



# Skerries Parish Bulletin

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## *Don't be a stranger...*



'Don't be a stranger' is a phrase we use to assure someone that they are welcome, that they are one of us and that they are not outsiders. In the first reading this weekend we read and hear how the stranger was to be treated. Welcoming, loving and showing hospitality to the stranger is what God asks.

As sharers in the Eucharist, we become involved in the mission and message of Jesus who bridges the gulf that leaves people estranged and alienated. A trap was set for Jesus in the gospel with the question, 'which is the greatest commandment of the law?' He was asked this because he created fellowship with people wherever he met them. He showed an indiscriminate generosity and willingness to mix with all sorts of people who were judged to be undesirable, shadowy and unsuitable company. This is expressed in his answer: 'You must love the Lord your God and your neighbour as yourself.'

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### MASS INTENTIONS

- ✦ Sat 24<sup>th</sup> 10am: Charles & Phyllis O'Reilly (50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary)
- ✦ Sat 24<sup>th</sup> 6pm: John Tattan, Benny & Steve Duff, Brian McEvoy, Richard Hurley & those who sent mass cards
- ✦ Sun 25<sup>th</sup> 9.30am: Peter McMahan
- ✦ Sun 25<sup>th</sup> 11am: Michael Daly (1<sup>st</sup> A), Agnes Tarpey, Jane Dardis, Kathleen Keeley, Charles & Phyllis O'Reilly (50<sup>th</sup> Wed Anniv)
- ✦ Mon 26<sup>th</sup> 10am: Mass Card Intentions
- ✦ Tues 27<sup>th</sup> 10am: Michael Guiney (1<sup>st</sup> A)
- ✦ Wed 28<sup>th</sup> 10am: Michael McGealy, Margo McAuley
- ✦ Thurs 29<sup>th</sup> 10am: John Daly
- ✦ Fri 30<sup>th</sup> 10am: James Marron
- ✦ Sat 31<sup>st</sup> 10am: Philip Fagan (MM)
- ✦ Sat 31<sup>st</sup> 6pm: Anne Woody, Olga & Des Reynolds (2<sup>nd</sup> A)
- ✦ Sun 1<sup>st</sup> 9.30am: Seamus Sweetman (MM), Margaret Fitzsimons (MM), Michael & Nancy Loughrey
- ✦ Sun 1<sup>st</sup> 11am: Lily Beggs

### OUR SYMPATHY

To the family of Rose Grimes, Balbriggan Road and Hamilton Park N.H., who died recently. May she Rest in Peace.

### CHURCH OPENING HOURS DURING LEVEL 5 RESTRICTIONS

Please remember the church will be open Monday - Saturday for private prayer and visits once daily Mass is finished. This is usually from about 11am until 6 pm.

### NOVEMBER ALTAR LIST

The November Altar List of the Dead envelopes are now available throughout the church. If you wish for your loved ones to be remembered at the 1<sup>st</sup> Friday Masses throughout the coming year, please put their names on the insert provided in the envelope and leave them in the office or into any of the priests houses. It is customary to place an offering in the envelope as well.

### NOVEMBER MASS OF REMEMBRANCE

The Mass to remember all those who died in our parish during the year will take place on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30 pm. Needless to say the Mass will be celebrated via webcam & radio.

### PARISH OFFICE HOURS FOR THIS WEEK

As the parish secretary is on holiday this week the office will be open for the following times this week: Wednesday & Friday 11 am - 12.30 pm. It will also be open on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November for the same hours.

### ALL SAINTS HOLYDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> NOVEMBER 2020

As the holyday falls on a Sunday, the Masses for the weekend of 31<sup>st</sup> October/1<sup>st</sup> November will be offered for the holyday of All Saints.

### SKERRIES LADIES BOWLS

Regretfully, due to the new level 5 restrictions the Bowling Club will be closed until further notice. Hopefully, we will all stay well and the measures will mean we will be active again in early December.

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## **MAD(MAKE A DIFFERENCE) SUNDAY 2020–25<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER**

During this Covid crisis we have been made more aware how connected we are and how much of what we do affects others. This year more than ever we are asking you to reach out, spread a bit of kindness and make a difference. Highlight the stories of the heroes in your community. There are so many doing fabulous works of kindness and compassion in our community that go unseen, un-noticed and sometimes un-thanked. So this is an open invitation to everyone from anywhere, any age, any background, any religion. This beautifully simple initiative hopes to encourage **all** people to make a conscious effort to do at least one simple thing to help another and share it on social media with the **#MADSunday** to help, support, inspire, give hope & encourage others! It can be as simple as saying thank you, sharing a positive message, tidying a park, sending a note of encouragement. Let's create and promote a culture of kindness.

### **30 YEARS AGO IN THE PARISH**

- Recently baptised were Colin Harrison, Eabha Geraghty, Nicole Palmer-Lafferty, Sarah Dunne, Orla Bartley, James Sheehan, Declan Jordan, Clionadh McIlwaine, Sorcha Keely-Kenny, Joseph Scully, Eoin Kelly and Raymond Van Strien
- Congratulations were sent to the eight boys and girls who were confirmed in Holmpatrick Church this weekend
- The mobile unit of the Citizens Information Service was visiting Skerries this coming week
- Congratulations to Marguerite Burke who won the Howard Cup for best all rounder in Leinster Cricket
- Skerries ICA was holding its monthly competition for a table decoration for Halloween

### **REMEMBER OUR LOCAL BUSINESSES**

Once again we have been asked to stay local and to restrict our activities. It's a difficult time for all businesses so let's remember to say thanks and show solidarity to all our local business people who will be badly affected by the new restrictions. Don't forget! Shop local if you can - many of our local entrepreneurs are on-line.

## **SKERRIES HARPS GAA CLUB**

Club games at all levels remain suspended but training will continue to be permitted as per the guidelines. Club Shop is open during Academy on Saturday mornings and on Thursdays from 8 to 9 pm for the sale of playing gear etc. Clubhouse and Bar remain closed.

Inter County fixtures finally returned last weekend and Skerries Harps had 11 players involved with Adam Fearon, Ciaran Murphy and Killian McGinnis with the Dublin Under 20s v Tyrone, Eoghan O'Connor Flanagan, Greg McEneaney, Eoin Wilde and Ben Jones with the Dublin Minors v Meath and Jack Smith with Westmeath v Laois while Emma Parker, Megan Carroll and Nicola Thorne were with the Dublin Intermediate Camogie team v Galway.

Allcare Pharmacy Juvenile Academy continues on Saturday mornings at 9 a.m. - under GAA Covid Protocols. Online Registration for the Academy only - must be completed by the preceding Friday morning in order to fulfill the strict Return to Play protocols. For this reason we are unable to accept 'walk ins' on the day.

Details on club Facebook page.

Zingo result for 18 Oct: 3-6-4-1-2-5-7. No winners. Next draw is on Sunday 25 Oct at 6.30 pm. Jackpot is €3,500 and Dividend is €350.

Zingo is our only means of club funding and we encourage regular players to sign up online through the link on our website. Thanks to all who support Zingo either Online or by Standing Order. Our AGM will take place on Thursday November 26<sup>th</sup>, remotely....more details to follow over the next few weeks. Are you a member of Skerries Harps? The Membership closing date has been extended to 31<sup>st</sup> October due to the Covid restrictions. Fees may be paid online by clicking the link on our website.

Our condolences to Anne Donnelly & the Grimes Family on the passing of Rose Grimes (RIP).

Check [www.skerriesharps.ie](http://www.skerriesharps.ie) or Facebook page for the latest club news.

### **HAPPY HALLOWEEN!**

Stay safe and keep your distance, but do have fun and enjoy yourselves as best you can!



### **CLOCKS CHANGING**

Did you remember to change your clocks back one hour last night?

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