

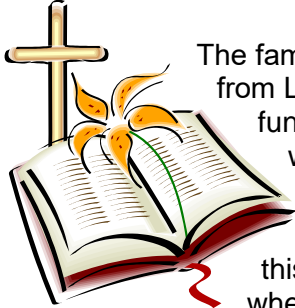
# Skerries Parish Bulletin

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## SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

1Samuel 26: 2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23 1Corinthians 15: 45-49 Luke 6: 27-38



The familiar words in today's Psalm: The lord is compassion and love linked with the words from Luke's Gospel: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bring us to a fundamental level of Christian thinking and beliefs. Perhaps due to their familiarity, these words and phrases can belie their gravity and their challenge.

In the first reading from Samuel we follow the struggle between Saul and David and the ultimate decision by David to refrain from doing injury to Saul, his enemy, although this was within his power. The Gospel passage from Luke gives concrete examples of when Jesus, speaking to His disciples, advised them to hold back: if slapped, turn the other cheek; if cursed do not respond in like manner and that all important phrase; treat others as you would like them to treat you.

In the Old Testament reading from Samuel, David chooses to show compassion. In the Gospel the disciples of Jesus, ourselves in consequence, are asked to accept the radical principle of loving our enemies. What that implies varies from day to day for each of us. A magnanimous gesture is easily identifiable and may offer its reward. It is the smaller, invisible slants and thrusts that are harder to forgive and forget.


Church Readers

### ANNIVERSARY / SPECIAL INTENTIONS MASSES

- ✦ **Sat 22<sup>nd</sup> 10am:** Cora & Mick Cannon, Helen Branagan, George Graham
- ✦ **Sat 22<sup>nd</sup> 6pm:** Lily Mangan (MM), Cathal Murray (MM), Elizabeth Francis (1<sup>st</sup> A) & Aidan Francis, Robert McMahon & dec'd mbrs of the McMahon family, Anne O'Sullivan & dec'd family mbrs, Michael McBride, Rosemary 'Rose' Murray (BR)
- ✦ **Sun 23<sup>rd</sup> 9.30am:** Gavan O'Kelly (MM), Jean Crowley (1<sup>st</sup> A), Eilish Healy & decd mbrs of the Healy & McGilly families, Anne O'Sullivan & dec'd family mbrs, Brendan Hughes (BR)
- ✦ **Sun 23<sup>rd</sup> 11am:** Catherine Cruise (MM), Fr. Michael Flanagan, Janice Downing, Declan O'Halloran, Vincent Woodlock, Christopher Radley, Ben Gaughran
- ✦ **Mon 24<sup>th</sup> 10am:** Mass Card Intentions
- ✦ **Tue 25<sup>th</sup> 10am:** Ena Comerford (1<sup>st</sup> A), Rachel, Kenneth & Claire Jones (BR)
- ✦ **Wed 26<sup>th</sup> 10am:** Jacqueline Lynch RIP, Memorial Mass
- ✦ **Fri 28<sup>th</sup> 10am:** Rita Beggs McAllister, Harry, Kitty & Rosaleen McBride, Rena Potter
- ✦ **Sat 1<sup>st</sup> March 6pm:** Kevin Kelly (MM), Michael Buckley, Joe & Carmel Boylan, Margaret O'Grady, Jimmy & Eddie Coleman

- ✦ **Sun 2<sup>nd</sup> 9.30am:** Eughain McLeod
- ✦ **Sun 2<sup>nd</sup> 11am:** Betty Murphy, Maura McNally, Jeff Long, Denis Keogh, Greta Sweeney.

### OUR SYMPATHY

 To the families of Maureen Byrne, The Hills & Loretta Mellows, Sherlock Park who died recently. May they Rest in Peace.

### FEASTDAYS

**22<sup>nd</sup> February** – The Chair of St. Peter Apostle  
**1<sup>st</sup> March** - St. David

### WE WELCOME

Esther Nandikkara who was recently baptised into our parish family.



### DATES TO NOTE

**Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February 7pm** – 1<sup>st</sup> Penance St. Patrick's JNS

**Wed 26<sup>th</sup> February 7pm** – 1<sup>st</sup> Penance, Réalt Na Mara, Scoil Mobhi, Educate Together & Holmpatrick.

### ST. FRANCIS HOSPICE

Walk your own 5k. Spring Memorial Walk. This is supported by our Hospice Therapy Dogs. Anytime, anyplace in the months of March/April. Raise funds for Hospice. Registration fee €25. To register call 01-8327535 or visit [www.sfh.ie](http://www.sfh.ie)

### Dublin Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes

**2025 Jubilee Year Pilgrimage:** The dates are **4<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> September 2025**, led by Archbishop Farrell. The Pilgrimage is a fully escorted tour including: direct return flight from Dublin to Lourdes, airport transfers and assistance between Lourdes Airport and the hotels, five nights' accommodation, meals, 20kg check-in luggage plus one small personal item in the cabin and full services of Joe Walsh Tours guides and representatives throughout.

Further Information: [info@joewalstours.ie](mailto:info@joewalstours.ie) or phone Dublin: 01 2410800.

### WELCOME BACK

It's back to school for all our local pupils and teachers who we hope had a very relaxing (though rainy) few days break. Getting into gear for Lent, which will start shortly.

### 30 YEARS AGO IN THE PARISH

- The Church Cleaning Guild was looking for new volunteers to help in the Church each Monday morning
- Congratulations to Gold and Silver Jubilarians who received their pins recently from the Pioneer Association
- Yoga classes for students and parents were being offered in Holy Faith/de la Salle College
- The Active Retirement group was off to Clontarf Castle
- Line dancing classes were starting the Community Centre
- Skerries Athletic club members had had a very successful outing to the Dublin Outdoor championships with medals in the Long Jump and Hurdles.

### SKERRIES LADIES BOWLS

Monday morning sessions continue - come along for some gentle warm-up exercises at 10.15 before the usual roll-up. Winter League matches are coming to an end shortly and then it's time for the Summer season! Be sure to sign up for what leagues/days you are interested in - list on Club notice board.

### SKERRIES HARPS GAA CLUB



Senior footballers had a positive start to the league on Sunday last with a 4 -17 to 0 -10 win over Fingallians. Next match is on

2 March, away to Scoil Ui Conail.

Congrats to Eoghan O'Connor Flanagan, Greg McEaney and Ethan Dunne on their Sigerson Cup final win with DCU – with Ethan named man of the Match.

Sun: Minor B football v Plunketts, home at 11 a.m with Minor A team away to O'Tooles and Adult Hurlers away to Ballyboden. Under 15 Hurlers start their Feile program with a home game v O'Dwyers at 11 a.m See all Fixtures/Results at [www.skerriesharps.ie](http://www.skerriesharps.ie)

Juvenile Academy every Saturday at 9.45 a.m on Main pitch. Club Shop open till 11 a.m. New players are welcome to join. Parent support also welcome. Contact 087 8551236

Zingo Sun. 16 Feb. 6, 7, 1, 4, 2, 5, 3. No winners. Jackpot now €1,400 and Dividend €300. . Zingo draw in Club on Sunday at 6.30 p.m – after the TV sport. Join online or buy entry on the day.

Next Bingo on Mon. 24 Feb at 8 p.m – doors open at 7.30. Jackpot prize €550.

### USED POSTAGE STAMPS

Can be left into Skerries Temporary Library beside Supervalu, Church Street, Skerries. The Irish Guide Dogs Association is most grateful for them.

### NOTICES FOR THE BULLETIN

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