

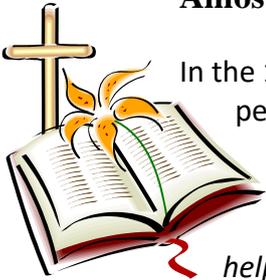


Skerries Parish Bulletin

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Amos 7:12-15, Psalm 84:9-14, St Paul 1:3-14, Gospel of Mark 6:7-13.



In the 1st Reading, Amaziah told the Prophet Amos, he was not welcome to preach to the people of Israel, but Amos explained that the Lord had instructed him to leave his work as a shepherd and to *“Go prophesy to my people Israel”*.

In today’s Psalm, we say *“Let us see O Lord your mercy and give us your saving help”*. When we are under pressure or in times of trouble, and we ask for the Lord to help us, do we hear what the Lord has to say ? Do we stop and think of His love for us, or accept the answer ?

In the 2nd Reading there is so much to take in, i.e. *“who has blessed us with all the spiritual blessings ?” “He chose us”, “such is the richness of the grace which he has showered on us”, “we have heard the message of the truth and the good news of our salvation” and “you have been stamped with the seal of the Holy Spirit”*.

Perhaps we could take a moment to reflect on all these gifts that we have received.

Church Readers

Our Sympathy is offered



to the families of Maire Flynn, late of Balbriggan Street, and Patricia Burke, late of Bartra, Loughshinny. May they rest in peace.

Blessing of the Parish Graveyards

As in 2020, it was not possible to hold the general Blessing of the Graves in the Parish. However, Father Melvyn and Father James took the opportunity some days ago to bless all the graves in Holmpatrick, Ardla, St. Moibhi’s and Baldungan. This is now available to view on <https://www.funeralmass.ie/skerries> So be assured your loved ones have been remembered in a meaningful way.

Congratulations to

All our young people from local schools who have been receiving their First Holy Communion at the weekend and daily Masses. Thanks to their teachers and families who have supported them in these strange Covid times. We hope you all had a lovely time on your special day.



Thanks to all who contributed to the Peter’s Pence collection last weekend. Envelopes still available.

Anniversaries/Special Intentions

Sunday 11th 9.30: Jack Grimes, Elizabeth (Betty) O’Connor, Madge & Ronan Fagan, Charlie O’Reilly, Rita O’Sullivan

11a.m.: Elizabeth Flanagan, Iris Flanagan, Frank & Kathleen Boylan, Thomas Ellis, Bridget Ellis, Greta Kelly

Monday 12th 10 a.m. Mass Card intentions

Tuesday 13th 10 a.m.: Barry Walls (1st anniv.) Liam Davey

Wednesday 14th 10 a.m.: Paddy, Mollie & Paddy Jnr. Griffin, Louise & Patrick Ryan

Thursday 15th 10 a.m.: Paddy Fennell, Special Intention

Friday 16th 10 a.m.: Mary McNally, Matthew Ward, deceased members of Whelan Family

Feast Days:

Tuesday 13th St. Henry

Wednesday 14th St. Camillus de Lellis

Thursday 15th St. Bonaventure

Friday 16th Our Lady of Mount Carmel



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 for 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.

PRAYER TO DISCOVER OUR MISSION IN LIFE: St.



John Henry Newman: O Jesus Christ, my Lord, you have created me to do you some definite service.

You have given some work to me which you have not given to any other. I have a place in your plan. I may never know what it is in this life but I will be told in the next. Therefore, I will trust you in all things. If I am sick, my sickness may serve you. If I am worried, my worry may serve you. If I am in sorrow, my sorrow may serve you. You do nothing in vain; you know what you are doing. You may put me among strangers; You may make me feel forgotten; You may make my spirits sink; You may hide my future from me... Still, you know what you are doing, and I trust you. God our Father, You have a plan for each one of us, You hold out to us a future full of hope. Give me the wisdom of your Spirit, so that I can see the shape of your plan in the gifts you have given me, and in the circumstances of my daily life. Give me the freedom of your Spirit, to seek you with all my heart, and to choose your will above all else. Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

TASK FORCE: BUILDING HOPE – PUBLIC

CONSULTATION -Archbishop Farrell has set up a Task Force *Building Hope*. It aims to stimulate engagement with the whole diocesan family and shape an inclusive approach to a pastoral strategy appropriate to our times. It is intended to support parish communities to undertake a radical renewal, looking to the future with creativity, enabling the Archdiocese of Dublin to act now, so as to give effective witness and service in the years ahead. You are invited to take part in this consultation. There is a video, prayer and form on www.dublindiocese.ie . Please watch the video from the Archbishop and join with your family to pray and discuss the future of the Church. You might nominate one member of your family to return to the website and make a contribution by filling **NEW VOCATIONS** filling out the form. The consultation form will remain online until the 18th July 2021.

Parish Office – holiday opening

Open Monday, Wednesday and Friday next from 10.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.

Our Congratulations to

Eimear Friel, Ireland’s new Ambassador to Latvia. Past pupil of St. Patrick’s N.S. and Skerries Community College, Eimear was formally accredited last week in a ceremony with the Latvian President in Riga. Growing up in Skerries, Eimear played for many years at the Children’s Mass and also played with the Music Group at the Saturday evening Mass. A great model for future generations of young Skerries students.

Well done also to Hugo Lennox who was officially named this week as a member of the rugby 7’s squad to travel to Tokyo for the Olympic Games. Another past pupil of Skerries Community College and member of our local Rugby Club, it’s great to see him gain recognition on the international stage. Along with sailor, Sean Waddilove, that makes two young Skerries athletes going to Tokyo.

30 years ago in the Parish

-Recently baptised were Eamon Gavin, Stephen Moles, James Reid, Keith Wilson, Nadine Ruigrok, Orla Carron, Joanne Collins, Sinead Cullen, Stephen O’Neill, Dylan Jones, Neil Giles, Thomas O’Rourke, Kate McArdle-Castle, Megan Montgomery and Emma Delemere

- 40 Hours Adoration was taking place in the Parish
- Tidy Towns committee thanked all those who were helping in the war against litter
- Skerries Festival Parade was taking place, as was a Mary Coghlan concert in Ardgillan and Children’s Fancy Dress competition
- Congratulations were sent to Martin Parsons who had won the Gold Medal in the Dublin Community Games, he now will go to Mosney for the finals

Skerries Harps GFC



Kelloggs Cúl Camp starts Monday 12 July – the Cúl Camp registration process is controlled solely by the Kelloggs/GAA online portal and currently both Cúl camps are full. Our Multi Sport camp starts on 19 July. Good Luck to our 3 reps on the Dublin Minor team v Offaly on Sat. Eoghan O’Connor Flanagan captains the team and is joined by Ronan Geoghegan and Greg McEaney.

On Saturday, we have 13 Juvenile games either home/away, plus Senior football v St Brigids, home at 6.30 and Inters away in the Naul. On Sunday we have 8 more fixtures including Minor Hurlers home at 11 a.m. to Portmarnock. On Monday Juniors v Ballyboughal, home, 7.30 -see www.skerriesharps.ie Zingo for Sunday 4 July 1-5-3-6-4-7-2 Jackpot is now €7,200. Entry envelopes available at the draw in the Marquee at 6.30 pm on Sunday.

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