



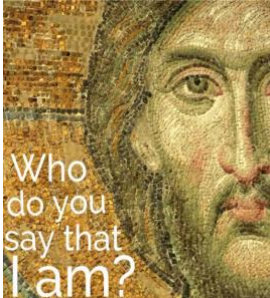
Skerries Parish Bulletin

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TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Is 22:19-23, Ps 137, Rom 11:33-36, Mt 16:13-20



Life is full of important questions but there is one question which is more important than every other. It is a question which sets the course of our life and needs to be answered every day. The question is "Who do you say Jesus of Nazareth is?" Jesus put this question to his disciples and Peter was the only one who answered, "You are the Christ the Son of the living God". It is a statement made in faith. It is difficult today to admit being a person of faith- commitment is required. Jesus praised Peter for his but reminded him that his response was a gift of God. Jesus recognised something special in Peter – a Rock, a leader who would keep His mission alive in the Church.

When we begin our faith encounter with Jesus at Baptism and celebrate it every week at Mass and in our prayer, Jesus reaches back to us and reveals our true identity as a child of God, His beloved. This week take time in stillness and prayer to enter into dialogue with the Lord and in his compassion his heart will address you personally and ask: "Who am I for you?" "What part do I play in your life?" The answer to these questions will need the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Then you will discover the truth of God living within and among you and the treasure of the Holy Spirit always guiding you.

Holy Faith Sisters

ANNIVERSARY / SPECIAL INTENTION MASSES

Saturday 22nd 10am: Frances Mullholland, Fr. Kieran O'Mahony OSA (RD), Special Intention

Saturday 22nd 6pm: Mick Hennessy (MM), Decd mbrs of the McGarry Family, Margaret & Laurence Barden, Collie Doyle, Daniel & Ellen O'Connell

Sunday 23rd 9.30am: Pat Rice, Louise O'Loughlin

Sunday 23rd 11am: Michael & Grace Lyons, Joe & Betty Seaver (rem)

Monday 24th 10am: Mass Card Intentions

Friday 28th 10am: Charles McGinty, Bartle & Stephen Butterley (rem), Seamus Corr

Saturday 29th 10am: Michael & Margaret White, Bridie & Luke Clogher

Saturday 29th 6pm: James 'Jim' McDonnell (MM), Padraig Murray, James & Mary Manning

Sunday 30th 9.30am: Damien O'Leary, Mary Aherne, Edward, Martha & Bobby Aherne (rem), Derek Reilly, Henry Clarke (rem), Kitty & Willie Beggs

Sunday 30th 11am: Lynda O'Connor, Dolores Ryan, Kay Whelan (BR), Anne Delaney

OUR SYMPATHY

To the family of Ronan Earley, St. Patricks Close, who died recently. May he Rest in Peace.

FEASTDAYS

22nd Aug – The Queenship of Mary

24th Aug – St. Bartholomew, Apostle

27th Aug – St. Monica

28th Aug – St. Augustine

29th Aug – The Passion of St. John the Baptist

WE WELCOME



Pia Valerie Mary Brady O'Brien who was recently baptised into our parish community.

WEDDINGS



Congratulations to Matthew Ward & Sarah Montcalm who were recently married in our church.

Best wishes to Pat & Pauline

Dromy who recently celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary.

LEAVING CERT STUDENTS

Congratulations to all our parish students who received their Leaving Certificate results last Friday. We wish them all every happiness and good fortune in their future lives wherever their path may lead them.

30 YEARS AGO IN THE PARISH

There were two remaining places on the Parish pilgrimage tour to Fatima at the end of September.

Members of the Pioneer Association were proposing a trip to see the Blackpool illuminations in October.

Legion of Mary was organising a trip to Knock for 29th September.

Skerries Library was closing for a week's holidays.

Tidy Towns reminded all to continue watering the flower tubs and window boxes.

Holy Faith/de la Salle College detailed the return to school programme for students.

Fingal Workshop announced the clearance sale of all horticultural produce.

Marian Dramatic Society announced auditions for a production of "The Field" and also auditions for a one-act touring play "The Donohue Sisters".

Skerries Community Choir resumed rehearsals for the forthcoming Fauré Requiem.

Loughshinny Beavers and Cubs were registering in the Community Centre.

The final open sea races of the season, the Carmichael Cup was won by Donna McKenna.

Points winners for the season: Pat O'Connell, Emma Quirke and Emer McLoughlin.

POETRY @ THE MILLS,

Fingal Poetry Festival 2026

On Friday 11th Sept 2026 in Skerries Mills, Watermills Café at 8pm (doors 7:30pm).

Featuring live readings by poets Jane Clarke, Aine Uí Fhoghlú and Keith Payne, with music provided by Keith Burke and Friends.

Join us in the atmospheric Skerries Mills for an evening of poetry in English and Irish, lively music and, of course, plenty of fun! Please visit our website <https://fingalpoetryfestival.com>

HARVEST FESTIVAL



Skerries Mills will stage their annual harvest festival on 28th/29th August. There will be music, demonstrations, stalls, displays – a range of activities

for all ages, as well as harvesting of crops in the Crop Field. Gates will open at 11am on Saturday and 10.30 a.m. on Sunday. As car parking may be limited, you are encouraged to come on foot or by other modes of transport.

FREE HEALTH CHECK

by Irish Heart Foundation at Skerries Community Centre on Wed 26th August 2026 from 9am to 4.45 pm. Free Blood pressure and pulse checks. Also, free hearing ear wax checks by Hidden Hearing.

AGE FRIENDLY MATINEE MOVIE

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 Wed 26th August.

SKERRIES HARPS GAA CLUB

The Dublin Football Championship continues this weekend with games for our 3 Adult teams. Hurlers played out a draw with Castleknock in Junior Ch'ship last week.

Sat. 22 Aug. Senior Football Ch'ship group game v Thos Davis, in Parnell Park at 5.30 pm. The game will be streamed live on DubsTV. Also Intermediate Football Ch'ship v Ballymun, away at 6.30 pm.

Sun. 23 Aug. Junior Football Ch'ship v Scoil Ui Conail, away at 11 am.

Wed. 26 Aug. Ladies Football Ch'ship v Kilmacud Crokes, away at 7.30 pm.

Afternoon Tea Party in Clubhouse today, Sunday 23rd at 3 pm organised by our G4M&O ladies. Tea, Laughs, Sweet Treats, Bubbles. Tickets €15. This is a Trial and Denial fundraiser.

ZINGO Sun16 August: 2, 9, 10, 28. No winners. Jackpot €5,200. Next draw Sunday at 6.30 pm. BINGO resumes in Clubhouse on Monday 24 August at 8 pm sharp with Jackpot €800

We extend our sympathy to the Guiney family and to Aine McGuinness on the passing of her brother John (Rathfarnham) RIP.

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