

Skerries Parish Bulletin

No. 2498 **8-14 Nov 2026**

Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wisdom 6:12-16 Psalm 62: 2-8 1 Thessalonians 4: 13-18 Matthew 25: 1-13

As we approach the end of the Church's year, we are asked to reflect on our personal journey in life thus far. We are reminded of the importance of nurturing our faith; of the pitfall of becoming complacent and the need to strive for wisdom in all our actions.

The first reading challenges us to examine the presence of wisdom, that wonderful quality, in our faith. If we accept that challenge questions arise such as: how can we apply wisdom to our faith; can we deepen our spiritual wisdom. The verses from the Book of Wisdom demonstrate how intangible but yet how recognisable is this quality:

Wisdom is bright and does not grow dim
by those who love her she is readily seen,
and found by those who look for her

To remain passive is not an option; we are encouraged to *watch for her early* and to *be on the alert*.

The role of wisdom or preparedness is given a practical context in the passage from Matthew's gospel. While listening to the parable of the ten bridesmaids, those who were foolish and those who were wise, we are invited to reflect on our own situation; are we on the alert; how can we better nurture our faith. St Paul's letter to the Thessalonians is an encouragement to hope even in a time of grief. Finally, the communion antiphon, in quoting the words of the Psalm *the Lord is my shepherd,* says so much. *Church Readers*

ANNIVERSARY / SPECIAL INTENTION MASSES

Saturday 7th10am: Sean Darcy, Margaret Doolan
Saturday 7th6pm: Nancy Thornton, Decd mbrs of the McMahon & Crowley families, Rosaleen Doolin (BR)
Sunday 8th 9.30am: Larry, Dollie & Sean Casey, Richard, Anne & Gerard Keane, Philomena Casey, Mello O'Brien, Andrew, Susan & Bernadette Woods, Margaret Garland
Sunday 8th11am: Tom Murphy, Patrick Russell, Matthew & Margaret Russell, David Ryan, Moira & Imar Schlindwein, Maurice & Marie McAuley, Georgina Farrell
Monday 9th10am: Mass Card Intentions
Monday 9th7.30pm: The November Mass of Remembrance
Tuesday 10th10am: John Power, Maureen & Conal Fagan, Madge & Ronan Fagan, Michael Sheena & Harry Flavin
Friday 12th10am: Sr. Patricia 'Patsy' Corcoran
Saturday 14th10am: Michael, Agnes & Colin Griffin
Saturday 14th6pm: John Costello, Iny McNally, Kieran Bowers, May Ryan, Melissa O'Sullivan, Frank Gordon, Breege & Peter Moran
Sunday 15th 9.30am: Maura O'Nolan (1st A)
Sunday 15th11am: Aidan Giles (1st A), Tom, Nell & Des O'Leary

OUR SYMPATHY

To the family of **Marian Scullion** who died recently. May she Rest in Peace.

NOTICE

The November Mass of Remembrance on **9th Nov @ 7.30pm**. You are welcome to join us and the families these of our loved ones who died during this past year as we gather to remember and pray for them.

FEASTDAYS

9th Nov – The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
10th Nov – St. Leo the Great
11th Nov – St. Martin of Tours
12th Nov - St. Josaphat
14th Nov – St. Laurence O'Toole

BRIDGE PROGRAMME

Please join us on **Sun, 15th Nov at 11.00am** for the first Mass of the 2026/2027 Bridge Programme. We look forward to welcoming all the children and their families as they begin this special part of their faith journey. Please keep them in your prayers as our parish community walks alongside them.

CONFIRMATION CEREMONY OF COMMITMENT

The ceremony of commitment for ALL 6th class children intending to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation this year will take place at all of the three Masses over **this weekend 7/8th Nov**. Each child should bring along their certificate of commitment to the Mass they attend and present it at the appropriate time. This marks the formal start of their journey to confirmation.

SHARE APPEAL SUNDAY

Takes places **this weekend 7/8th Nov**. Our contributions to the 2nd collections at Mass assists other less fortunate parishes in the diocese and supports the now essential services provided by Archbishop's House to parishes.

NOVEMBER ALTAR LIST

Envelopes are available throughout the church. Every **1st Friday of the month** we offer the 10 o'clock Mass for these our deceased loved ones.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

The monthly Church Collection will take place on **Sat. 14th and Sun. 15th Nov**.
All donations are very much appreciated.

FORGET ME NOT CAFÉ



Next gathering on **Wed. 11th Nov**. 11am- 1pm in Skerries Harps. The café is free of charge and open to people living with dementia, their families, carers and friends. Please let us know if you're coming so we have enough cake!
Phone or text 083 1192972

SKERRIES HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Meeting on **Tues. 10 Nov, 8pm**, Skerries Bowling Club. 'A comparative study of the 1901, 1911 and 1926 censuses for Skerries', presented by Seamus Murray. All are welcome. Non-members €5.

30 YEARS AGO IN THE PARISH

Newly baptised were Thomas McHugh, Shauna Carson and Julie Gormley.
For the month of November, guest writers from our other local churches would provide the reflection for the Bulletin.
Skerries Active Retirement group was organising a trip to see *South Pacific*.
Fingal Association for the Handicapped thanked all those who had supported the Annual football game in Lusk and acknowledged the £4000 raised.
The Annual one-act Drama Festival organised by the Marian Society was taking place over five nights.
An urgent request from the Skerries Mills Restoration project to be vigilant for vandalism which had occurred on the site.

SKERRIES HARPS GAA CLUB

Congrats to Minor girls' footballers who won the Shield Final v Whitehall with a last-minute point. Under 13 camogie girls won their Cup Final v Cuala and Under 14 hurlers won Cup Final v Lucan. The Minor hurlers lost their Ch'ship semi-final, away to Southern Gaels.
Sun 8 Nov. Minor football Ch'ship Final v Castleknock in Skerries at 11.00 am.
Sun 8 Nov. Under 13 girls Shield Final v Kevins, away at 2.30 pm.
Sat 14 Nov. Under 21 football Ch'ship v O'Tooles, away at 2.30 pm.
Join the **Juvenile Academy** every **Sat** morning 9.45-11am.
Zingo Sun Nov 1 Result 17,19,21,23. No winners of Match 3 or the €1,500 Jackpot. Draw on Sun in Clubhouse at 6pm with Jackpot of €1,600. Play online, 3 lines for a fiver.
Next **Bingo** on Mon 16 Nov at 8pm with Jackpot of €1,100. All welcome.
Our **sympathies** to Beggs and Taaffe families on the passing of our former player Eamonn (Jn) and to the Ridgeway family on the passing of Colin. RIP.
For all Club news, see www.skeerriesharps.ie