



# Skerries Parish Bulletin

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## Sharing ..... Caring

We meet Jesus today in a situation of need. The crowds have followed him and they are hungry. Jesus challenges his disciples to provide a meal for them. When they object that they don't have enough money, and only a tiny amount of food, Jesus uses what they have...

We are left in no doubt about our obligation to protect and care for those in need, just as Jesus provided for the hungry crowds. This feeding account also has the elements of a Eucharistic meal, with Jesus taking the food, giving thanks, and distributing it to everyone. Jesus doesn't produce this meal from nothing, but transforms what the disciples provide into a blessing for many....

Where people are in need it is our responsibility, as followers of Jesus, to share and to provide. God will provide beyond our imagining, no matter how little we think we have to give, but we are invited to take the first step.

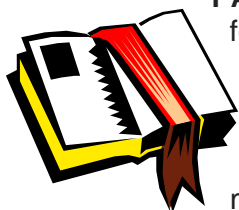
Triona Doherty *Intercom*

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**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY:** Pope Francis has established a World Day of Prayer for Grandparents and the Elderly, which will take place for the first time on **Sunday 25 July 2021** on the theme 'I am with you always' (Mt 28:20). Our prayers and thoughts are with all grandparents and the elderly members of our parish who contribute so much to passing on the faith to future generations. Remember - 'There is no retirement age from the work of proclaiming the Gospel.' Pope Francis

**PATHWAYS: EXPLORING FAITH AS AN ADULT:** *Pathways* is a two-year, one evening a week, Adult Faith Development course on Thursday evenings. Run by the Archdiocese of Dublin in DCU St. Patrick's Campus (MDCCE), Drumcondra Road. Late September to May (7.00 p.m. – 9.30 p.m). Application now open for September 2021. Early application advised. Contact: *Pathways* Director, Eileen Houlahan at 018087594 at : [pathways@dublindioscese](mailto:pathways@dublindioscese). Web: [www.evangelisation.ie](http://www.evangelisation.ie)

**THE LOUGH DERG PILGRIM PATH:** The Lough Derg Pilgrim Path on the lough shore is now open daily. The full route is a 12km loop, with a shorter 8km option, and several information boards highlight features of particular interest. Leaflets are available at the Visitors Centre. A guided walk experience will be offered on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> July, with Mass outdoors, weather permitting. Further dates for these guided walks will follow for late August and early September. For bookings and further information email [info@loughderg.org](mailto:info@loughderg.org) or telephone 0(0353) 71 9861518 [www.loughderg.org](http://www.loughderg.org)



**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.

**Have You Noticed?** Thanks to Skerries Tidy Towns Committee, herbs have been planted around the base of the trees on Church Street and Strand Street. Thanks to those who are keeping them watered until they are established!

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## ✝ MASS INTENTIONS/ANNIVERSARIES

SAT 24<sup>TH</sup> JULY: 6PM: AILEEN O'CONNOR,  
JIM HYLAND, CHRISTOPHER (CHRISTY) CASEY

Sun 25<sup>th</sup> Jul: 9.30am: The Fanning Family,  
Special Intention

Sun: 11am: Breda Kennedy, Peggy & Paddy  
Coleman, Teresa Donaghy, Peggy McGirl,  
Tommy O'Brien

Mon: 26<sup>th</sup>: 10am: Mass Card Intentions

Tues. 27<sup>th</sup>: 10am: Brian Connolly (SI), Joe  
McDonagh, MM

Weds. 28<sup>th</sup>: 10am: Bernadette Plunkett,  
Patrick & Margaret Lynch and deceased  
members of the Lynch family

Thurs. 29<sup>th</sup>: 10am: Davidine Grimes (Birthday  
Wishes)

Fri. 30<sup>th</sup>: 10am: Mary Murphy,  
Patricia Jenkinson

Sat. 31<sup>st</sup>: 10am: Ann Curtis &  
William Schule Curtis, Eileen Hillan

6pm: Esther Kelly (BR), Bob Laughlin,  
Jim Martin

Sun. Aug 1<sup>st</sup>: 11am: Tom McManus,  
Kathleen Everard, Joe Dowling

### OUR SYMPATHY

To the families of John Harrison, Mill Hill and  
Brian Peters, South Strand, who died recently.  
May they Rest in Peace.

### FEASTDAYS

24<sup>th</sup> July: St Declan,

26<sup>th</sup> July: Saints Joachim & Anne (Parents of  
the Blessed Virgin Mary),

29<sup>th</sup> July: St Martha,

31<sup>st</sup> July: St Ignatius of Loyola

**Jim Quigley Award 2021** - Every year,  
Skerries Community Association makes an  
award to an individual or a group of volunteers.  
This year the nominee can be a young person,  
an adult, or a group – the only thing that matters  
is that they are deserving prize  
winners! You can read more  
about Jim Quigley and the prize,  
as well as see a list of previous  
winners on



<https://www.skerriesca.com/?s=jimquigley&submit=search> Please forward nominations with the  
reasons why you would like this person/group to  
get the award so that the judges will be in a  
position to make a fair decision. Nominations to:  
[chair@skerriesca.com](mailto:chair@skerriesca.com) by 15<sup>th</sup> August.

## Have you taken up or restarted cycling?

Local leisure cycling club, Rockabill Roadies,  
are hitting the roads again and would love to  
hear from other likeminded people who are  
interested in leisure cycling and some good  
company. We are a welcoming group of hardy  
cyclists who like to cycle for fun, fitness and of  
course, nice coffee stops!!! If you are over 18  
and interested in cycling around our wonderful  
countryside, please do get in touch with:  
[rockabillroadies2021@gmail.com](mailto:rockabillroadies2021@gmail.com)

## 30 Years ago in our Parish

- A brunch was being organised to raise funds for Fr. Toal's mission in the Gambia
- Tidy Towns had work parties out 3 times weekly to prepare the town for the final judging which was coming up
- A Beach clean was being organised for the South Beach
- Skerries Sen Badminton Club was hosting their finals night
- Skerries Swimming Club open sea races, the Island Swim was taking place this weekend.

## Skerries Harps GAA Club

Good Luck to our local Olympians Sean Waddilove and Hugo Lennox – enjoy the Tokyo experience!

Our next Summer Camp is the Junior Camp on 3 August and then Cul Camp #2 on 9 August.. Dublin Minors play Kildare on Sat. in Leinster semi-final. Good luck to Eoghan, Ronan and Greg.

Senior footballers play Portmarnock in Div.1 on Saturday in Skerries at 6.30 pm. Inters play Clontarf, away at same time and Juniors are away on Monday to O'Tooles at 7.30 while Hurlers are at home on Tuesday v Whitehall at 7.30. See [www.skerriesharps.ie](http://www.skerriesharps.ie) Zingo for Sunday 18 July 1-6-5-4-3-7-2 No winner. Jackpot is now €7,400 and Dividend €200. Entry envelopes available at the draw in the Marquee at 6.30 pm on Sunday or enter online.

Annual Golf Classic is on Fri 30 July in Skerries GC. Details from Paul 085 1740474

Membership fees can be paid via the link on our website.