



Twelfth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Jeremiah 20;10-13 Psalm 68 Romans 5;12-15 Matthew 10;26-33



Jeremiah the prophet was having a really rough time. A prophet is one who sees and understands what is happening right here and now, and can see when it is not right. So, he/she calls it out to the authorities and suggests change. This is what Jeremiah did, but like so many before him and so many since, those in power at the time wanted to keep the status quo.

Think of Sr. Stanislaus Kennedy, almost 70 years ago seeing elderly people not able to cook for themselves, resulting in poor diet and poor health and how her suggestions were vehemently opposed by both Church and state, both declaring that there was no need for any such service. Well, Thank God for Sr. Stan and Meals on Wheels. Did she too experience, 'so many disparaging me. Terror from every side?'

Do you ever feel that when you are striving to do something good that you get criticised? Take courage from Jeremiah, who in spite of everything would say, 'Sing to the Lord, Praise the Lord, for he has delivered the soul of the needy from the hands of evil men.'

Jesus in his time on earth was also in the role of the prophet. The Clergy who had control of the temple at the time, had with their multiple laws and rules, put themselves between God and the ordinary people.

Jesus came to tell us the Good News that God loves everybody.

This was Dangerous talk!! Didn't they kill him for it? Naked, on a cross, outside the city gate.

Time and again Jesus tells us there is no need to fear. If the God who had created the universe could be cognisant of the death of one little sparrow, how very much more does he care for us whom he created and loves with unconditional love. It is so amazing! We have to keep reminding ourselves. God loves me just as I am. God loves me unconditionally, now and always.

Bible Study Group

ANNIVERSARY / SPECIAL INTENTION MASSES

- ✦ **Sat 20th 10am:** Marianne Gibney, Debbie Killeen (S.I)
- ✦ **Sat 20th 6pm:** Jane, Billy & William Potter, Robert Kelly, Seamus Murphy, Lily 'Elizabeth' Coleman, David & Rita O'Sullivan (BR & Rem for both), Kevin Kelly (BR)
- ✦ **Sun 21st 9.30am:** Eugene Snr. & Eileen Coyle & deceased members of the Geoghegan family, Jack, Angela, Brendan, Kieran & Mary Mulkere (Rem), Bernard Wilcox (BR)
- ✦ **Sun 21st 11am:** Martin Grimes (MM), Joe, Jimmy, Margaret 'Peig' Grimes, Paddy Richardson, Carmel O'Reilly, John Carney (BR), Patrick & Lily Grimes
- ✦ **Mon 22nd 10am:** Mass Card Intentions

- ✦ **Wed 24th 10am:** Norah McGuire, John Sheridan, Frank McDonagh,
- ✦ **Sat 27th 6pm:** Freddie Cooper, Francis & Bridget Farrell, Bernard Cawley
- ✦ **Sun 28th 9.30am:** Gerard Thornton, Martha Aherne, Bobby, Mary & Edward Aherne (Rem)
- ✦ **Sun 28th 11am:** May Treleaven, Graham Barnett, Kitty & Martin Ryan (BR), Peadar 'Peter' O'Connor, Billy & Bridie Cummins, John Lally.



OUR SYMPATHY

To the family of James Loughrey Grant, who died recently. May he Rest in Peace.

WEDDING:



Congratulations to Stephen Finnegan & Ciara Nolan, who were married in our church on Wednesday, June 17th.

FEASTDAYS

20th June: The Irish Martyrs,

24th June: The Nativity of John the Baptist

SUMMER DUES APPEAL 2026

Summer Dues envelopes are available in the church. Archbishop Dermot Farrell reminds us that our generosity towards our priests is indispensable and much appreciated.

30 YEARS AGO IN THE PARISH

- Our curate, Fr. Michael O'Leary, who had been with St. Patrick's since 1993, recently transferred to Ringsend, wrote a letter of thanks to all parishioners.
- We welcomed Fr. Paddy Ryan from Palmerstown, to replace Fr. O'Leary.
- The Woman's Forum invited women parishioners to St. Patricks school to talk about their role in the church today
- A fun quiz night was held to raise funds for the charity, 'To China with love.'
- Skerries Town Twinning welcomed 45 French children to the town for a week's sporting activities
- Skerries Swimming Club's Summer Races were underway, with 200m competitions on the North Strand
- Fingal Association for the Handicapped thanked the many women who took part in the ladies mini-marathon to raise funds.

SKERRIES COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

The AGM of the Association will take place on **Thurs. 25th June at 8pm**. All welcome. No need to register. Just Come along! Presentation on SEAI Retrofit Grants, **from 6.30pm**.

SUMMER HOLIDAYS!



Now that Junior and Leaving Cert. exams are finished, we wish students and their teachers a well-deserved rest and happy holidays. Likewise, to pupils and teachers in the Primary Schools, who begin their holidays in a few days, enjoy the weeks ahead. Have fun and stay Safe!

TIDY TOWNS



In order to keep Skerries looking its best, Tidy Towns are again looking for people to adopt an area in the town centre, for litter control etc. We will supply pickers, bags and gloves. Please email tidytownsskerries@gmail.com, or. contact one of the committee, and tell us which area you would like to look after.

Thank you for your support.

Skerries Tidy Towns

Caring for the Environment

A Committee of Skerries Community Assoc.

SKERRIES HARPS GAA CLUB



Senior footballer game v Na Fianna on Tuesday last was postponed due to a bereavement.

Sat 20th June: Senior football league Div.1 v Cuala, away at 6 .00pm.

Sun 21th June: Inter football league Div.6 v Civil Service, away at 11am.

Wed 24th June: Ladies football v St Judes, home at 7.30 pm.

Sat 27th June: Adult hurling league v Ballyboden, home at 6.00pm
Juvenile games (boys and girls) on Saturdays and Sundays, with home games played in the Ballast Pitch, Kellys Bay, Newbridge House (Donabate) and Flemington (Balbriggan) - while the pitch at the Community Centre remains closed.

Juvenile Academy on Saturday morning at 9.45am for boys and girls – last Academy is on **Sat 27th June**.

Summer Camps: See details at skerriesharps.clubzapevents.com and at kelloggsculcamp.com website.

Bingo on **Mon 22nd June** at 8pm sharp– doors open at 7.30pm.

ZINGO Sun. **14th June:** 5, 13, 14, 20. No winners. Jackpot now €4,300. Next draw **Sun 21st June** at 6:30pm. Join us for Dublin v Donegal game and play Zingo online at www.skerriesharps.com