



Skerries Parish Bulletin

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THE SEA

Not for the first time, the sea features prominently in today's Scripture Readings. Not one, but three of the four readings use it exclusively. We in Skerries are very familiar with all things marine. We delight in and benefit from the sea. A walk round the head or along the beach in Summer can be a very different experience, of course, to the same walk in Winter. Those who work at sea or go to sea for pleasure and recreation need no reminding about the power of the sea. And if we still doubt it, watching an episode or two of "Saving Lives at Sea" should remove any dreamy, romantic image we have of an exclusively docile being.

There is striking, beautiful poetry in the extract from **Job**. The creation of the sea is full of power: "Come thus far, I said, and no further: here your proud waves shall break". God is mighty.

The Psalm too reflects danger, distress and power. The power here is very comforting "He stilled the storm to a whisper; all the waves were hushed" It's a moving image of safety.

Finally, **the Gospel** extract brings us to the point of Christian reflection. Another storm, another threat, more panic than 'saved again', the question Jesus asks is "Why are you so frightened? How is it that you have no faith?" The Apostles weren't short of evidence, yet they still feared.

This question is addressed to us in our own day. Reflecting on it is relevant to how we live our lives. It is vital if we are to survive the onslaught of all manner of 'storms' that are part of daily life. We Christians need to think, not just accept, what suits us and dismiss what doesn't. The sea is unfathomable; so is life. The extract from **St. Paul's letter**, the 'odd one out' today, begins "The love of Christ overwhelms us..." Is this what I believe...in all circumstances...at every breaking wave, raging or rippling? Let us listen personally to the question of Jesus and may a reflection on our "Sea Pictures" help us to answer it, as He would wish.

Accept and Trust - and ask yourself what inspires those Lifeboat Crews, saving lives at sea!

Skerries Church Choir

MASS INTENTIONS

- ✠ **Sat 19th 10am:** Baby Sean McDonagh Gaffney
- ✠ **Sat 19th 6pm:** David & Rita O'Sullivan, John Talbot, Carmel O'Reilly, Eamonn Macken, Sean McDonagh, Peggy, John & Edward Nealon
- ✠ **Sun 20th 9.30am:** Margaret Corry Month's Mind, Domingos Fernandes Filho Month's Mind, Tess & Noel Dempsey, James & Lily Coleman & deceased members of the Coleman family, Special Intention
- ✠ **Sun 20th 11am:** Margaret Grimes, James (Jimmy) Grimes, Joseph (Joe) Grimes, The McGee family, Marianne Gibney, John Lally, Hyacinth Maguire, Willie & Mary Mooney, Tom Burke Father's Day remembrance
- ✠ **Mon 21st 10am:** Mass Card Intentions
- ✠ **Tue 22nd 10am:** Frank Rafter
- ✠ **Wed 23rd 10am:** Robert Kelly, Norah McGuire
- ✠ **Thurs 24th 10am:** John Sheridan
- ✠ **Fri 25th 10am:** Tommy Boylan
- ✠ **Sat 26th 10am:** Michael & Bridget O'Reilly & family
- ✠ **Sat 26th 6pm:** Francis & Bridget Farrell, Sean Murtagh, Peadar O'Connor, Billy & Bridie Cummins
- ✠ **Sun 27th 9.30am:** Leo & Rosaleen Doolin

- ✠ **Sun 27th 11am:** Maria Derham 1st Anniversary, Patrick & Lily Grimes, Mary & Dermot Grimes, Martha & Bobby Aherne, Johnny Shankey, Pauline Hanlon Birthday Rem. Deceased.

FEASTDAYS

- 19th June – Bl. Dermot O'Hurley & Companions
- 21st June – St. Aloysius Gonzaga

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY - PRAYER TO ST. JOSEPH

This year has been designated by Pope Francis as the 'Year of St. Joseph'. Pope Francis describes St. Joseph as a beloved father, a tender and loving father, an obedient father, an accepting father, a father who is creatively courageous, a working father and a father in the shadows. Pope Francis has prayed every morning for over forty years a prayer to St. Joseph that expresses devotion and trust.

PRAYER TO ST JOSEPH: Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. To you, God entrusted His only Son. In you Mary placed her trust. With you Christ became Man. Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life. Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage and defend us from every evil. Amen

A VERY HAPPY FATHER'S DAY TO ALL FATHERS IN OUR PARISH.

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PARISH BOOK CLUB SUMMER READING



Over the summer months and as we look forward to a period of reflection on the future of the Church, we will be reading **Divine Renovation - Bringing**

your parish from maintenance to mission by Fr. James Mallon. Highly acclaimed for his work with parish renewal and the New Evangelisation, Fr. James Mallon shares many ways of bringing our parishes to life. Through humorous and colourful stories, Fr. Mallon challenges us to rethink our models of parish life, from membership-based communities to assemblies of disciples of Jesus who proclaim and share the Good News with all peoples.

CONGRATULATIONS

To the boys & girls of 2nd class in our Parish Schools who celebrated their First Penance in preparation for their First Holy Communion.

30 YEARS AGO IN THE PARISH

- The Parish celebrated with great Joy the Ordination of David Boylan
- St. Joseph's Young Priests Society pilgrimage to Knock shrine was taking place
- Tidy Towns committee was organising a Beach tidy-up of the beaches along the town
- Rough Magic Theatre company was presenting "Lady Windermere's Fan" in the Community Centre
- Congratulations to our Community Games chess team who won Dublin gold medals
- Congratulations to Skerries Town's under-9's who won the Cup and League double and to the u-13's who were runners-up in the IGB Cup
- Best wishes were sent to Ruadhri Carney travelling to Paris for the Special Olympics.

SKERRIES BOWLING CLUB



is hosting a series of Open sessions to introduce lawn bowling to everybody in the community. In this fine weather, there is nothing like a game of bowls - you are in the open air and getting

exercise, while meeting at a social distance with other people. There will be three sessions - **Friday 25th 5.30 - 8.30, Saturday 26th 10.30 - 4.30 and Sunday 27th 12 noon to 5pm.**

The club is situated just behind Supervalu supermarket. Why not come along and give it a try? All you need is a pair of flat trainers/ sports shoes - we will provide everything else.

SKERRIES LADIES BOWLS

LBLI competitions for ladies will get off to a start this coming week. Welcome to all our new members, who are turning up with great enthusiasm. It is hoped to organise a tournament for them shortly. The official Unfurling Ceremony will take place in the Club on **Saturday 26th at 12 noon.** All lady members are invited to this socially distanced ceremony - please wear your club colours.

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 COVID-19. Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. The support line is open seven days a week from **8am - 8pm by calling 0818 222 024.**

AWARE – SUPPORT & SELF CARE GROUPS

If you, or those with whom you work wish to connect with people in relation to your mental well being, please consider using the Phone In and Zoom Support & Self Care Groups, the Support Line or Support Mail, now and throughout the holiday season. These services provide support, coping skills and information – and most importantly help people who are in distress to know and feel that they are not alone in their experience.

For more information about the groups <https://www.aware.ie/support/support-groups/> and all of our services on www.aware.ie

SKERRIES HARPS GAA CLUB



Congratulations to Lyndsey Davey who was chosen as the TG4 Player of the Match for her outstanding performance for Dublin Ladies against Mayo in the NFL semi-final.

Our Bar facility is open again – outdoors, with all the necessary health guidelines. At present it will open on Fri, Sat and Sun – check opening times on the website.

Academy continues every Saturday at 10am until 26 June. Shop open Saturdays from 10am to 11am and on Thursdays from 8am to 9pm for playing gear. All-Stars line out every Friday at 4.30pm.

Games are back with Football, Camogie and Ladies playing last week and Hurling this weekend.

List of Fixtures is now up on our website. Senior team drawn with Ballymun, Thos Davis and Clontarf in the Senior Football Championship, which starts in September. See www.skerriesharps.ie Zingo for Sunday 13 June 5-2-6-1-7-4-3 No winners. Jackpot is now €6,900 and Dividend is €300. Online entry €5 for 3 lines – see link on website. Next draw in Marquee on Sunday at 6.30pm.

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