



Skerries Parish Bulletin

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9 to 16 February 2025

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Isaiah 6: 1-2, 3-8, Psalm 137(138):1-5,7-8; 1Corinthians 15:1-11;
Luke 5: 1-11.**

In the gospel Luke tells the story of the miraculously large catch of fish and how fishermen were invited to become disciples. We might ask ourselves how could we too become disciples and support our church today? Peter gives us an example. He realised the power of Jesus at work and that all who want to be followers of



Jesus must realise that faith is not just a catechism or a recited creed. It is a personal understanding that Jesus, the son of the living God, is the source of whatever good we may do.

As well as Peter's experience, the other readings from Isaiah and Paul also tell of what the living God means to them. Each of them felt humble and aware of their personal limitations, yet they answered God's call. For us too, even though an authentic experience of God may make us aware of our failings, it may also be that very moment when God makes it known that He wants us to follow him.

Key phrases from the readings may help us to do some things about our call to help others.

"The word of God" The bible readings are where we hear this.

"Put out into the deep" Don't take superficial solutions but think about the meaning of life.

"Be not afraid" Jesus is inviting each of us to act despite our uncertainties

"From now on it is men you will catch" This is the call made to us and in this Holy Year of 2025 Pope Francis asks that we take time to renew ourselves as "Pilgrims of Hope."

Church Readers

Parish Pastoral Council - Parish Booklet

We have listened to your feedback and are delighted to announce that most households in Skerries will soon receive a publication from "The PPC." This informative booklet is a direct response to some of the needs and suggestions highlighted during our focus group discussions last summer. It includes details on Mass times, various services, and schools within our parish. Additionally, it provides a comprehensive list of our Parish Ministries, some of which you may be interested in joining, as well as our Faith Development Plan.

This booklet showcases the hard work and dedication of the PPC in addressing the needs of our parish community. We hope you find it both interesting and helpful. In the coming months, the PPC will also publish updates on new activities within our Parish, so watch this space.

Anniversary / Special Intention Masses

- ✦ **Sat. 8th 10.00am:** Peter Kelly (BR), Terry Roy, Larry and Teresa Dowling.
- ✦ **6.00pm:** Tommy Doyle, Greta Devine and the Ashe family, James Ryan, James Coleman, Val and Esther Casey, Billy, Stevie and Frances Ryan, Joe McNally.
- ✦ **Sun. 9th 9.30am:** Mabel St John, Marie Browne, Tina McLoughlin, Patricia O'Sullivan and dec'd family members, Elsie and Willie Wilde, Liam Canavan.
- ✦ **11.00am:** Pat and Maura Ellis, Benny Donnelly, Denis 'Dinny' Concannon, Joseph and Catherine Gaffney, Brendan and Loretta Buckley, Richard Gaffney.
- ✦ **Mon. 10th 10.00am:** Mass Card Intentions.
- ✦ **Tues. 11th 10.00am:** William Kelly, Rosaleen Neary.

- ✦ **Wed. 12th 10.00am:** Maryanne and Charles McMorrow, Jim Slattery (BR).
- ✦ **Fri. 14th 10.00am:** Paddy and Theresa Long, Mary Gilbride, Packie Markey, Special Intention.
- ✦ **Sat. 15th 10.00am:** Catherine Maypothor (BR).
- ✦ **6.00pm:** Wilfried Ziemons (RD Germany), Paul Wilde, Finley Gannon, Kevin, Frances and Anne McDonough, Michael Coleman, Mary Gilbride.
- ✦ **Sun. 16th 9.30am:** Susan Woods, Paddy Sexton (BR).
- ✦ **11.00am:** Rita Price (1st A), Tommy Quinn, Elizabeth Mullen, Mary Lambe and dec'd family members, Andy and Elizabeth Kettle and dec'd family members, John and Valerie Fitzsimons, Carol Russell.

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Our Sympathy is extended to the families and friends of **Peter Keane**, North Strand, **Genevieve Devey**, The Maltings, and **Breda Ferguson**, College Court, Skerries / Gormanston Wood NH who died recently. May they Rest in Peace.



World Day of the Sick

This Tuesday 11th February is the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes. It is also World Day of the Sick. We remember in our prayers all those who are coping with illness of any kind at home or in hospital or places of special care and those who care for them. Celebration of the Sacrament of the Sick will take place immediately after 10 am Mass providing there is no funeral.

ACCORD Dublin Annual Collection

The Annual Collection for ACCORD Dublin, the Diocesan Agency for Marriage and the Family, will replace the second (Share) collection at all Masses **next weekend** 15th and 16th February. ACCORD Dublin appreciates your support. Please give generously.

Confirmation Rituals

The 2nd Confirmation Ritual will take place this **Wednesday evening 12th February** at 7.30pm here in the church. It is very important that children along with their parents/guardians attend and participate in these Rituals as an active preparation for the celebration of the sacrament later this year. Please note the final ritual will take place on 12th March at 7.30pm.



Divine Mercy Conference 2025

The Divine Mercy Conference takes place in the RDS, Ballsbridge from 21st to 23rd February. This year's theme is 'Repent ...so that a time of refreshing may come.' Please see poster in the church for list of contributors. Check the website divinemercyconference.com for further details.

Parish Secretary/Bookkeeper

Lusk parish is inviting expressions of interest in a vacancy for a Parish Secretary/Bookkeeper. This is a part-time permanent position. For more information please go to www.luskparish.ie and open the newsletter for 26th January, or browse the website. Closing date for applications is 12.00noon on 12th February 2025.

Feast Days

8th Feb – International Day of Prayer for Human Trafficking,
10th Feb – St. Scholastica,
11th Feb – World Day of the Sick, St. Gobnait,
14th Feb – St. Cyril

Skerries Forget Me Not Café



Please come along and join us on this Wednesday, 12th February, from 11.00am to 1.00pm in Skerries Harps GAA Clubhouse. The café is free of charge and open to people living with dementia, their families, carers and friends. Come for tea and biscuits, a chat, to meet others on a similar journey and to learn more about dementia services in the area. If you require more info about our café please phone 0831192972 or email us at skerriesforgetmenotcafe@gmail.com

Annual Coffee Morning in aid of **St. Francis Hospice** will take place on **next Friday, 14th February** in **Skerries Harps Clubhouse**, from 11.00am to 12.30pm. Admission €5.00. Monster Draw and homemade cakes. All support is very welcome.



Skerries Historical Society.

On Tuesday, February 11th at 8.15pm in Skerries Bowling Club, Kevin O'Sullivan will present a paper on his journey by Kayak, circumnavigating the Irish coast in stages over three years. All Welcome.

Skerries Bowling Club



Our very sincere congratulations to our club member John O'Dowd, who was presented with an award at the Fingal Sports Club Volunteer of the Year recently. A better person couldn't have been selected! John's contribution to the club is limitless. Well done and thanks for all you do.

Skerries Harps GAA Club



Membership Fees for 2025 are due before 31st March and may be paid online via our ClubForce partner. Details available on Membership 2025 button on website www.skerriesharps.ie. Congrats to all our Award Winners at our Presentation Night in Bracken Court Hotel last Friday. Juvenile Academy every Saturday at 9.45am on main pitch for boys/girls aged over 4 years. Club Shop open for playing equipment and for leisure wear. Juvenile games start this weekend and new players – boys and girls -are welcome over the 4 codes. Parent support also welcome. Contact Juvenile Secretary on 087 8551236. New players welcome for our adult games in Football, Hurling and Camogie - lots of opportunity to get involved at all levels both playing and non-playing. Contact 087 2424429 Zingo Sun.2 Feb. 6, 5, 4, 1, 7, 2, 3. No winners. Jackpot for Sunday 9 Feb is €1,200. Next Bingo on Mon. 10 Feb at 8pm. – doors open 7.30. Jackpot prize €500.