



Skerries Parish Bulletin

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20th – 27th September 2020

25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Isaiah 55:6-9 Psalm 144:3-8 9-17-18 Philippians 1:20-24.27 Gospel Matthew 20:1-16

“The Lord is close to all who call Him”

In these troubled and very strange times we are living in, now that the numbers in our County are the highest in the country, we might have to accept much more restrictions in our lives.

In the first reading from the prophet Isaiah, we are told to seek the Lord, call on His help, even the most unworthy and He will be there to comfort when times are difficult.

In the Psalm, the assurance of His love and compassion is ever present when we need to call on it.

Reflect on the kindness of all who helped us in the earlier times of the lockdown. The kindness of our neighbours who did our shopping, the telephone calls we made or received together with all the advice and assistance of the medical, scientific experts and government agencies who gave so much to relieve the pain and suffering of the sick or the unemployed as a result of the pandemic.

In the Gospel, we read of the kindness of the landowner in the way he employed the workers for his vineyard. Let us try to be generous and not envious of others who are more or less fortunate.

Remember the Lord says, “The last shall be first and the first shall be last”.

Church Readers



SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION 2020

Congratulations to the boys and girls from Ms. Guest's, Mr. McGinty's and Ms. Fahy's classes who celebrated the sacrament of Confirmation this week. Many thanks to those who helped in their preparation for these great celebrations in our parish. No doubt these celebrations will be remembered into the future and take on special meaning for us all during these strange times. At all of our celebrations the girls and boys were excellent, and we wish them all well in their new schools.

Fr. Melvyn & Fr. James

MASS INTENTIONS

- ✦ **Saturday 19th: Confirmation** - No Morning Mass
- ✦ **Saturday 19th 6pm:** Matthew Smyth (A), Ryan Saunders (A), Dorothy Murray (A), Sheila & Paddy Brady (A), Patrick & Annie Dooley (A), Tony Twomey (A)
- ✦ **Sunday 20th 9.30am:** Eileen Croke (A), Theresa Lamont, Kathleen Lamont (A)
- ✦ **Sunday 20th 11am:** Imelda Greene (1st A), Cillian Shanley (A), Marie Cosgrave (1st A), Paddy Leonard (A)
- ✦ **Monday 21st 10am:** Mass Card Intentions
- ✦ **Friday 25th 10am:** William & Joan Ruigrok (A), Christy Jenkinson (30th A)
- ✦ **Saturday 26th 10am:** Peggy Russell (A), Mollie Mullins (B'day Rem)
- ✦ **Saturday 26th 6pm:** Terry Woods (Month's Mind), Tom Burke (A), Dede & Jack White (A), Vera & Don Fay (A), Olga Reynolds & Des Reynolds (A)
- ✦ **Sunday 27th 9.30am:** Peter Kelly (A), Doreen Rafferty (A), Gerry Maguire (A)
- ✦ **Sunday 27th 11am:** Maureen Derham (1st A), Fr David Lumsden (Rec Dec), Anne Thompson (A), Joe & Colette May (A), Eanna O'Kelly (A), Claire O'Kane (A).

OUR SYMPATHY

✦ To the families of Evelyn Sheridan, late of Foxgrove, Felix Murray, late of Martine Court & Elinora Ryan, late of Neptune Lane, Holmpatrick who died recently. May they Rest in Peace.

CROSSCARE ANNUAL COLLECTION

This collection will take place over this weekend **19th & 20th September**. As we are operating in a different environment this year special envelopes will be provided on the tables at the entrance and exits of the church for this purpose. They contain various methods that can be used to contribute to the vital work of Crosscare in our diocese.

Crosscare's focus has always been to serve the most vulnerable in our society. During this crisis we are working hard to ensure that the essential services we provide remain available to our service users while operating in line with Government and HSE advice to ensure that our service users and staff are protected. These include, homeless services, food services and youth services. Many people in our diocese are supported in the most basic ways through the work of Crosscare. Please be as generous as you can with your support.

FEAST DAYS

- 19th Sept. - St. Januarius
21st Sept. - St. Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist
23rd Sept. - St. Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio)
25th Sept. - St. Finbarr

DATE TO NOTE

Saturday 19th - No Morning Mass

SKERRIES COMMUNITY EMPLOYMENT

Caretaker/Groundsmen, Cleaning & Catering Assistant positions available through Skerries Community Employment. Email John or Niamh at: skerriestraining@gmail.com

30 YEARS AGO IN THE PARISH

- To mark Pope John Paul's encyclical on "Reconciliation and Penance", Penitential services were being organised for all Primary and Secondary school pupils, as well as the normal services available
- Newly baptised was Simon Murray
- Holmpatrick Church was celebrating a Thanksgiving Service for the Blessings of the Harvest and all were welcome to attend
- The Annual Sponsored Walk was being organised by Holy Faith/de la Salle College to raise funds for travel to sports fixtures
- Tidy Towns was pleased to announce an increase of 5 points in their score for this years national competition, - many thanks to all who helped in any way
- Irish Wildbird Conservancy was organising an outing to Shenick Island to cut grass for winter grazing for geese.
- "Hands across the Dublin Road" – Skerries United FC & Skerries Home Celtic FC agreed to a merger to establish: **Skerries Town Football Club**. Following a successful collaboration between the two clubs. Brian (Spike) McDonough and Chad Duff (RIP) as respective Chairmen of both clubs signed off on this momentous merger, much to the pleasure of many Soccer Supporters in Skerries.
The inspiration and driver for this merge was to ensure the new Club would cater for both schoolboys and seniors, so the consolidation of both clubs would enhance the prospect of future success at all levels and age groups. Incidentally and co-incidentally **1990** also marked Ireland's first time to qualify for the **World Cup– Italia '90**, so Skerries was abuzz with Soccer excitement that year.

SKERRIES LADIES BOWLS

Many thanks to the ladies who contributed to our Hospice appeal last Monday morning. €430 was collected, with more to come. It is so important to continue to support the wonderful Hospice service, which works away providing care, despite the Covid virus.



SKERRIES HARPS GAA CLUB



Senior footballers won their Cup game with St Vincent's 3 – 11 to 1 – 10 and now play Raheny away on **Sat 26th Sept** followed by Na Fianna, away on **10th Oct**. Intermediate team lost to Cuala and Junior team won v Na Fianna. Minor hurlers are still unbeaten in the Cup. Junior camogie side have qualified for the Shield final. **Sunday:** Minor football v Thos Davis, home at 11am. **Tuesday:** Senior Camogie v Cuala, home at 7.30 pm in Championship semi-final. **Saturday:** Senior football v Raheny, away at 6pm.

Our Allcare Skerries Harps Academy will return on **Sat 26th Sept** with some small changes in line with GAA & Public Health Guidelines. Academy for children born in 2013 will take place from 9am -10am followed by children born 2014-2016 at 10.30am -11.30am (they must be attending PRIMARY school). Parents must fill in the Registration form prior to attending by clicking red button on poster on our website or Face book page. Further information will be sent to the email address you provide on the registration form with some specific requirements around return to play questionnaire and guidelines/protocols for attending our Allcare Skerries Harps Academy. Places may have to be limited. We thank you for your continued support and we are really looking forward to getting the academy back up and running and ensuring the children have fun in a safe environment.

Congrats to John Ward who won our Zingo Dividend of €1,050.

Our sympathies to Henry Sheridan and family on the death of Evelyn RIP.

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

BALBRIGGAN LIBRARY

The Library reopened on the 14th Sept. Everyone must wear a face covering unless they have a medical reason not to. Children need to be accompanied by a parent or guardian at all times. They have a drop box outside the library doors if anyone is just returning items.