



Skerries Parish Bulletin

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14th Sunday in Ordinary Time Ezekiel 2:2-6 Psalm 123, 2 Corinthians Mark 6:1-6.



God said to Ezekiel 'I am sending you to the Israelites, to the rebels who have turned against me'. Ezekiel, (594 BC) a prophet, had mysterious encounters with God. He received his mission and went whether 'they listened or not'. God said: 'this set of rebels shall know there is a prophet among them'.

Jesus, in our gospel reading, calls himself a prophet. 'A Prophet is only despised in his own country among his own relations and in his own house'. Jesus was perceived as a craftsman, but not accepted as a prophet. Sadly, his people could not see beyond the person they knew to find the presence of God. Mary and Joseph must have had mixed emotions about Jesus going on his public journey (like any parent whose child is leaving home). He left home as a carpenter and returned as a teacher and a healer. It was Jesus's ordinary-ness that made it difficult for people at Nazareth to see him as God saw him in all his mystery.

God continues to come to us through the ordinary and everyday. St Paul discovered the thorn in our flesh can open up to God's presence, little things that annoy can create a space for God. 'My power is at best in weakness, for it is when I am weak, I am strong'.

Prayer: Our eyes are on the Lord till he shows us his mercy, Amen.

Lectio Divina, Berna Dennis



Proposed Celebration of Sacraments of Confirmation & Holy Communion (5th - 10th July)

As you know from last week's issue, we were preparing to celebrate the sacraments with our children on the above dates. Unfortunately, once again, we have to bring disappointing news to our families. We received the following from Archbishop's House on Wednesday evening;

'The following public health advice regarding "Other Religious Ceremonies" has now been published on gov.ie : 'It is advised that religious ceremonies such as Baptisms, First Holy Communions and Confirmations should not take place at this time. Further advice will follow on the resumption of these ceremonies when it is safe to do so.'



Fr. James and I share your disappointment with this news and also the frustration that comes with it too. As you know we were ready to go and are now not permitted to do so.

The statement also places uncertainty on when into the future we will be given permission to have these celebrations. As this is the case, we will not be able to answer any questions regarding a date for the future at all. I appreciate the deep disappointment that this news brings and I ask you to let the Archbishop and your public representatives know of your disappointment and your feelings on this matter. Unfortunately, we can only follow the guidelines we are given.

You are welcome to bring your child to receive their Communion at any of the weekday or Sunday Masses. If you intend to do this, as the limit on numbers in the church is 50, please let us know in advance and to avoid disappointment please come to the church **early** as the doors are closed once we have reached our limit.

Kind regards & God Bless.

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Wedding Bells

Congratulations to Leona Grimes and Barry Kane who were married in the Parish recently.



Our Sympathy

to the families of Joe McDonough, Holmpatrick, Maire Flynn, Balbriggan Street, Ken Whitaker, Holmpatrick, and Barny McArdle, Rockabill Apartments, all of whom died recently. May they Rest in Peace.

Peter's Pence Collection

The annual Peter's Pence collection to support Pope Francis' charities throughout the world takes place this weekend 3rd/4th July. This collection replaces the usual second Share collection.

First Friday: Friday next, 2nd will be the First Friday of the month. Mass will be offered for all those names on the Altar List of the Dead. 7.30 p.m.. St. Padre Pio Mass.

Anniversary Masses and Intentions

Sat. 3rd July 10a.m.: Sheila McGuinness (month's mind), Mary Radley, Christopher & Joseph Radley, Special Intention

6pm: Declan Lacey

Sunday 4th July 9.30a.m.: Aine O'Leary, Cathy Smith, Jeremiah O'Keefe, Jimmy & Rita Grogan, Terry Kiernan (née Grogan), Christopher Caffrey, Kathleen Branagan, Margaret Kite

11am: Tom Dowling

Mon. 5th July 10a.m.: Mass Card Intentions

Tues. 6th July 10a.m.: Brenda O'Reilly, Kathleen Tyndall & Joe Tyndall, Oonagh Whittle

Fri. 9th July 10a.m. Mary Ann Cooper

Sun. 11th July 9.30a.m. Jack Grimes, Elizabeth (Betty) O'Connor (21st anniv.), Madge & Ronan Fagan
11a.m.: Elizabeth Flanagan, Iris Flanagan (21st anniv.).
Frank & Kathleen Boylan

Parish Office Summer Holiday Opening Hours.

Week commencing 5th July :

Mon. 5th 10.30 -12.30

Wed. 7th 10.30 – 12.30p.m.

Fri. 9th 10.30 – 12.30p.m.

Week commencing 12th July:

Mon 12th 10.30 – 12.30p.m.

Wed. 14th 10.30 – 12.30p.m.

Fri. 16th: 10.30 – 12.30 p.m.

This week's Feastsdays:

3rd July – St Thomas,

6th July – St Maria Goretti, St Moninne,

7th July – St Maelruain,

8th July – St Killian

Skerries Bowls Club

Many thanks to the members who came along to help with the Open Days last weekend. There was a good turn-out of potential new members. If you missed this opportunity, why not drop into the Club to enquire about trying out this rewarding sport, played in the open air in safe conditions? Introductory sessions available.

Skerries Bowls – Ladies Section

Despite the horrible day, it was good to see so many lady members turn out for the Unfurling Ceremony on Fri. 25th. Thank you to all who helped to make the occasion run so smoothly, despite the gales!!

Skerries Harps GAA Club

Our series of Summer Camps starting with our first Kellogg's Cúl Camp will start on 12 July. NOTE for parents – the Cúl Camp registration process is controlled solely by the Kellogg's/GAA online portal and Skerries Harps has no input into the registration process.

Skerries All-Stars line out every Friday at 4.30 pm in our programme for children who do not wish to participate in mainline sports.

Fixtures on Sunday next include Hurlers' 1st team home at 11 am and 2nd team home at 3 p.m.;

Minor football A team away to Na Fianna and B team home to Rush both at 11 am.

Full list of Fixtures up on our website. See

www.skerriesharps.ie

Zingo for Sunday 27 June 2-1-7-6-3-5-4 We had no winners. Next week's Jackpot is €7,100 and the Dividend is €400. Online entry €5 for 3 lines – see link on website. Entry envelopes available at the draw which takes place in the Bar Marquee at 6.30 pm on Sunday.

Congrats to Lyndsey Davey and Dublin Ladies team on their win in the League final v Cork.

30 years ago in the Parish

-We welcomed the appointment of Fr. Desmond Hayden to our Parish

-Congratulations were sent to our new Cardinal, Cathal Daly, who had received his red hat in Rome this week

-Congratulations were sent to Sister de Sales, of the Holy Faith Convent celebrating the Diamond Jubilee (60 years) of her service to education

-Congratulations were sent to Ruaidhre Carney from Skerries on his great achievement at the International Special Olympics – gold medal in the backstroke and a bronze and 4th place in two other events

-Tidy Towns warned that dumping unwanted furniture in the Ballast Pit was punishable by a severe fine, so no more sofas please !

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