

PRESERVE ME GOD, I TAKE REFUGE IN YOU

Prior to the first Reading of today's Liturgy, in the first Book of Kings, Elijah the prophet had experienced many hardships while preaching to God's people - even a threat to his life. So he fled into the wilderness and prayed that God would take away his life. God however took care of him giving him food and water to give him the strength to go to Sinai, the Holy Mountain. There He empowered him and sent him back to the people even though they had broken their covenant, adored false Gods and killed the other prophets. There Elijah found Elisha and anointed him as his successor.

When we read today's Psalm, reflect again on the words we have listened to namely:

O Lord, it is you who is my portion and cup,

I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel, who even at night directs my heart.

You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in your presence, at your right hand happiness forever.

In the second Reading, St Paul tells us to be guided by the Spirit. Christ has freed us from our sins and wrongdoing, so that we can help one another by loving our neighbour.

In the Gospel acclamation we again acclaim that we are your servants, listening to your word, the message of eternal life.

Church Readers

PARISH OFFICE – HOLIDAY CLOSURE DURING JULY

The Parish Office will be closed from **Monday 8th July** to **Friday 19th July** inclusive, reopening **Monday 22nd July**. To assist with bookings for Mass Intentions, and the purchase of Mass Cards during this period, the Parish Office will open for two hours from 10.30 – 12.30 on **Monday 8th Thursday 11th Monday 15th & Thursday 18th**

ANNIVERSARIES & INTENTIONS REMEMBERED

- ✦ **Sat 29th** 10am: Anthony Sevathean (Birthday Anniversary) Jimmy Grimes, George Peters
- ✦ **Sat 29th** 6pm: John Sheridan (1st Anniv.) Norah McGuire, Peadar O'Connor, Billy & Bridie Cummins, 3 Special Intentions
- ✦ **Sun 30th** 9.30am: Michael Gainford, Christopher Caffrey
- ✦ **Sun 30th** 11am: Richard Whitty (Month's Mind), Brigid Whitty (1st Anniversary), Joe, Margaret & Jimmy Grimes, Nicholas Kathleen & Margaret Moles, Sarah & Charles O'Neill, Joseph & Margaret Howard, Tom McManus
- ✦ **Wed 3rd July** 10am: Kathleen Brady, Christopher Caffrey
- ✦ **Thurs 4th July** 10am: Cathy Smith
- ✦ **Sat 6th July** 6pm: Joe Grimes, Áine O'Leary, Jenny O'Keefe, Nellie Attley (3rd Anniv.) Doreen Leonard (2nd Anniv.) Declan Lacey
- ✦ **Sun 7th July** 9.30am: Lilly Lane, Brenda & Tony O'Reilly, Doreen Leonard (2nd Anniv.), Kathleen Branagan, Peig Kite, Thomas Ellis, Brigid Ellis, Gretta Kelly, Mollie Costello
- ✦ **Sun 7th July** 11am: Maureen Byrne (1st Anniv.) Marie Grimes, Kitty & Martin Ryan.

WE WELCOME

Mila Anna Sheehy, Sean Thornton and Finn James O'Connor who were recently baptised into our Parish family.

**FEAST DAY**

Saturday 29th June: The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

ST. PADRE PIO MASS

Wednesday 3rd July at 7.00pm

FIRST FRIDAY MASS

Friday 5th July at 10.00am

ANNUAL PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION

The Peter's Pence Collection will take place this weekend replacing the second Share collection.

This Collection supports the work of Pope Francis in helping the less fortunate worldwide. Thank you for your generous support.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS



We wish all our Parish schoolchildren and their teachers happy and safe holidays in the coming weeks. For some of the children it will be "goodbye " to their primary schools as they will make the transition to second level. And for those leaving second level, we wish them health, wisdom and happiness as they take their first steps towards the next stage of their life journey!

SKERRIES ACTIVE RETIREMENT

Mon 1st July 2.15 - 6pm. - End of year Party, food, raffle and music.

Thurs 4th July - Trip to Marine Hotel, Sutton.

Mon 15th July - Trip to Athlone.

Bus times to follow.

Sun 30th June - Céili 4-7 Balrothery North County Cricket Club. All welcome.

KIDS RUGBY SUMMER CAMP 2019

Registration is open for Skerries Rugby Club Kid's summer camp - **Fri 26th - Sun 28th July**.

Registration is available online

at: <https://www.skerriesrfc.ie/summer-camp-2019/> Forms are also available at Ashling Dry Cleaners or Image Depot.

Spaces are limited for each age, so book early.

30 Years Ago in the Parish

- Newly baptised was Ciaran Pyke
- Good wishes were sent to Fr. Frank Kelly, who had been helping out in our Parish recently, as he returns to the Philippines
- Our Church was preparing to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the building. All parish groups and organisations were invited to submit ideas for the format of a week of events to be held in Sept.
- Good luck was sent to all local students sitting the Matriculation exams this week
- An appeal was made by the Tidy Towns committee to remove weeds and grass from paths and verges - also to look out for unsightly weeds in open spaces
- Newly launched was a book of verse "Skerries and Other People" by John Fox (Sionnac) an ideal gift, with all proceeds going to the Medical Missionaries.

SKERRIES HARPS GAA CLUB



Sun 30th Hurlers v Realt Dearg, and Minor Football 2 v Parnells, both home, 11am Minor. Football 1 are away in Malahide also at 11am.

Sat 6th Senior Football v Kilmacud-Crokes, home at 6.30pm in Div.1 and Inters are away to St Monicas in Div. 4 also at 6.30pm.

Golf Outing - re-scheduled for **Fri 12th July** at Swords Open with Meal & Prizegiving in Harps Clubhouse on the Friday night. Paul Murray has details.

Our Annual Golf Classic is on **Fri 2nd Aug** in Skerries GC. Zingo 2, 6, 7, 3, 5, 4, 1. No winner. Jackpot now €5,600 – Draw Sunday at 6.30pm.

Limited spaces available on our C&T sponsored Summer Camps on **22 - 26 July** and **6 - 9 Aug**. Contact Louise 085 1465673 for details. Annual Bryan Cullen Under 16 Tournament is on Aug Bank Holiday weekend. Contact club PRO, Joanne 086 4058523 for information on all club events or see www.skerriesharps.ie

SKERRIES TOWN TWINNING

Thank you to all who supported our Table Quiz in Skerries Harps on Friday 28th June.

BALBRIGGAN & DISTRICT HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Balbriggan and District Horticultural Society Rose and Sweet Pea show is on in Ardgillan Castle on **Sun 7th July**. Flowers and pot plants for exhibiting can be entered before 12.30.

The show is open to the public from 2.30 to 5pm. Admission free. It is a good year for roses so there should be plenty of exhibits at the show. The rose garden in Ardgillan is looking exquisite at present with the garden in full bloom.

Tour of the rose garden at **3pm** on Sunday with the head gardener Dominica McKeivitt. Free rose garden quiz for the children.

DIGITAL SKILLS TRAINING

FREE Five Week Basic iPhone, iPad, Tablet and Smartphone class commencing in September in Skerries Community Centre from 10.30 - 12.30.

If you would like to book a place please call Angela on 046 9280790 or email:

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