



Skerries Parish Bulletin

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The Lord is Compassion and Love, Slow to anger and rich in Mercy.

Ecclesiasticus 27:30-28:7 Psalm 102 Romans 14:7-9 Matthew 18:21-35



Today, the first reading begins with the words, "Resentment and anger, these are foul things, and both are found with the sinner." Is there any one of us who can say that they are not included among the sinners? Resentment can start with a small thing like, who got the larger slice of apple? and go on to who got the nicer teacher? or the better job? or even the control of the Gulf of Hormuz? Hanging on to anger or rage and constantly nourishing it can cause catastrophic damage, both to ourselves and others.

In the gospel Peter asks how often he must forgive his brother, suggesting seven times as the maximum, but Jesus says, 'No, not seven, but seventy-seven times,' (over and over and over again) and goes on to tell the parable about two men, both owing money. One owes ten thousand talents (a sum greater than the GNP of Israel, Judea, Syria and Samaria combined) and when he begs for mercy, he is forgiven. Then this man meets a fellow servant to whom he has given a small loan. He demands the return of it immediately and refuses him any forgiveness. Their master was very angry that he did not follow the example given him.

The Psalmist is well aware of a God who surrounds us with steadfast love and mercy, who forgives us all our faults and that is why we must forgive others. Forgiveness is not a once-only action. It is an act of the will, and every time we feel the sense of grievance rising up, we must forgive again and again. At times it is our own self that we need to forgive. We need to be thoughtful when we pray, "Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us."

Bible Study Group

ANNIVERSARY / SPECIAL INTENTION MASSES

- ✦ **Sat 12th 10am:** Ita Martin
- ✦ **Sat 12th 6pm:** Peter Boylan (1st A), Mary Kelly, Patrick, Joe & Catherine Fitzgerald, Niall Dungan, Evelyn Sheridan, Jean & Niall Wilde
- ✦ **Sun 13th 9.30am:** Jack McGuinness, Joe & Catherine Stapleton, Nellie & J.J. Gilsenan, Jonathon Flanagan
- ✦ **Sun 13th 11am:** Elizabeth Nevin, Packie Markey, Bill Hayes, Bill Treleavan, Noeline O'Connor, Tony Grimes, Ursula Rooney
- ✦ **Mon 14th 10am:** Mass Card Intentions.
- ✦ **Tues 15th 10am:** Kevin & Lily Duff, Joan & William Ruigrok, Jennie Reynolds, William & Bridget McDonough, Sr. Mary Winnifred, Eleanora Ryan
- ✦ **Wed 16th 10am:** Henry Sheridan
- ✦ **Fri 18th 10am:** Kenneth Jones

- ✦ **Sat 19th 6pm:** Tom Burke, Dorothy Murray, Matthew Smyth, Andrew Collins
- ✦ **Sun 20th 9.30am:** Liz McLeod (MM), New Zealand, Paddy Sexton
- ✦ **Sun 20th 11am:** Tony Twomey, Maura Lawler, Irene Kirwan

OUR SYMPATHY



To the families of Keeva Finnigan, Elizabeth 'Lil' Martin and Teresa Concannon who died recently.

May they Rest in Peace.

FEAST DAYS

Sat 12th - St. Ailbe

Mon 14th – The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Tues 15th – Our Lady of Sorrows

Wed 16th – St. Cornelius

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30 YEARS AGO IN THE PARISH

- A Going-away Party was organised for Fr. Littleton, who was moving to Mountview in Blanchardstown.
- Our new curate, Fr. Kieran Coghlan, was welcomed in Fr. Littleton's place.
- Newly baptised were Caireann Woodcock, Heather Doherty, Caoimhe Guinan, Ryan O'Donovan, Sean Waddilove, Cindy Andrews, Kelly Hamilton, Aebh Kelly, Killian McShane, Sam Banahan, and Barry McDonald.
- Skerries Tidy Towns were pleased to receive several awards: Dublin Tourism Best Town, Dublin City & County Council Best Award, Supervalu's Endeavour award, and the Coast Inn received special mention for its shop front.
- Skerries Methodist Church was celebrating its Harvest Festival and all were invited to participate.
- Esat Digifone had applied to erect a mast (26m) in the grounds of Skerries Garda Station and local opinion was sought.

FREE SSECI RETROFIT EVENT



Due to the popularity of this event held on **9th Sept.** it will be repeated on **Wed. 23rd Sept. 6.30-7.30pm** in

Skerries Library. Limited places. Registration necessary. No charge. Max 40 places.

<https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/retrofit-information-evening-tickets-2000319703079?aff=oddtcreator>

SKERRIES LADIES' BOWLING



Good Luck to our ladies playing in the semi-finals of the Junior Challenge Cup this weekend, in Leinster, at

2.30pm. On **Monday 14th**, there will be **no morning competition**, due to the **Reddan Cup** matches, which will be played at home in the afternoon. This is the annual challenge between teams from Aer Lingus and Skerries. Don't forget the end of season outing to the Man-o-War on **Wednesday 17th**!

EXCITING BOOK NEWS.

Skerries Library will be starting a new Junior Book Club, for children aged **9 -11**, "Chapter Chasers", in October! Collect your 'book of the month' from the library and join us for monthly meetings of games, chats and fun in a relaxed and friendly environment. Meetings will be held on the first Thursday of each month, from **3.30pm - 4.15pm**. Our first meeting will be on **Thurs. 8th October**, with our first book being a Halloween Special, *Coraline* by Neil Gaiman. Places are limited, so booking is essential.



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SKERRIES HARPS GAA CLUB

Senior footballers qualified for the Quarter finals of the Dublin

Championship with an exciting win over

Na Fianna, 2-17 to 3-13. They will play Cuala next, on **Sun 20th Sept.** Ladies team won v Clontarf, Minor hurlers won v Nm Mearnóg and Minor girls footballers won v Nm Olaf.

Sun 13th Sept: Junior Hurling Championship Quarter final v Clan na Gael, away at **11am.**

Wed 16th Sept: Ladies Football Championship v St Vincents, home at **6.30pm.**

Juvenile Academy every **Sat at 9.45am** for boys and girls born **2019-2022**. Register at www.skerriesharps.com/academy.

Golf Society Captain's Day in Skerries GC, **Fri 18th Sept.** Contact Tony 087 6498177 for Tee times.

ZINGO Sun 6th Sept: 11, 12, 16, 20. No winners. Draw **Sun at 6pm** – Jackpot €5,500

Elvis Spectacular Show returns to Skerries Harps on **Sat 24th Oct** – a few tickets available.

Reminder – keep the date for our major fundraiser **Trial or Denial** on **Sat 7th Nov** at the City North Hotel presented by Kevin Rowe Events. Details on front page of club website.

NEW SCHOOL YEAR, NEW BEGINNINGS.

Now that Primary pupils and Secondary students have settled back, we wish all young people heading into new courses, post Leaving Certificate, a sense of belonging and quiet confidence.