



# Skerries Parish Bulletin

No 2227

15 to 22 August 2021

## 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Proverbs 9:1-6 Psalm 33:2-3, 10-15, Ephesians 5:15-20, Gospel John 6:51-58.



On reading the Liturgy of today, I was immediately struck by the similarity with the Gold Medal win by Kellie Harrington in Boxing, given all the training she undertook in preparation over time to perfect the skills to achieve the highest accolade of the sport.

My question is this: Is God in our corner?

Through our lives, we learn to prepare for the Sacraments, we are taught about maintaining a balance and not to do anything that leads to excess, to be thoughtful rather than unkind and, through prayer and good deeds, give glory and praise to God.

"I will bless the Lord at all times, His praise always on my lips.

In the Lord my soul shall make its boast, the humble shall hear and be glad"

In the Gospel, we are invited to the table of the Lord to come and eat the living bread which has come down from Heaven. Anyone who does this has the gift of eternal life.

The ultimate achievement.

Church Readers

 **Our Sympathy** is extended to the families and friends of John Archbold, Mourne Court, and Frank Ryan, Rockabill Apts., who died recently. May they Rest in Peace.

### Anniversaries and Special Intentions

- ❖ **Sat 14<sup>th</sup> 10.00am:** Ailish and Patrick O'Brien, Kenneth King, Josephine Ryan.
- ❖ **Sat 14<sup>th</sup> 6.00pm:** Sheila and Laurence McNally, Theresa Pereira (10<sup>th</sup> A), Catherine and James Heraghty, Frank, Mary and David O'Leary.
- ❖ **Sun 15<sup>th</sup> 9.30am:** John and Kathleen Mackle, Joan Moorhouse (birthday remembrance), Cathy Smith (birthday remembrance).
- ❖ **Sun 15<sup>th</sup> 11.00am:** Michael Browne, Sheila and Laurence McNally, Maria Heyenga (special intention), Linda Curley (recently deceased), Maria McEvoy and her sister Olivia (special intention).
- ❖ **Monday 16<sup>th</sup> 10.00am:** Mass Card Intentions
- ❖ **Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> 10.00am:** Michael & Abby Conlon, Rita Beggs McAllister (birthday remembrance), Alice Farrell.
- ❖ **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> 10.00am:** John and Kathleen Mackle.
- ❖ **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> 10.00am:** John Moorehead, Jean, John and Johnny Cavey.
- ❖ **Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> 10.00am:** Cecily Duff.
- ❖ **Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> 6.00pm:** Martin McGuinness (1<sup>st</sup> A), John Harrison (MM), Frances Mulholland, Collie Doyle, Stephen and Jane Comey (Snr).
- ❖ **Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> 11.00am:** McCourt & McManus Families, Joe May, Louise O'Loughlin, Michael Sweeney, Willie Marks, Mona O'Brien.

**St Vincent De Paul** monthly gate collection is cancelled due to current restrictions. The collection is being replaced by the Blue Envelopes available in the church this weekend. All offerings can be left in to the parish office. Many thanks for your support.

### Feastdays

14<sup>th</sup> Aug – St Maximilian Kolbe,  
17<sup>th</sup> Aug – Our Lady of Knock,  
20<sup>th</sup> Aug – St Bernard,  
21<sup>st</sup> Aug – St Pius X.

### 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, **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 mental wellbeing, 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, and all of our services, see [www.aware.ie](http://www.aware.ie)

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## Praying For Vocations

Archbishop Farrell is asking for prayers for vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life on a regular basis. As you are well aware, the need is great, so let's answer God's call and "Pray to the Lord of the harvest to send labourers into his harvest"

## 30 Years ago in our Parish

- The graves in Holmpatrick were being blessed following Mass at 12 noon.
- Parishioners were reminded that 15<sup>th</sup> August was a holy day of obligation.
- The Eastern Health Board was seeking foster parents of all ages for a duration of one year.
- The beach clean up was continuing each Saturday.
- Skerries Harps Minor and Inter teams were through to the finals of the McCarthy and Bollard Cups.
- Active Age exercises take place each Monday morning in the Parochial Hall.

## Jim Quigley Award 2021

Volunteers are the glue that hold a community together. 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!

This prize is awarded every year in appreciation of volunteering work done in Skerries. You can read more about Jim Quigley and the prize, as well as see a list of previous winners, on our website [www.skerriesca.com](http://www.skerriesca.com).

Please forward nominations, **by 29<sup>th</sup> August**, 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.

Send nomination to: [chair@skerriesca.com](mailto:chair@skerriesca.com)

## Skerries Town Twinning



is pleased to announce the launch of its new website [www.skerriestwinning.ie](http://www.skerriestwinning.ie)

The town twinning movement aims to foster friendship and develop learning

between communities by means of cultural, sporting, school, family and individual contacts.

Skerries has been twinned with the Canton of Guichen (Brittany) since 1994 and has, in recent times, developed links with the town of Srem (Poland). If you're interested in learning more about town twinning please visit the new website and/or email [skerriestwinning@gmail.com](mailto:skerriestwinning@gmail.com).

## Accord Catholic Marriage Care Service CLG is



currently recruiting volunteers to train as marriage preparation programme facilitators.

Accord is seeking registration of interest from those who have a positive attitude towards marriage in the Catholic Church and the enthusiasm to be part of a team supporting couples who are preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage. Successful applicants will receive professional training and will be part of a team delivering marriage preparation programmes locally in accordance with best practice. Contact Aisling on 01 505 3112 or by email to [info@accord.ie](mailto:info@accord.ie) The closing date for receipt of registration of interest forms to be included in selections for this year is **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> August**. Additional information is available on [www.accord.ie](http://www.accord.ie).

## Skerries Ladies Bowls News



The final of the Wednesday afternoon beginners league had to be postponed due to the wet weather - finals will take place next Wednesday at 2 p.m. A warm welcome to all our new lady members, very heartening to see new faces joining. Any former members who have bowls to sell or pass on are asked to contact the club, as new members are on the look out for equipment. Congratulations to all those who have won their finals matches in the LBLI league in-house competitions. The semi-finals and finals will be played in Skerries in September, restrictions permitting.

## Skerries Harps GAA Club



Thanks to our GPO, Louise Byrne and her team of young coaches on the completion of our Summer Camp programme. Thanks to Tom Stafford of C&T Primo Supermarket for all the support.

Our Club reps this week included Nicola Thorne (Inter) and Robyn Buckley (Minor) with Dublin Camogie teams.

Senior footballers won away in Div.1. Inter team drew with Man O' War at home and Junior team also won at home. Fixtures on Sunday: Both Minor football teams play at home at 11 am, Junior B hurlers v Fingallians, home at 3 pm and GAA4MAs v Rush, home at 3 pm. Check all fixtures/results on [www.skerriesharps.ie](http://www.skerriesharps.ie) Zingo for Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> August 6-2-7-1-3-5-4 No winners. Jackpot next Sunday is €7,700. Entry envelopes available at the draw in the Marquee at 6.30pm on Sunday - or enter online.

Our condolences to our Jimmy Kinsella and to his family on the passing of Bernie, RIP.

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