



Skerries Parish Bulletin

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13th – 20th July 2025

READINGS: DEUT 30:10-14. PS.68. COL 1:15-20. LUKE 10:25-37
“Seek the Lord, you who are poor, and your hearts will revive.”



The word of God that we hear at the Eucharist is powerful. It feeds and nourishes us for the coming week, if we take the time to pause and ponder on it. The 1st Reading asks us to obey the voice of God. We do so by listening to the Spirit within us. Thus, our hearts will be revived, as the psalmist tells us.

The Gospel is the well-known story of the Good Samaritan. Sometimes as an aid to reflecting on the word of God it is recommended that we become one of the characters in the story. This week become the man who was robbed, beaten, left for dead. How do you think he felt? Apply it to your own life. Recall times when you felt bruised and broken. Pray for healing of those memories. Now, remember those who came to your aid either by word or deed and loved you back into life. Acknowledge their presence in your life and pray for them. Then put into action Jesus' final words in the story, 'Go and do the same yourself'.

Holy Faith Sisters

ANNIVERSARY / SPECIAL INTENTION MASSES

- ✦ **Sat 12th 6pm:** Mary & Charles Cooper, Noelle Lacey, Louise Bracken, Peggy Ferguson, Peter & Rose O'Connor, Molly Costello, Delia Keeling, Anne Keeling
- ✦ **Sun 13th 9.30am:** Jack Grimes, Michael Whelton, Gerald Boland (RD), Liam Davey, Frank & Kathleen Boylan, Peter Keeling
- ✦ **Sun 13th 11am:** Alice Fenelon (MM), Elizabeth Flanagan, Iris Flanagan, Eileen Marry, Tommy O'Brien, Barry Walls
- ✦ **Mon 14th 10am:** Mass Card Intentions
- ✦ **Tues 15th 10am:** Brian Peters, Linda & Philip Cusack, Nell O'Connell, Paddy Fennell, John Hennessy
- ✦ **Wed 16th 10am:** Matthew Ward, Mary McNally, Daniel Pedreschi, Jane Pedreschi
- ✦ **Fri 18th 10am:** Marie Kelly, David Fenton
- ✦ **Sat 19th 6pm:** Joe Grimes, Mary O'Driscoll, Mary Plunkett, Mary Murphy
- ✦ **Sun 20th 9.30am:** Sadie 'Sarah' Ruigrok, Michael Andrews (NZ and Skerries)
- ✦ **Sun 20th 11am:** Pauline Treleaven (BR) & deceased members of the Wafer family, Annie Russell, Peter & Annie O'Connor, Freddie Russell, Mary Hughes (MM), Seamus Hughes

OUR SYMPATHY

To the families of Martin O'Farrell, Mourne Park and Eileen Rooney, St Patrick's Close, who died recently. May they Rest in Peace.

NORMAL OPENING HOURS FOR PARISH OFFICE

from week commencing 14th July 2025

Monday 9am to 1pm

Tuesday CLOSED

Wednesday 9am to 1pm

Thursday CLOSED

Friday 9am to 1pm

CHURCH CARERS TEAM

The Church Carers Team is looking for new members to help maintain the cleanliness of the church. The Team meet every second Wednesday at 2pm. If you would like to help they will be meeting next Wednesday 16th at 2pm and would very much like to meet new members.

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.

IRISH BLOOD TRANSFUSION SERVICE



The Blood Donations Clinic will be in Skerries Community Centre on Thursday 24th July from 4.30pm – 8.30pm. Blood donations are always required. More information from 1800 222111 or from www.giveblood.ie.

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/.

30 YEARS AGO IN THE PARISH

- Prayers were asked for all those suffering in the war in Bosnia
- Plans were afoot for the Blessing of the Boats at the end of the month
- Bookings were being taken by the Skerries Pioneer group for an afternoon tour to Glendalough and district on the August Bank Holiday weekend
- Skerries Tidy Towns were all working hard and would welcome extra volunteers for their twice weekly clean-up
- Well done to our gold medallists at the Dublin Community Games - Niall Mulligan, Clodagh Bolger, Michelle Lacey, Lorna Gaughran, Siobhan Roy, Julie Martin, Susie O'Leary, and Laura Ferguson
- Congratulations to John Carroll from Holy Faith/de la Salle College who won gold in the u-17 Tailteann Games and will now run for Ireland in Wales shortly

BETHANY BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT

Bethany Bereavement Support Group is a voluntary community and parish-based service. Our objective is to support the bereaved through the grieving process and our services are totally free of charge and confidential within the law. The name Bethany is derived from the story of Jesus' friends Martha & Mary who lived in a village called Bethany and grieved over the death of their brother Lazarus.

Visit <https://bethany.ie/> for more information.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL

Monthly Collection is Saturday & Sunday 19th/20th July. Any contribution, no matter how small, will be truly appreciated.

BOOK SALE

An antiquarian and second-hand book sale in aid of **St Francis Hospice** will take place on Saturday 19 and Sunday 20 July between 11 and 4 both days. The sale is being held at 3 Churchfield Close, Skerries. It includes books published as far back as the 1880s, some 1st editions and some signed by the author. Irish interest, UK and international publications and collectable children's books. Minimum suggested donation €2 per book but please be as generous as you can. Please bring cash and own carrier bags.

SKERRIES LADIES BOWLS CLUB

It's lovely weather for bowling, so if you thought of taking part, why not come along on a Monday morning to find out more? Hard luck to Marian Fagan, who lost in the second round of the Champion of Champions - beaten by an Irish international player. Good wishes to all our other players who are heading towards semi-finals in the Leinster league - Skerries have two ladies teams in the Trips semis.

SKERRIES HARPS GAA CLUB

Senior footballers defeated St Brigids and have won Dublin AFL2. They will return to play in Div.1 next season after 1 year in Div.2. Congrats to the squad and management team. Sun 13 July: Junior A hurling championship v Ballyboden Home at 11am – first group game. Senior football championship starts in August. Check all fixtures on www.skerriesharps.ie. Kelloggs Cul Camp #2 runs 21-25 July and is fully booked. Some places still remain on our Academy Camp (5-8 August) for boys and girls aged 4 to 7, for our Advanced Camp for Under 13 to 16 year olds on 6/7 August and for the Club Camp for Under 8 to 12 on 11-14 August. ZINGO 6 July: 3, 4, 6, 2, 7, 1, 5. No winners. Jackpot now €3,400. Draw on Sunday at 6 p.m. Ladies - looking for belly-laughs, crazy camaraderie, and a little bit of active 'me' time? Join our Gaelic for Mothers and Others, Tuesdays at 8pm for an hour, on our All-Weather pitch. Contact Grainne 085 1746294.

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