



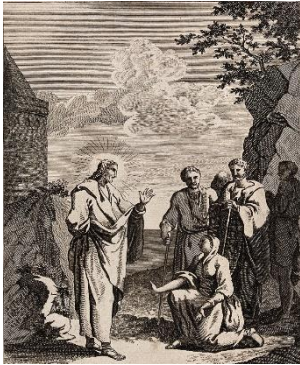
Skerries Parish Bulletin

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16th-23rd August, 2026

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 56: 1, 6-7 Psalm 66 Romans 11:13-15, 29-32 Matthew 15: 21-28



Perhaps the most striking theme in today's readings is that of the inclusivity of God's love. The prophet Isaiah advocated for justice and integrity in our treatment of others and foretold that even 'foreigners' who love and serve the Lord would be brought to his holy mountain; would be admitted to a house of prayer which is for all the peoples.

The theme is present in the second reading from St Paul who addressed his message to 'pagans', yet, he had been sent to them to remind them of God's enduring mercy which continues in our day to be available to all mankind.

The second verse of the Psalm takes up Isaiah's reference to justice and integrity reassuring us that we can trust God: for you rule the world with justice, With fairness you rule the peoples.

The Gospel passage from St Matthew reinforces Christ's inclusivity and highlights the importance of faith and perseverance in prayer. We read of the public encounter between Jesus and the Canaanite woman, a person deemed to be an outsider, desperate to have her daughter cured. Initially the woman's plea was ignored but recognising her faith

We can rely on God's enduring mercy towards ourselves. We must also be mindful of the need in our own lives to recognise and welcome the 'outsider'

Church Readers

Anniversary and Special Intentions

Sat 15th 10am: Harry, Kitty & Roseleen McBride
6pm: Michael McDonagh, Thomas, Eleanor & Eileen O'Leary, Frank, Mary & David O'Leary, Thomas & Bridget Clinton & deceased family members, Maurice & Nancy Gilsenan

Sun 16th 9.30am Michael & Abby Conlon
11am Septa Downey (Month's Mind)
John and Patrick Lyons, Joseph (Joe), Radley, John & Patrick Lyons, Edward Doyle, Joseph Gordon, Mona O'Brien, Teresa Bissett, Elizabeth McKenzie (Australia)

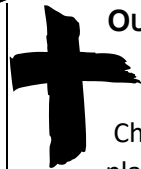
Mon 17th 10am Mass Card Intentions

Fri 21st 10am: Christina Horan

Sat 22nd 10am: Frances Mullholland
6pm: Mick Hennessy (Month's Mind), deceased members of the McGarry family, Margaret and Laurence Barden, Collie Doyle

Sun 23rd 9.30am: Pat Rice

OUR SYMPATHY



is extended to the families and friends of Patrick 'Paddy' Daly, Baltrasna Lane, and Cherrie Archer, Balcunnin, whose funerals took place in the Parish last week. May they rest in Peace

FEASTDAYS FOR THE COMING WEEK

17th Aug Our Lady of Knock,
20th Aug St. Bernard,
21st Aug St. Pius X,
22nd Aug The Queenship of Mary

Congratulations



to Safia Hay who celebrated her First Holy Communion on Saturday last 8th August in St. Patrick's. Safia and her family live in Abu Dhabi but they came home to Skerries for this special occasion to celebrate with family members who are here in Skerries.

Could you help ?

An active Ukrainian daughter, 58, and her mother, 82, have been living in Skerries for the past four years and are looking for a safe and peaceful home for at least 6 months. Even one room in a shared home would be greatly appreciated. We are quiet, respectful and tidy, and can provide references if needed. Thank you sincerely for your kindness and support. If you can help, please contact WhatsApp: 085 286 3199

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30 YEARS AGO IN THE PARISH

- Newly baptised were Niamh Hannon, Colin McMahon, James O'Donoghue, Cillian Harford Niamh Devlin and Clen Gilsenan
- The Legion of Mary was organising a pilgrimage to Knock shrine in September, names being taken
- Tidy Town Committee was still asking people to join their weekly work parties
- Leaving Certificate students were receiving their exam results this coming week
- Active Retirement Group were heading to RTE to take part in a show

A Walk in the Park



Sustainable Skerries invites you to join them on Wed. 19th for a walk with Ardgillan's Head Gardener, Dominica McKeivitt. Entitled "Ardgillan and its

Biodiversity", the walk will start at 7.30 p.m.. It is free, but sign up so you can be reached in case of any change of plan. Meeting place is the Upper Car Park, near the compost toilets.

All our good wishes

To our Leaving Certificate students who will receive their results on Friday next. We wish them every success in the future, whichever way their path takes them.

Do you remember ?

30 years ago this week, Skerries was the focus of the international judging panel in our bid to win the prestigious Entente Florale competition. The sun shone on the town, as the judges strolled through our town, looking, noting, observing the hard work which had been put into our entry by so many people, inspired by the Tidy Towns Committee. As Fr. Quinlan said in the Bulletin that week "*There was a powerful sense of joy and pride in the town*". As we now know, the work was rewarded, when on 14th September, Skerries was adjudged the winner. We continue to enjoy our environment and the extended developments achieved by our Tidy Towns group. We owe them a debt of gratitude for their continuing efforts through all those years.

Mark your calendars!

Skerries Mills will stage their annual Harvest Festival on 28th/ 29th August. There will be music, demonstrations, stalls, displays – a range of activities for all ages, as well as harvesting of crops in the Crop Field. Gates will open at 11a.m on Saturday and 10.30 a.m. on Sunday. As car parking may be limited, you are encouraged to come on foot or by other modes of transport.

SKERRIES HARPS GAA CLUB

Senior footballers had a convincing win over a strong Raheny side in the opening group game of the Dublin Senior Football Championship in Parnell Park. The game was streamed live on DubsTV and is available to view back on that media.

Sat. 15 Aug. Bryan Cullen Under 16 Football for the Oliver Moore Cup with games on the main pitch and in the Ballast pitch.

Sun. 16 Aug. Junior Hurling Ch'ship v Castleknock, home at 11 am

Sat. 22 Aug. Senior Football Ch'ship v Thos Davis, in Parnell Park at 5.30 pm and also

Intermediate Ch'ship v Ballymun, away at 6.30 pm

Sun. 23 Aug. at 3 pm – Afternoon Tea Party in Clubhouse organised by our G4M&O ladies team with Tea, Laughs, Sweet Treats, Bubbles. Tickets €15. This is a Trial and Denial fundraiser.

ZINGO Sun. 9 Aug: 2, 9, 10, 26. No winners. Jackpot €5,100. Next draw Sunday at 6.30 pm in the Clubhouse. Entry €2 per line or 3 for €5. **BINGO** resumes in Clubhouse on Monday 24 August at 8 pm sharp with Jackpot €550.