



Skerries Parish Bulletin

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WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT?

Wisdom 12:13:16-19. Psalm 85:5-6.9-10.15-16. Romans 8:26-27. Matthew 13: 24-43.

Whether we spend a great deal of time - or none at all - thinking about "God", it is in our human nature to wonder "What's it all about?" In these not-so-pressured days of holiday time, sun-soaked and lazy as they are at the moment, we might find ourselves dwelling on it a bit more. If so, three of today's Scripture passages put it simply and clearly;

Wisdom: "there is no god other than you who cares for every thing". (NB the small 'g' for god).

Psalm: "O Lord, you are good and forgiving

Romans: "The Spirit comes to help us in our weakness"

The fourth passage, from the Gospel of Matthew, introduces the whole question of evil in life. "How could a loving God allow such awful things to happen?" is a question often heard. Whatever about the theological exploration of good and evil, we must recognize that they are part of every aspect of life. There is a plus and a minus side to everything. Those first three Readings provide a good basis for thinking about God and the enigma that is life. The Gospel illustrates it simply.

The question can never be completely answered, but in a different sort of 'Hymn' from us today, some ideas may be found. Let's be open to them alland enjoy the holidays!!

"What's it all about, Alfie, is it just for the moment we live?

What's it all about, when you sort it out, Alfie?

Are we meant to take more than we give? Or are we meant to be kind?.....

.....As sure as I believe there's a Heaven above, Alfie,

I know there's something much more, something even non-believers can believe in;

I believe in love. Without true love, we just exist, Alfie....."

Skerries Church Choir.

Anniversary / Special Intention Masses

- ✦ **Saturday 18th 10.00am:** Marie Kelly
- ✦ **6.00pm:** Patricia McGuinness (1st A) Joe Grimes, Mary O'Driscoll, Mary Murphy, Mary Plunkett, Mollie Ryan.
- ✦ **Sunday 19th 9.30am:** Sarah 'Sadie' Ruigrok.
- ✦ **11.00am:** Eoin Crosbie (1st A), Pauline Treleaven (BR), Annie Russell, Peter and Annie O'Connor, Freddie Russell, Greta and Michael Sweeney, Bill Sweeney.
- ✦ **Monday 20th 10.00am:** Mass Card Intentions.
- ✦ **Wednesday 22nd 10.00am:** Bella and Sean Alcock, James Doorty, Bryan McGuire, Patrick Fennell, John Hennessy.
- ✦ **Friday 24th 10.00am:** Paddy Mel McCormack, Saoirse Dowd.

- ✦ **Saturday 25th 10.00am:** Tommy O'Brien, William and Patricia Baker.
- ✦ **6.00pm:** David Lowe (MM), Mark Comey, Larry Hughes, Teresa Donaghy, Peggy and Paddy Coleman.
- ✦ **Sunday 26th**
- ✦ **11.00am:** Jim Hyland, Breda Kennedy, Christopher 'Christy' and Florrie Casey, Peggy McGirl, Benjamin Farrell (BR).



Our Sympathy

Is extended to the families and friends of Maura Fagan, Ballykea, Lusk, Septa Downey, Skerries, Patrick Michael 'Mick' Hennessy, Skerries and Ardee who died recently. May they Rest in Peace.

Feast Days

22nd July – St Mary Magdalene,
23rd July – St. Bridget of Sweden,
24th July – St. Declan,
25th July – St. James, Apostle.

St Vincent De Paul



The monthly Church gate collection for the St Vincent de Paul will take place this weekend, 18th and 19th July. As always, all contributions are very much appreciated.

Skerries Town Twinning



A huge "merci mille fois" to all the individuals, families and organisations for the fantastic help and support we received before and during the recent visit to Skerries of 24 of our French friends. Blessed with the weather, all the outings and excursions passed off without incident - Bremore Castle, Oldbridge Battle of the Boyne Centre, and of course the visit to Leinster House, where they had a chance meeting with Michel Barnier. We would love to see more families getting involved - it's an ideal way to make new friends and encounter another culture - a knowledge of French is not essential. It's all about reaching out to our French neighbours. If you'd like more information about our activities, visit our website, www.skerriestwinning.ie. Email skerriestwinning@gmail.com or check our Facebook page.

30 Years Ago in the Parish

- Newly baptised were Jamie McLoughlin, Tadhg Malone and Jack Clear
- Sympathy was extended to our neighbours in Holmpatrick Church on the vandalism caused to the church last weekend
- Spotlight on Skerries group was looking for teenagers to take part in the Macnas type project for the Summer Arts Festival
- Skerries Tidy Towns was urging everybody to pick up any litter outside home/shop. Help needed to water flower baskets - all in anticipation of the judging for the Entente Florale event in August

Enjoy the fine weather in safety

With the continuing good weather, just a few reminders about safety rules for your beach activities. Skerries Coast Guard gives the following advice:

- **Stop and think** - before you set out, know the tides, conditions and your own abilities
- **Stay together** - don't go out on the sea alone
- **Tell someone** - let family or friends know your plans.
- **Call for help early** - If you get into difficulty, call for help immediately. Do not wait until the situation is critical.
- **Know how to help** - don't jump in yourself to save someone, unless you are trained to do so. Call the experts - the local lifeguard, or the Coast Guard at 112 or 999. Throw something that floats and assure the victim there is help at hand.

Skerries Harps GAA Club



Hurlers lost 2 – 19 to 2 – 16, away to Peregrines in group stage of Junior Championship.
Sun 19th July. Hurlers v St Finians, Swords in Skerries at 11 am in Junior Hurling Ch'ship.

Wed 22nd July. Ladies' footballers have 2 home games at 7.30 pm; the A team v St Pats Donabate and the B team v Raheny. Check website for venues.

Summer Camps: Kelloggs Cul Camp 2 on 20th to 24th July.

Club Camp and Academy Camp are on Tues 4th to Fri 7th August.

Advanced Camp on Tues 11th and Wed 12th August for player born 2010 – 2014. Limited places. Details at

skerriesharps.clubzapevents.com

ZINGO Sun. 12th July: 2, 8, 9, 28. No winners. Jackpot now €4,700. Next draw Sunday at 6:30. Join us for the All Ireland Hurling Final, Limerick v Galway and stay for the Zingo draw.

Date for the Diary: 7th November our major fundraiser *Trial or Denial* in conjunction with Kevin Rowe Events. Proceeds towards recent purchase and proposed development of Milverton land.

We extend our sympathies to Paul McQuaid on the passing of his mother, Margaret. RIP.