



# Skerries Parish Bulletin

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## The Word of God

For those of you who have not heard the Word of God read aloud today, here are the references so you can read them yourself in your own bible.

**Isaiah 55:10-11;**

**Psalms 65;**

**Romans 8:18-23;**

**Matthew 13:1-23.**

God is truly present in His Word whether heard or read. Today's gospel recounts the well-known parable of the Sower going out to sow his seeds – a very familiar sight to Jesus' first hearers, much less so to us, but Jesus creates such a marvellous picture with his words that we can almost see the man striding along and casting seeds out to the left and to the right. Our first reaction maybe that he is a careless farmer letting good seed fall on the pathway, or near brambles or on stony soil, but remember wind can so easily blow light seeds away. What is truly amazing is the abundance of the harvest when the seed lands on good soil and the necessary conditions for good growth are there - moisture, heat and light. **God's faithful love for us is always more than we could ever dream of.**

Let us compare the seed with the word of God, remembering that God is truly present in his Word. When we hear and receive it in our hearts, we must nourish it so that it takes root and grows. We each need the support of a Christian community and regular prayer and worship.

Jesus preached the coming of the reign of the God, which is a reign of Justice and loving kindness to all. It is not about 'pie in the sky". It is about bringing forth God's reign in the here and now. If we believe that this is what Jesus was talking about, then it follows that we must in our day-to-day living, work to make that a reality in our family, our community, our country and the world.

In the passage from Isaiah God speaks about the snow and rain and its effect on the growth of crops. We here in Ireland are inclined to take the ready availability of rain for granted but to the people of Israel it would have been a stark reminder of how powerless they were. The drought this year was a timely lesson to us all here!

When have I found the word of God to be encouraging in my life? Do I take my responsibility to vote for a party which will do the most to bring about the most good to the most number of people? Do I vote for those who pass laws that enable everyone, especially the marginalised, to flourish? Do I call them to account when they fail to keep their promises?

Lydia Gillen, Bible Study Group

### MASS INTENTIONS

- ✦ **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, Joe & Catherine Stapleton
- ✦ **Sun 12<sup>th</sup> 9.30am:** Jack Grimes, Liam Davey
- ✦ **Sun 12<sup>th</sup> 11am:** Elizabeth Flanagan, Iris Flanagan, Liam Davey
- ✦ **Mon 13<sup>th</sup> 10am:** Mass Cards, Noel Tolan (Month's Mind), Susan Kennedy
- ✦ **Tue 14<sup>th</sup> 10am:** Matt & May Smyth
- ✦ **Thurs 16<sup>th</sup> 10am:** Catherine McNulty (1<sup>st</sup> Anniv) Ann Crane (1<sup>st</sup> Anniv), Matthew Ward
- ✦ **Fri 17<sup>th</sup> 10am:** Brian Beggs (80<sup>th</sup> B.Rem)
- ✦ **Sat 18<sup>th</sup> 6pm:** Seamus Murphy (Month's Mind), Joe Grimes, Doreen Leonard

- ✦ **Sun 19<sup>th</sup> 11am:** Richard O'Connell, Annie Russell, Peter & Annie O'Connor.

### DATES TO NOTE

- Feast Days:** 11<sup>th</sup> July - St Benedict
- 15<sup>th</sup> July - Our Lady of Mount Carmel

### SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION CONFIRMATION UPDATES



### SCOIL RÉALT NA MARA NS

- Mr O'Fearraigh's Class 10<sup>th</sup> September at 11am
- Bn Ui Raghallaigh's Class 12<sup>th</sup> Sept at 11am

### ST PATRICK'S NS

- Mr Quigley's Class 12<sup>th</sup> September at 3pm
- Ms Guest's Class 17<sup>th</sup> September at 11am
- Mr McGinty's Class 18<sup>th</sup> September at 3pm
- Ms Fahy's Class 19<sup>th</sup> September at 11am

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### SCOIL MOBHI NS & EDUCATE TOGETHER NS

Mr McGuinness/Ms Kavanagh Morgan's Class  
27<sup>th</sup> September at 3pm.

### SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION COMMUNION UPDATES



### SCOIL RÉALT NA MARA NS

Mr O'Duinn's Class 10<sup>th</sup> October at 11am  
In Ui Dhuill's Class 10<sup>th</sup> October at 3pm

### ST PATRICK'S NS

Mr De Conduin's Class 17<sup>th</sup> October at 11am  
Ms Daly's Class 17<sup>th</sup> October at 3pm  
Ms Kelly's/Ms Holohan's Class 24<sup>th</sup> Oct at 11am

### SCOIL MOBHI NS/HOLMPATRICK NS/EDUCATE TOGETHER NS

Ms Smith's/Ms Kavanagh Morgan's Class 25<sup>th</sup>  
October at 3pm.

Please remember that the above dates are based on the current set of guidelines and as you know they may change in the future. We will be in contact with you with an update before the ceremony. Many thanks for your patience and we hope we can all work together to make these celebrations great experiences for all of us and for our parish community.

Fr. Melvyn & Fr. James

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### THANK YOU - ST VINCENT DE PAUL SKERRIES

The members of St Vincent de Paul Conference, Skerries would like to sincerely thank all of you who made donations both personally and anonymously since the beginning of COVID 19. These funds helped greatly with the higher demand for help in these strange times.

### SKERRIES HARPS GAA CLUB



Despite our decision not to run Cúl Camps this year, we know that many children look forward to sporting the Cúl Camp gear. This can now be purchased online for €45 which includes delivery. You can order at:

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

It was good to see some action last Sunday with our Seniors playing Raheny and our Minors playing Malahide. Senior football championship group 1 fixtures: Skerries Harps v Ballymun on **Sat 25 July** and v Thos Davis on **Wed 5 Aug**. Final group game v Rd Towers, Lusk on **15/16 Aug**. Some of our Juvenile teams return to training this week – mentors will be in contact re times. Reminder to all Players and Parents. As teams return to training that 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. Players who have not completed both will NOT be permitted to participate in training sessions. Clubhouse and Dressing rooms will remain CLOSED till further notice. 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.

Congratulations to former players Clare O'Mahony and Aidan McGuinness who celebrated their marriage last week.

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