



Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ezekiel 18: 25-28 Psalm 24: 4-9 Philippians 2:1-11 Matthew 21: 28-32

Each year, on the last Sunday in September, we are asked to remember and reflect on the needs, both material and spiritual, of migrants and refugees. Today's readings do not specifically speak about migrants or refugees. What they do highlight is Christ's unfailing mercy and His teaching about justice for all.

In the Old Testament reading from Ezekiel the upright man who renounces his integrity is compared to the sinner who becomes law-abiding. It is the latter who will prosper and live. St. Paul, in his letter to the Philippians, advocates for equality rather than competition. We should place the interests of other people above our own as this is the true meaning of a life in Christ; if our life in Christ means anything to you. Then be united in your convictions and united in your love. St. Paul tells us that Christ, in becoming man, assumed the condition of a slave and accepted death but was raised up. The Gospel passage from Matthew is the familiar story of words contradicting actions; a son who deceives his father or those in authority who do not practice rules they impose on others.

Psalm 24 begins with a simple wish: Lord, make me know your ways and later, echoing Christ's mercy and sense of justice:

He shows the path to those who stray;
He guides the humble in the right path;
He teaches his way to the poor.

Church Readers

ANNIVERSARY / SPECIAL INTENTION MASSES

- ✦ **Sat 26th 10am:** Patrick Ward, Eileen Croke, Theresa & Kathleen Lamont, Frances Hanley & Special Intention
- ✦ **Sat 26 6pm:** Ronan Early (MM), Gerry Maguire, Jack & Dede White, Seamus 'Seamy' Russell, Sheila & Paddy Brady, Seamus Sweetman, Cecil Richardson
- ✦ **Sun 27th 9.30am:** Maureen O'Scanail (RD) Swords
- ✦ **Sun 27 11am:** Keeva Finnigan (MM), Ann Thomson, George Hand, Cissie Lally, Maria Keilty, Peggy Russell
- ✦ **Mon 28th 10am:** Mass Card Intentions
- ✦ **Tue 29th 10am:** George O'Connor, Enda McGuinness, Thanksgiving Mass Maura Fagan, Kathleen & Dick Fagan
- ✦ **Wed 30th 10am:** Maeve Larkin, Kay Heeney, Marguerite Heeney Harte, Patrick Leonard
- ✦ **Fri 2nd Oct 10am:** First Friday – Altar List
- ✦ **Sat 3rd 10am:** Bert Horan
- ✦ **Sat 3rd 6pm:** Dermot Higgins, Frank Jordan

✦ **Sun 4th 9.30am:** Charlie & Mary Martin, Benefactors Intentions

✦ **Sun 4th 11am:** Breeda Dunne (1st A), James Corr, Florrie & Christy Casey, Johnny Murray, Éanna O'Kelly, Claire O'Kane.

OUR SYMPATHY

To the families of Mary Holland, St. Patrick's Close & Patricia 'Tish' Sweeney, Sherlock Park who died recently. May they Rest in Peace.

NOTICES

Sunday 27th Sept 3pm: Remembrance mass for John O'Donovan & James Walsh, RIP & the members of the Loughshinny Motorcycle Club, biker community & their families.
Friday 2nd Oct 10am: First Friday, Altar List.
Padre Pio Mass at 7.30pm

WE WELCOME

Imani Lee, Alice Reid, Éabh McDonagh & Rua McDonagh, Cádhlá Conroy who were recently baptised into our Parish family.

FEASTDAYS

29th Sept – SS. Michael, Gabriel & Raphael, Archangels

30th Sept – St. Jerome

1st Oct – St. Thérèse of the Child of Jesus

2nd Oct – The Guardian Angels

3rd Oct – Bl. Columba Marmion

AGE FRIENDLY SKERRIES MOVIE MATINEE

Age Friendly Skerries present a Movie Matinee which takes place on the last Wednesday of every month from 2pm to 4pm in the Library. Anyone over 60 interested in coming must book their place by contacting the library, numbers are limited. The next movie takes place on Wednesday **30th September**.

CHURCH OF IRELAND CHARITY AUCTION

Charity Auction in aid of Holmpatrick Church on Friday **2nd Oct at 8 pm in Skerries Harps GAA Clubhouse**. On the night there will also be a raffle for Skerries Youth Support Services. All are welcome so come along and bid on an array of items. Bring Cash!!!

30 YEARS AGO IN THE PARISH

- Good wishes were sent to all those on the Parish pilgrimage to Fatima
- New members of the Altar servers and children's choir were welcomed
- The Women's Forum were holding an open meeting to discuss how the view of the church of women affects our lives in Skerries
- Skerries ICA Guild were holding their annual Fashion Show in The Windmill
- Celebrations everywhere for Skerries success as Gold Medal winners in the Entente Florale
- Spotlight on Skerries was hosting a number of cultural events throughout the week
- "Beyond Words and Action" - a theatrical exhibition to celebrate 50 years of the Marian Musical and Dramatic Society was being held in the Library
- Fingal Youth Theatre was holding auditions for their pantomime "The Hunchback of Notre Dame" in Skerries Little Theatre.

SKERRIES LADIES' BOWLS

Monday morning competition continues from 10.30 a.m. – sign in from 10 a.m. Congratulations to our Div 4 team who finished in 3rd place in the Summer League competitions.

SKERRIES HARPS GAA CLUB

Senior footballers exited the Championship in an action-packed quarter-final v Cuala on Sunday last, and the Intermediate team also went down – to St. Judes.

Sun 27 Sep. Minor Football Ch'ship - A team v Ballymun and B team v Whitehall both away at 11 a.m.

Sat 03 Oct. Inter Football Ch'ship v Plunketts/ER, in Skerries at 4.45 p.m.

Juvenile games for boys and Girls in football, hurling and camogie are played on Saturday/Sundays

Juvenile Academy on Saturday mornings at 9.45 a.m. for boys and girls.

Register at www.skerriesharps.com/academy.

ZINGO Sun. 20 Sept: 1 17, 18, 26. No winners. Jackpot now €5,700. Draw on Sunday at 6 pm

Elvis Spectacular returns to Skerries Harps on **Sat 24 Oct.** Tickets from Pat - 087 2505479.

Trial and Denial fundraiser for our Milverton development takes place on Sat 7 November in the City North Hotel at 7.30 p.m. Check our website page for details.

CHESS CLUB

Skerries Chess Club reopened on **Tues 1st Sept.** We meet every **Tuesday from 7pm until late**, in the Skerries Amalgamated Bridge Clubs, on Strand Street. We are actively recruiting adult players. With three teams competing in the Leinster Leagues, we have a team suitable for players of all strengths, including beginners.

We also play friendly tournaments within the club, which has a great atmosphere and is very welcoming. So, if you feel like trying chess, we will be delighted to see you. For information see skerrieschess.com or ring John Loughran on 086 3745410. It's your move!

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT – MAURA FAGAN RIP

Thanksgiving Mass offered on Tuesday 29th Sept at 10am for all who supported the family after the passing of Maura Fagan RIP.