



Skerries Parish Bulletin

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22nd – 29th August 2021

21st Sunday Ordinary Time

Choose today whom you wish to serve

Today we reach the conclusion of Chapter 6 of John's Gospel. Over the last few weeks, we've seen a slow-burning predicament develop. It began with Jesus performing a great miracle by feeding a huge crowd with loaves and fishes. Then gradually He reveals His identity to them. He reveals that He is the Bread of Life. He is the bread come down from heaven and the bread He gives is his flesh for the life of the world. His flesh is real food, His blood real drink

For many of His followers 'this is intolerable language' and they cannot accept it. They walk away and leave Him. Unfortunately, the same is happening in our Church today. For many, the language of Jesus remains 'intolerable' and for various reasons they have gone away from attending Mass and the Church. The question is - to whom or to what have they gone? In the first reading today, Joshua lays it on the line: 'If you will not serve the Lord, choose today whom you wish to serve.'

In our world today, there are many forces vying for our attention - deceptively inviting us to serve them and lead us astray by following what St. Paul describes as 'strange doctrines'. We pray this weekend that those who have gone away from the Lord may be graced with the insight and faith of Peter who declares: 'Lord, who shall we go to? You have the message of eternal life, and we believe; we know you are the holy one of God.'

Fr. James

MASS INTENTIONS

- ✦ **Sat 21st 10am:** Cecily Duff, Helen Walsh.
- ✦ **Sat 21st 6pm:** Martin McGuinness (1st A), John Harrison (MM), Frances Mulholland, Collie Doyle, Stephen & Jane Comey (Snr.), Christina Horan, Carol Boylan (2nd A).
- ✦ **Sun 22nd 9.30am:** Robert (Bob) Gelston.
- ✦ **Sun 22nd 11am:** McCourt & McManus families, Joe May, Louise O'Loughlin, Michael Sweeney, Willie Marks, Mona O'Brien.
- ✦ **Mon 23rd 10am:** Mass Card intentions.
- ✦ **Thurs 26th 10am:** Oran Tully.
- ✦ **Fri 27th 10am:** Dick Coscoran, Valerie Fitzsimons & deceased members of the Fitzsimons & Roche families. Bartle & Stephen Butterly, Alice & George McGarry, Matilda & Mick Minogue.
- ✦ **Sat 28th 10am:** Michael & Margaret White, Bridie & Luke Clogher.
- ✦ **Sat 28th 6pm:** James & Mary Manning, Charles McGinty.
- ✦ **Sun 29th 9.30am:** Brendan Mulkere (1st A), Pat Rice, Des Conneely.
- ✦ **Sun 29th 11am:** James & Mary Manning, Seamus 'Sheriff' Corr, Tommy & Margaret Farrell, Rose Murray, Esther Kearns, Kitty & Willie Beggs.

A NEW MINISTRY FOR FR. JAMES

As you may have heard Fr. James has been asked by Archbishop Farrell to take up a new appointment as Administrator in the parish of St. Martin de Porres, Old Bawn, Tallaght. This will be effective from the middle of September. The Archbishop has also told me that due to the shortage of priests Fr. James will not be replaced.

We have been privileged here in Skerries to benefit from Fr. James' ministry to our community for the past four years. We are thankful to the Lord for sending him to us and will miss him greatly. We wish him every blessing and our prayers as he prepares to take up his new ministry in Tallaght.

Fr. Melvyn

OUR SYMPATHY



To the family of Sean Ryan, Quay Street who died recently. May he Rest in Peace.

FEASTDAYS

- 21st August – St. Pius X
- 24th August – St. Bartholomew
- 27th August – St. Monica
- 28th August – St. Augustine.

FAMILIES WALKING TOGETHER IN HOPE

The 'Walking Together in Hope' initiative will be launched on **25th August 2021** at Saint Mary's Pro-Cathedral. The Archdiocese of Dublin will provide some simple and achievable ideas for families and parishes starting in September 2021. We want to encourage families to take part in various initiatives to support faith, lived in the home and celebrated together in our parishes. Our goal is to celebrate moments of hope and joy in family life, with resources suitable for learning, living and leading faith that are complementary to the way family is lived today.

BACK TO SCHOOL



We wish all our Parish students who are returning to school next week a happy and safe year ahead. In particular best wishes go to our new Junior Infants who start life in the "big school".

PARISH BOOK CLUB



Over the summer months we are 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.

SKERRIES LADIES BOWLS



Congratulations to Aileen Lane (winner) and Joan Flynn (runner-up) on the completion of the Wednesday afternoon league for beginners and well done to all who took part. A new Monday morning Autumn league will take place from 6th September. If there are any former members who would like to sell/donate their bowling equipment, we have a number of new members interested. Please contact Mark O'Leary on 086 3214795.

30 YEARS AGO IN THE PARISH

- The graves in Ardlia, Baldungan and St. Mohbi's were being blessed
- The Blessing of the Boats in the Harbour was taking place
- St. Vincent de Paul Society had moved to their new local headquarters, Teach Naomh Padraig, formerly the Bank Room
- The Legion of Mary annual pilgrimage to Knock was taking place
- Skerries Tidy Towns committee was delighted to announce their win as Best Town in the Dublin County Council competition
- Skerries Chamber of Commerce was urging all local traders to attend a meeting in the Holmpatrick Hotel concerning Rates
- The Blood Transfusion service Clinic held in June had reported 248 donors attending. Congrats to Norrie Nutty, Gerry Grimes, and C. Gallagher, local donors who received Gold Awards.

SKERRIES TOWN FC

Skerries Town FC MGL u16 girls squad are looking for new players including a goalkeeper for 2021 session born 2006/2007. Call/Text 087-6970403 with details. Training is on Fridays at 7.30pm at the Mill pitches. Games are on Sundays. A great group of girls & environment. All abilities welcomed.

SKERRIES HARPS GAA CLUB



Sunday 22nd Hurling League Div.5 final v Lucan, away at 11am and Hurling League Div10 North Final v Civil Service, home at 11 am.

Check fixtures/results on www.skerriesharps.ie

Lyndsey Davey helped Dublin Ladies qualify for the All Ireland Final with another outstanding display. They will face Meath in the final on 5th September.

Zingo for Sunday **15th August**: 3-1-6-5-2-4-7. Jackpot now €7,800. Draw in the Club at 6.30 pm on Sunday - enter online. Our Club Bar is open again Fri/Sat/Sun under strict Covid regulations.

As the Dubs finally reach the end of the road to SAM, we recall that it's 10 years since Bryan Cullen lifted SAM in 2011 to start an incredible GAA journey. Thanks for the memories!