



# Skerries Parish Bulletin

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## Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time.

Our invitation in today's Gospel is from the Holy Spirit, "The Spirit comes to help us in our weakness". During these days of Covid 19 we often find it difficult to pray. Our worries and anxieties make it hard for us to find the words we want to say, but St. Paul tells us that when we cannot choose words in order to pray properly, the Spirit himself expresses our plea in a way that could never be put into words. God, who knows everything in our hearts, knows perfectly well what the Spirit means. The pleas of the saints (which includes us) expressed by the Spirit are according to the mind of God. Psalm 85, also comes to our rescue by saying a prayer for us.



"O Lord, you are good and forgiving,

Full of love to all who call,

Give heed O Lord to my prayer

And attend to the sound of my pleading."

Each of the readings in today's Mass tells us how much we are loved by God. Wisdom 12:13-16-19 tells us being kind to our fellow human beings and giving hope to each other are the virtues the Lord has shown us, the virtues that are the way to salvation.

*Lectio Divina*

*Berna Dennis*

### WE WELCOME



I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Cora Corcoran, Ella Lynham Brierton, Ethan Kenny, and Rhys Browne Pearce all of whom were baptised last weekend

### Anniversary/Intentions:

Sat. 18<sup>th</sup> 6p.m.: Seamus Murphy (Month's Mind)  
 Joe Grimes, Doreen Leonard, Alice & Jack Keane  
 Sun. 19<sup>th</sup> 9.30a.m.: Sarah (Sadie) Ruigrok  
 Sun 19<sup>th</sup> 11a.m.: Richard O'Connell, Annie Russell,  
 Peter & Annie O'Connor  
 Mon. 20<sup>th</sup> 10a.m.: Mass Card Intentions  
 Tues. 21<sup>st</sup> 10a.m.: Sr. Maire O'Nolan  
 Wed. 22<sup>nd</sup> 10a.m.: Denis McGinley, Konrad Nowak  
 Thurs. 23<sup>rd</sup> 10a.m.: Sean Alcock  
 Sat. 25<sup>th</sup> 10a.m.: Joe Downling, Tommy O'Brien  
 Sat. 25<sup>th</sup> 6p.m.: Jim Hyland, Christy Casey & his late wife Florrie  
 Sun. 26<sup>th</sup> 9.30a.m.: Peggy McGirl  
 Sun. 26<sup>th</sup> 11a.m.: Breda Kennedy, Tom McManus,  
 Mary & Billy Prendergast

### Feast day:

22<sup>nd</sup> July, St Mary Magdalen



### PARISH BOOK CLUB SUMMER READING:

A good and appropriate book to read over the summer months is **The Rule of Benedict - A spirituality for the 21<sup>st</sup>**

**Century by Joan Chittister.** With extraordinary vision and common sense, the Rule of St. Benedict, the founder of Western monasticism, guides us into a new way of seeing and living that can transform our modern world just like it did 1500 years ago. The book offers practical and inspiring commentary for our lives today from Benedictine sister Joan Chittister, one of the most influential religious and spiritual leaders of our age. Enjoy the book! Enjoy the summer!

**SUNDAY MASS READINGS:** As you may know Sunday missalettes are not currently available but for those who like to read the Sunday readings in advance, they are available online at [www.catholicireland.net](http://www.catholicireland.net) or [www.tarsus.ie](http://www.tarsus.ie)



With more people out and about on the beaches, please use the bins, or if they are full, dispose of your litter responsibly.

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### **Autumn Study Programme**

The Adult Education Certificate in Spirituality and Human Development Programme in Marino Institute of Education is open for applications now for the 2020 Autumn intake. Full details of this and many other interesting programmes are available from the Institute's website, or email: [mary.goa@mie.ie](mailto:mary.goa@mie.ie) or telephone: 087 4508549

### **30 years ago in the Parish**

- The Annual Blessing of the Graveyards was taking place
- Local volunteer, Mary Farrell was working in Calcutta and was appealing for funds to help with her work there
- Tidy Towns committee was seriously disturbed by those dumping their grass and garden refuse along the seafront. Weekly work parties were continuing
- Water Safety Week was starting
- St. George's Church of Ireland in Balbriggan was holding a festival of flowers
- Skerries Swimming Club – winners of the Joe May Cup, were Karen Price and Peter Heffernan
- Winners of the floats in the Festival Parade were the staff of the Windmill and Crann Phadraig group

### **Covid-19 Support Line for Older People**

**ALONE** manages a national support line and **additional supports for older people who have** concerns or are facing difficulties at the present time. Professional staff are available to answer your queries, give advice and reassurance to you. The support line is open seven days a week, 8 – 8. Call 0818 222 024

### **Skerries Ladies Bowls**

 We are back to playing in pairs, while still observing strict social distancing guidelines. Ladies Monday morning competition resumes tomorrow 20<sup>th</sup> – four weeks left. Please register before 10.30, so that play can get going by 10.45. €1 entry – 10 ends. Keep an eye out also for in-club singles and pairs competition – register with John O'Dowd 086 0648646 or Liam Worrall, 087 2503848 if you are interested. Please don't forget to sign in before you play !

### **Skerries Harps GAA Club**

Sunday 19 July. Minor Ch'ship A v Ballinteer and B v Lucan plus Hurlers v O. Plunketts – all home fixtures on Sunday morning. Check website re times.  
Sat. 25 July. Senior Ch'ship v Ballymun, away and Inter Ch'ship v Cuala, home - both at 6.30 pm.  
Note – Spectators who wish to attend games MUST strictly observe the Covid 19 protocols.

### **IMPORTANT MESSAGE FOR PARENTS OF U8-U13 MEMBERS**

As teams are returning to training, the club has been working hard on ways to keep our members engaged during the summer and we have put together some fun skills sessions for August. The sessions will be free of charge and cater for paid up CLUB MEMBERS ONLY

The sessions will be in smaller groups and broken into 4 age groups:

U8 Boys & Girls; U9 Boys & Girls  
U10/11 Boys & Girls; U12/13 Boys & Girls.

Schedule will be released soon - keep free weeks commencing August 10<sup>th</sup> and August 17<sup>th</sup>.

These sessions are subject to any government restrictions. Full "Safe Return to Play" procedures, if still in place will be adhered to.

We will endeavour to arrange an activity for the youngest members of our academy also. More details will follow. Please contact us through Facebook page with any queries. Zingo result for Sun 12 July: 5-6-7-2-4-1-3 - no winners. Next week's Jackpot is €2,100 and the Dividend is €650. We appreciate your support for Zingo which remains our only fundraiser. See [www.skerriesharps.ie](http://www.skerriesharps.ie) or Facebook page for latest club news

**Lost:** Pair of prescription sunglasses. Brown and topaz. If found, please contact: 086-0819317

### **DON'T FORGET YOUR MASK**

