



Skerries Parish Bulletin

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30 August to 6 September 2020

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time



In today's gospel, Jesus tells his followers that they must take up their cross. When he tells them that he is going to suffer and be put to death, they naturally react with shock. It seems like a strange path to choose. But he is not doing it simply to make life difficult for himself. His sacrifice stems from his passionate and compassionate love. We too are capable of making extraordinary sacrifices out of love. Those frontline workers who carry on in the most difficult circumstances are prepared to put others' needs before their own – the very thing that Jesus says being a disciple entails.

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We also remember the Boards of Management, Principals, teachers and school staff in our schools as they returned to school this week. May the Lord continue to bless them all and keep them safe and may our children continue to thrive in growing into caring people of faith in a God who loves them all dearly.

Fr. Melvyn

MASS INTENTIONS

- ✦ **Saturday** 29th August 10am: Michael and Margaret White (A), Bridie and Luke Clogher (A).
- ✦ 6pm: Thomas, Bridget, Miriam & Rita Clinton (A), Special Intention.
- ✦ **Sunday** 30th August 9.30am: Helen Conliss (A).
- ✦ 11am: Seamus 'Sheriff' Corr (A), Joseph May (A), Margaret Keogh (A), Nora and Tommy Keogh (A), Tom & Vera Noonan (A), Mary and Mike Keating (A), Josie and Christie Rogan (A).
- ✦ **Monday** 31st August 10am: Mass Cards.
- ✦ **Tuesday** 1st September 10am: Margaret Keogh (A), Nora and Tommy Keogh (A), Tom and Vera Noonan (A), Derek Earley (A).
- ✦ **Thursday** 3rd Sept. 10am: Charles and Mary Anne McMorrow (A), Pat Rice (A).
- ✦ **Friday** 4th Sept. 10am: Caroline Heyenga (nee Fagan) (A).
- ✦ **Saturday** 5th Sept. 10am: Bernadette O'Toole (A).
- ✦ 6pm: Christopher Everard (1st A), Ronald Boylan (A).
- ✦ **Sunday** 6th Sept. 9.30am: Rosaleen Doolin (1st A)
- ✦ 11am: Christopher Everard (1st A), Michael O'Rourke (A), Kathleen and Stephen Attley (A), Tommie and Margaret Farrell (A), Kitty Beggs (A)

**4th September – 1st Friday.
Padre Pio Mass 7.30pm.**

OUR SYMPATHY

Is extended to the family and friends of Martin McGuinness, late of Mill Hill Park, who died recently. May he rest in peace.

We Welcome Áine Maebh Martin who was recently baptised into our parish family

Feast Days: 29th August – The Passion of St John the Baptist
3rd September – St Gregory the Great
4th September – St Mac Nissi

Face Coverings in Church



You may have heard that the leaders of Ireland's four main Christian churches have united to ask worshippers to wear face coverings while attending religious services. The four Christian leaders said they were now "formally recommending and encouraging the use of face coverings at all services of worship, along with the on-going maintenance of two-metre physical distancing, from this Sunday, 30 August". They do, however, understand that some people are exempted from the wearing of face coverings.

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 8.00am – 8.00pm, call to 0818 222 024.

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Online theology courses. The courses are up to degree level and are heavily subsidised by the Irish Dominicans. They could be just the thing as the nights draw in and we look to an uncertain winter. <https://prioryinstitute.com/>

DCU BA in Theology and Religious Studies - Scholarships Available

Interested in studying theology, but need a flexible programme to suit your needs? The DCU BA in Theology and Religious Studies is just for you. This part-time flexible programme is aimed at mature students, with lectures on Thursday evenings and a number of Saturdays throughout the year. For 2020/21, the programme will feature blended learning, with online and in-person learning opportunities. Scholarships are available for incoming students. More info at www.dcu.ie/dc300, or contact Brad Anderson (brad.anderson@dcu.ie)

A new pilgrimage on Lough Derg's lakeshore *Walk and Pray* in the Lough Derg tradition on 26 & 30 August. At times in the 1600's and 1700's when Station Island was closed by the Penal Laws, pilgrims undertook a form of pilgrimage on the lough shore. Walk in their footsteps. Contact 071 9861518 or info@loughderg.org for details. Numbers are limited. Advance booking essential.

Skerries Town Soccer Club



Under 15s born 2006 are looking for players of all abilities. If interested please email secretary@skerriestownfc.ie or contact Niall at 085 1650209

Skerries Walking Club is accepting new members from 1st September.



Contact skerries.walking@gmail.com or visit <https://skerrieswalking.com>

Skerries Harps GAA Club



In light of the updated Public Health Guidelines issued last week, the club has been awaiting and reviewing all GAA communications to allow us to issue as clear a set of protocols as possible as we continue to manage our Return to Play whilst adhering to the guidelines and focusing as always on the health & welfare of our players, mentors, coaches & supporters. As per the latest guidance, all games must now be played without spectators, "Behind Closed Doors". For all games this means that a maximum of 40 personnel per team are permitted to attend within the pitch area - this 40 max must be players, mentors/coaches/medical or ancillary members of the coaching group.

Where Juveniles (U18s) are participating in a game, 1 parent/guardian per juvenile is permitted to attend the sporting event in a "supervisory" / "safeguarding" capacity. These parents/guardians are not classified as spectators at this moment in time, in line with the guidance received this week. All Social Distancing & public health guidelines should be adhered to at all times.

The Club Bar has re-opened and is now serving food. It will open on Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday for a trial period in adherence with all Covid-19 restrictions/guidelines. Prior booking is essential – email to bookings.harps@gmail.com Adult Hurlers and Senior Camogie teams have both qualified for Championship semi-finals.

Home fixtures for Sun 30 Aug:

Minor Hurling v St Catherines, at 11 am and Junior football v Plunketts/ER, at 3 pm.

Sat 5 Sep: Under 16 hurlers v N. Olaf, home at 3.30 pm.

Club Shop is Open on Thursday nights from 8 to 9pm for purchase of playing gear.

Zingo result for Sun 23 Aug. 1-7-3-4-5-6-2.

Jackpot now is €2,700 and the Dividend is €950. This is our only source of club funding during the pandemic. We would encourage regular weekly players to sign up online through the link on our website. Envelopes are currently available in the Club Bar and Club Shop.

Check www.skerriesharps.ie or Facebook page for updates to fixtures and latest club news

Fingal Poetry Festival 4th to 6th September

Please check out the details of this festival on <https://poetryatskerriesmills.com/>

Voluntary Chairperson Position

Are you interested in serving your community? If so we would like to hear from you. Fingal Counselling Service (FCS) is a voluntary community service providing counselling to the people of the greater Fingal area for over 25 years. We are located in the BASE Resource Centre, Brackenstown, Swords. We are seeking to recruit a management committee chairperson. This voluntary position will run for a two year period.

The person selected will play a vital role in leading the Counselling Service, enabling it to develop and meet future challenges.

The role requires an energetic person with strong leadership skills. An understanding of voluntary organisation regulations and governance is desirable and counselling experience is desirable but not essential.

The appointment would be subject to Garda Vetting and receipt of satisfactory references. Closing date for receipt of application Monday 7th September 2020. For further information please contact Mary on 087 6914862

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