Skerries Parish Bulletin

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World Day of the Poor

33rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
READINGS: PROV 31:10-13,19-20,30-31; Ps 127:1-5; 1Thess 5:1-6; Mt 25:14-30

The 1st Reading gives us a pen picture of the perfect wife. She represents people who perform their daily tasks with wisdom and integrity, and they reach out to others with kindness and generosity. These sentiments are echoed in the Responsorial Psalm: "O blessed are those who fear the Lord". They are those who put God first in their lives and live according to His teaching. The 2nd Reading is a wakeup call to generously respond to and use wisely the gifts that have been given to us. The Gospel recounts the Parable of the Talents. In the time of Jesus, a talent was a large sum of money. In the parable the three men were allotted sums of money according to their ability. Two used the money wisely and the third, through fear, did nothing. We too have been uniquely gifted to live our lives to the full and to share with others what we have been given. But, like the third man, we often hold back from doing good through fear. "I was afraid", he said. Let us reflect on what we have been given by nature and grace and let us note to the times we do nothing through fear of what others might think or say about us.

This Sunday is designated as World Day of the Poor.

During the coming week may we enrich our families and all we encounter with our God-given gifts.

Holy Faith Sisters

ANNIVERSARY / SPECIAL INTENTION MASSES

Sat 14th 10am: Michael, Agnes & Colin Griffin, Damian, Harry, Essie & Amy Boylan, Margaret Guinan
Sat 14th 6pm: Jimmy Walshe (rd) Australia, John Costello, Iny McNally, Kieran Bowers, May Ryan, Melissa O'Sullivan, Frank Gordon, Breege & Peter Moran, Raymond & Patricia Bowers
Sun 15th 9.30am: Maura O'Nolan (1st A)
Sun 15th 11am: Aidan Giles (1st A), Tom, Nell & Des O'Leary, Michael Reburn
Mon 16th 10am: Mass Card Intentions
Tues 17th 10am: Harry Sheridan, Michael & Cormic Doggott
Wed 18th 10am: Mary Lunny (rem), Paul Martin
Fri 20th 10am: Maurice Dardis, Mary Smyth, Julia & James Christie
Sat 21st 10am: Alma McKenna (MM)
Sat 21st 6pm: Joe & Colette May, Joseph May, Noelle & Ann Lacey, Louise Bracken, Dr. John, Bernadette & Mary B. Keane, Mary Woodlock, Maureen Delaney
Sun 22nd 9.30am: Sadie Garrett, Margaret Garland, Rita Clinton, Leo Cody & decd mbrs of the Cody Family, Irene & Denis Martin
Sun 22nd 11am: Fergus Cullen (1st A), William Power, Donal O'Donoghue, Stacie Bailey, Tom & Gretta Ward, Dennis & Tom (Jnr) & The Ward Family

OUR SYMPATHY

To the families of **John Coleman**, Strand Street and **Detta 'Bernadette' Connolly**, Downside Heights, who died recently.
May they Rest in Peace.

FEASTDAYS

14th Nov - St. Laurence O'Toole
17th Nov – St. Elizabeth of Hungary
21st Nov – The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

WE WELCOME



We welcome into our parish family Sienna-Mae Úna Duffy-Molloy and Arlan Little who were recently baptised.

CONFIRMATION

Congratulations to all those 6th class pupils from our primary schools who took part in the Ceremony of Commitment at Masses last weekend.

Bridge Programme

This **Sunday** at **11.00am**, the children participating in the 2026/2027 Bridge Programme will celebrate their first programme Mass. As a parish family, let us gather to support and encourage them as they take this important step in their faith journey. Everyone is very welcome.

Skerries Ladies Bowls

A great day out to Shawsbridge was had last Tuesday. Monday morning competition continues at 10.30am each week and a roll-up on Wednesday mornings at the same time.

Skerries Library

Event Calendar for **Wed 25 Nov**.
11am: Memories and Melodies: Dementia friendly musical meet-up.
2pm: Movie Matinee: organised by Age Friendly Skerries at 2pm.
2.30pm: Copperwork Workshop: Create your own copper plate. Includes materials

30 Years Ago in the Parish

Newly baptised were Aimee Carron, Tara and Conor Viscardi, Danielle Aherne and Andrew Reen.
There had been a large amount of damage to St. Patrick's Jun and Sen Schools over the Hallowe'en break.
More volunteers to help clean the church were being sought.
Skerries Methodist Church was starting its annual charity Christmas Cards sale each Friday morning.
Tidy Towns Committee invited all to view a video which had been made during the visit of the judges of the Entente Florale in August
Skerries Athletic Club congratulated Ciara Durkan, Gina Bradshaw and Michelle Lacy who won medals at the recent Dublin Cross-Country Championships.

Skerries Community First Responders

CFRs are local volunteers who are trained by the National Ambulance Service and provide assistance in many life-threatening emergencies and help improve survival rates. A public information session on how to become a CFR will be held on **Mon 16th Nov at 8pm in the Little Theatre. New members are welcome**, volunteers who would be happy to be trained as a CFR and also people with media expertise, fund raising or computer skills. Please contact Paul Kenny for more information paulekenny@gmail.com.

The Cricket Club Tea Dance



Sunday 15th Nov at 3.30pm-6pm.
Social dancing and line dancing.
Lovely refreshments. All welcome.

Skerries Harps GAA Club

The Minor footballers did everything but win their Championship Final last Sunday - going down to an injury time point before a massive attendance in a cracking game. Congrats to Castleknock, commiserations to the Skerries Harps lads who came so close to winning. U13 girls lost their Shield Final and U21 ladies footballers won v St Pats on Mon night. Sat. 14 Nov. Under 21 football Ch'ship v O'Tooles, away at 2.30pm.
Sun. 15 Nov. Minor hurling league v Faughs, away at 11.00am. Juvenile Academy every Sat. morning 9.45-11am for boys and girls.
ZINGO Sun. 8 Nov. Result: 1, 5, 20, 23. Match 3 shared by D Murphy and K Keenan. Next week's Jackpot is €1,700. Draw on Sunday in Clubhouse at 6 pm. Play Online – 3 lines for a Fiver! Thanks to all who supported our Trial or Denial fundraiser – to our Prisoners, Sponsors, Audience and to our committee and particularly to all who donated. Bobby Walsh finished as the winner. Monies raised will go towards our development of extra pitches at our Milverton lands. AGM will be held on Thurs 26 Nov at 8 pm. New member's welcome