



# Skerries Parish Bulletin

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## Welcome back to St. Patrick's Church...

### Weekday Mass & Sunday Obligation



We are delighted to see so many of you back at Mass in the church. It really is great to hear your responses and to see a 'live' congregation. No matter how much technology can give us and has helped over these months, there are some things it cannot replace.

I am sure you know well by now that the government has set the limit to the number of people permitted to gather indoors at 50.

This has implications for attending Mass in the church, especially at the weekends. The Sunday obligation is dispensed with during the pandemic. There are those in our parish who may not be in a position to attend a weekday Mass but would like to come to Mass at the weekend.

To help with this we have a suggestion. You can attend any weekday Mass with the intention of making that your Sunday Mass and that will fulfil your Sunday obligation. If we can consider doing this we may make more or even a little more room for others to attend weekend Masses. We are thinking also of those who may have a family anniversary Mass and would like to attend and this would assist with that as well.

Of course, for those who join us through Webcam or by radio, this also fulfils your Sunday obligation. Speaking of weekend Masses, as we are limited to a capacity of 50 people, once we reach this number we, unfortunately, will not be in a position to allow anyone else enter the church.

We fully understand that all of this presents challenges to us all and we greatly appreciate your patience and co-operation.

Fr. Melvyn & Fr. James

## SATURDAY ARRANGEMENTS

In order to celebrate the backlog of baptisms on Saturdays and to manage numbers safely, the church will be closed after the **10 o'clock** morning Mass but will re-open for the **6pm Vigil Mass** on Saturday evening.

### MASS INTENTIONS

- ✦ **Sat 4<sup>th</sup> 10am:** Kathy Elizabeth Smith, Mary Radley
- ✦ **Sat 4<sup>th</sup> 6pm:** Áine O'Leary, Jeremiah O'Keefe, Tom Dowling, Mary Humphreys, Peadar O'Connor, Billy & Bridie Cummins
- ✦ **Sun 5<sup>th</sup> 9.30am:** Joseph (Joe) Grimes (50<sup>th</sup> A) Kathleen Branagan, Margaret Kite, Molly Costello, Gerard Thornton
- ✦ **Mon 6<sup>th</sup> 10am:** Mass Cards, Brendan O'Reilly
- ✦ **Tue 7<sup>th</sup> 10am:** Mary Ann Cooper, Doreen Leonard, Denis & Mary Cahalane, Jerry, John & Denis Cahalane
- ✦ **Sat 11<sup>th</sup> 10am:** Bridget & Michael O'Reilly & deceased members of the O'Reilly family

- ✦ **Sat 11<sup>th</sup> 6pm:** Mary Humphreys (Month's Mind), David & Rita O'Sullivan, Harry Grimes, Nicholas & Mary Shiels, Madge & Ronan Fagan, Special Intention
- ✦ **Sun 12<sup>th</sup> 9.30am:** Jack Grimes
- ✦ **Sun 12<sup>th</sup> 11am:** Elizabeth Flanagan, Iris Flanagan.

### FEAST DAY

Sat 11<sup>th</sup> July – St Clare

### APOLOGIES

We apologise to all parishioners that the Webcam has been unavailable due to a broadband fault. The issue has been resolved and the Webcam should be available again next week. Mass is still available on our Parish Radio at 87.5FM.

### HAPPY HOLIDAYS

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Wishing all our primary school pupils a happy summer holiday in these strange times. It has been a very different school year. Enjoy the break, however, and stay well.

Thanks to all the primary school teachers who have also had a difficult year. Enjoy the "laethanta saoire"!

### COVID-19 SUPPORT LINE FOR OLDER PEOPLE

ALONE manage a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to the outbreak of COVID-19 (Coronavirus).

Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. The support line is open seven days a week, 8am – 8pm, by calling 0818 222 024.

### MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSES

**ACCORD Dublin** continues to provide marriage preparation courses for couples in the diocese. Despite having had to cancel 26 courses between March and July, we were able to reschedule the majority of our couples and, for those whose weddings are going ahead during this period, we are delivering individual courses via Zoom. Our team of experienced facilitators is being assisted by 3 priests and a deacon. The feedback from these courses has been overwhelmingly positive. We can reassure you that any couple referred to us will be taken care of to our usual high standard.

For further information please contact:

[Ichambers@accorrdublin.ie](mailto:Ichambers@accorrdublin.ie)

### 30 YEARS AGO IN THE PARISH

- Altar Boys who were willing to serve Mass during the holidays were asked to a meeting to organise a rota
- Skerries ICA was organising an evening out to Clontarf Castle this week
- Skerries Tidy Towns committee thanked all owners of business premises who had put out flower baskets and window boxes
- Skerries Rehab was holding its annual Cheese and Wine evening in the grounds of Seapark - always a popular event
- Congratulations to Skerries runner, Eve Flood, chosen to represent Ireland at the international Schools Track and Field Games in Edinburgh.

### SKERRIES HARPS GAA CLUB

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### Cúl Camp Update

In response to many inquiries we are repeating information re our Summer Cúl camps. Following a review of the guidelines received from the GAA, the facilities available & the logistics required to run camps the Club Executive have decided it is not feasible to proceed with Cúl Camps this year. The club's priority is the safety of the children & our coaches as well as the children's enjoyment at the camps. We acknowledge there will be disappointment as our two Cúl Camps normally cater for around 600 children. This number, however, would have been reduced significantly, leading to more children being excluded than included. We do this with your best interests at heart. Cúl camp gear can now be purchased online for €45 which includes delivery. You can order at:

<https://www.kelloggsulcamps.gaa.ie/buy-gear>

**Safe Return to Gaelic Games** Reminder to all Players and Parents. As teams begin to return to training it is a MANDATORY requirement for each player to create a profile and complete an initial Health questionnaire and subsequent attestation prior to each session. If you have any concerns please reach out to your team mentor for guidance. Players who have not completed the Questionnaire and Attestation will NOT be permitted to participate in training sessions. Full details on Club website and Facebook pages. Clubhouse and Dressing rooms will remain CLOSED till further notice. NOTE: All players MUST be fully paid up before joining the training panel. This is not only a Club rule but also a GAA rule and covers the Player Injury Scheme. Games will recommence with Junior Hurlers on **19<sup>th</sup> July** and Adult Football Championship on **25/26 July**. Juvenile fixtures will begin on **5<sup>th</sup> Aug** starting with under 16's.

### ACKNOWLEDGEMENT – CHANDY VYAS

Aruna, Dhara and Dipesh would like to thank most sincerely Fr Melvyn for his lovely words at Chandy's cremation and the Funeral Director and his team who were a great help and assistance in organising arrangements. We would also like to thank all our kind neighbours, friends and the people of Skerries who gave Chandy such a wonderful farewell. Thank you for all the cards, letters and funeral tributes, which were of great comfort. The Holy Sacrifice of the mass will be offered as a thank you.