, and to thank those who have already contributed. We can't do our work without your support!



Donations please to our iDonate

page, <https://www.idonate.ie/event/SkerriesTidyTowns25>

Or by bank transfer to

The Skerries Community Association CLG t/a

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Or by cheque/cash to any Committee member or to Tidy Towns, c/o Skerries Community Centre, Dublin Road, Skerries.

Thank you, Skerries Tidy Towns

Caring for the Environment

HAPPY HOLIDAYS to the pupils, teachers and support staff of our Parish schools, who finished classes this past week. A well-



earned rest ahead and hopefully some fine weather. We thank the Staff of all the schools for their hard and dedicated work on behalf of the children of our Parish and to their parents who lend continued support.

30 YEARS AGO IN THE PARISH

- A recent survey revealed that four out of every five Irish people who describe themselves as Catholic, go to Mass every Sunday
- St. V de P locally was still hoping for secondary school uniforms
- A Parish Coach Tour to Glendalough was being planned for the August bank holiday weekend
- Tidy Towns Committee made an urgent appeal to all business premises to keep their front litter-free
- One hundred and seven local folk headed off by car, bus, boat and plane to the Canton of Guichen in Brittany for the twinning ceremonies there
- Skerries Library was closing for two weeks holidays

SKERRIES HARPS GAA CLUB

Senior footballers remain on top of the Div. 2 League table with last 2 games provisionally fixed for next week – depending on result of Dubs v Tyrone.

Sun 29th June: Hurlers v Peregrines, Home at 10.15am and Minor football v Erins Isle at 11am

Tues 1st July: Senior football v St Olafs, Away at 7.30pm TBC

Wed 2nd July: Ladies v St Sylvesters, Home at 7.30pm

Sun 6th July Senior football v St. Brigids, Home at 10.15am TBC

Check on www.skerriesharps.ie

Juvenile Academy finished up on **28th June** and will resume on **Sat 13th Sept**

Next BINGO Night is on Mon **7th July** at 8pm with a Jackpot of €1,000

ZINGO 22nd June. 5, 1, 6, 7, 4, 3, 2. No winners.

Jackpot now €3,200. Draw on Sunday at 6pm

Upcoming events: Kelloggs Cúl Camp1: **7th to 11th July – fully booked.**

Golf Classic on Fri **1st Aug** at Skerries GC and Bryan Cullen U16 tournament on Sat **16th Aug**



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