



26th Sunday Ordinary Time

Am 6:1. 4-7; Ps 145; 1 Tim 6:11-16; Lk 16:19-31

What history do we write as Christians?

The gospel story of Lazarus and the rich man could be called a tale of the eternal consequences of the way in which we live our life. A simplistic reading of it might lead us to see it as a story about the evils of being rich. Not so. In fact, the majority of the listeners to Jesus were very poor indeed. Jesus tells the story as a caution to us about the importance of compassion.

The rich man does no wrong to Lazarus. Nowhere do we read that he is a bad natured man either. He dressed in fine clothes and dined well every day. Lazarus on the other hand, was 'full of sores' and desired the scraps from the table, scraps that were meant to feed the dogs. The rich man's crime if you wish, was that he did nothing. He didn't even notice Lazarus at his gate. He became blind to the plight of someone at his gate. His lack of Christian vision arose not from any purposeful intent on his behalf, but from the fact that he was so consumed by his own world and lifestyle that he didn't venture, nor did it occur to him to enter into the world of another, especially another in need like Lazarus. He does not see with his eyes, because he cannot feel with his heart.

The name Lazarus means 'God helps.' God does not forget him. It has been said that 'heaven is prepared for us while we are on earth.' Lazarus was the rich man's opportunity to exercise compassion and charity. There is always sorrow to be comforted, need to be answered, pain to be relieved. The Lord shows himself to us every day in one another.

As Christians we are called to write history every day. The history of how we interact with and love one another. If we live for ourselves, we cannot write this history.

The time for living with compassion is now.

Fr. Melvyn

ANNIVERSARY / SPECIAL INTENTION MASSES

- ✦ **Sat 27th 6pm:** Jack & Dede White, Gerry Maguire, Matthew Smyth, Seamus Sweetman, Josephine Sweeney (Rem), Julie Shannon (Rem), Georgina O'Connor (Rem)
- ✦ **Sun 28th 9.30am:** Paddy Sexton (1st A), Breda Connolly, George O'Connor, Peter Kelly
- ✦ **Sun 28th 11am:** Ann Thornton, George Hand (Br), Cissie Lally, Maria KIELTY, Eanna O'Kelly
- ✦ **Mon 29th 10am:** Mass Card Intentions
- ✦ **Tues 30th 10am:** Michael Mealia (1st A), Mealia & Morrison Families (Rem), Patrick Leonard, Enda McGuinness, Frank Jordan
- ✦ **Wed 1st Oct 10am:** Maeve Larkin, Kay Heaney, Marguerite Heaney Harte, Charles Harte, Dermot O'Loughlin, Bert Horan
- ✦ **Fri 3rd Oct 10am:** First Friday -Altar List
- ✦ **Sat 4th 10am:** Josephine & James Dillon, George O'Connor
- ✦ **Sat 4th 6pm:** Dermot Carroll (MM), Dermot Higgins, Charles McGinty, Florence 'Florrie' Casey

- ✦ **Sun 5th 9.30am:** Charlie & Mary Martin, Hugh McDonnell, Teresa, Richard, Dora & Terry Bennett
- ✦ **Sun 5th 11am:** Rosanna Carolan, Una Ryan (Rd), Desmond Frazer

OUR SYMPATHY

To the families of Jamie Reid, Sherlock Park, Pat Reddin, Balbriggan St., Una Ryan, UK, late of Balcunnin, who died recently. May they Rest in Peace.

FEASTDAYS

- 27th Sept:** St. Vincent de Paul
- 29th Sept:** SS Michael, Gabriel & Raphael, Archangels.
- 30th Sept:** St. Jerome,
- 1st October:** St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus
- 2nd Oct:** The Guardian Angels
- 4th Oct:** St. St. Francis of Assisi

DATES TO NOTE:

- 3rd Oct: First Fri, 10am:** Altar List of the dead
- 7.30pm:** Padre Pio Mass, concluding with blessing with the Padre Pio relic.

WE WELCOME



Ailbhe Brennan, Saibh Grimes,
Éabha Hickey, Lily Halpin
Kavanagh, Maximilian Jackson &
Luke Leonard Ferguson.

ENROLMENT - HOLY COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION 2026

If you are a parent of a child in 2nd class, or 6th class, and you wish them to celebrate these sacraments this year, you will need to enrol them, using the **Enrolment Form** on the Parish Website. N.B. you will need to attach a scanned copy or photo of the child's Baptism Certificate to the form to submit it.

30 YEARS AGO IN THE PARISH

- Further reflections on the upcoming Divorce Referendum were provided by Fr. Quinlan
- Sacrament of the Sick will be celebrated at 12 Mass on Sun 1st October
- Marian Society presented two short plays, written by Eileen Gordon Cameron, in the Sailing Club
- **Spotlight on Skerries** regretted the cancelation of their planned Chernobyl Choral Concert
- A call out for 200 film extras - men, women and children, for a film to be shot shortly in Skerries
- Sam Maguire made a trip to all Skerries primary schools, thanks to Dublin Captain John O'Leary
- Congratulations to S. O'Brien and K. Johnston (u-14s) and E. Fynes and C. Durkan(u-10s) winners in Skerries Tennis Clubs Championships

SKERRIES LADIES BOWLS



Our new Monday morning competition will run for 10 weeks over the Autumn, ending in early December. Open to all ladies of all abilities, it will start on Monday 29th, 10.15am sign in. €2 per week - accumulated funds will be donated to a chosen charity.

USED POSTAGE STAMPS

Stamps may be left into Skerries Library, beside SuperValu, Church St. Please leave a border of 1/4" around the stamp. The Guide Dogs Association are most grateful for them.

SKERRIES HARPS GAA CLUB

Dublin Football Championship is now at the knockout stage, with our Senior team qualifying for a home quarter final next **Sat 4th Oct.**



Juvenile Academy every Sat at **9.45 am** - for boys & girls aged over 4 yrs. Register with our Games Promotion Officer, Lauren at www.skerriesharps.com/academy

Sun 28th Sept: Minor football – A team v F. Ravens; and B team v Shankhill, both Home at **11am. Sat 4th Oct:** Senior football championship v Scoil Uí Conail, home at **4.30pm Sun 5th Oct.** Junior football championship v Erins Isle, home at **11am**

ZINGO 21 Sept. 7, 2, 5, 6, 4, 1, 3. No winner. Jackpot is now €1,500. Draw on **Sun at 6pm** with Free In-house draw. Play Zingo online via link on front page of www.skerriesharps.com BINGO: next Bingo Night is **Mon 6th Oct at 8pm** with a Jackpot of €1,250.

ELVIS Spectacular in the Clubhouse on **Sat 4th Oct.** Ticket Only. Contact Pat 087 250547

SKERRIES RNLI



Help Save Lives at Sea, join Skerries RNLI-Fundraising and Retail roles available. Are you enthusiastic, community minded and ready to make a real difference? Our lifeboat engagement crew at Skerries RNLI are looking for volunteers to help raise the vital funds that keep us always ready to save lives on the water. Find out more contact charlottetoner@rnli.org.uk Be part of something extraordinary. Volunteer with the RNLI.

ACTIVE RETIREMENT CLUB

Tea Dance in Hills Cricket club is back this w/end, Sunday 28th Sept 3.30-6pm. All welcome. Refreshments will be served. Music by Martin Byrne.

LOST & FOUND:

Black Yeti water bottle, Jacket, selection of glasses and sunglasses, hats and gloves in Parish Office for collection

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