



Skerries Parish Bulletin

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26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Numbers 11: 25-29; Psalm, 19:8,10,12-13, Second Reading: James 5:1-6, Gospel: Mark 9: 38-43
World Day of Migrants and Refugees

In today's gospel John objected when a person, who was not in their group, cast out demons in Jesus' name. Jesus himself had no problem with this at all. Sometimes, even when we see good being done, something inside us can react negatively for a plethora of reasons.

But Jesus says to us – if it's good being done in his name, it is to be acclaimed. Jesus condemns those who are destructive of the life of others, particularly the 'little ones.' Just as Jesus came so we might have life and have it to the full, we likewise are here to make a positive difference to others. He says rather dramatically we should cut off a hand, or tear out an eye, rather than harm another. It is not to be taken literally, of course, but it does mean that we should not be casual about our efforts to live a good life.

Fr. Melvyn



Celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation

Congratulations to the boys & girls who were confirmed during the week:

St. Patrick's Sen.N.S., - Ms Hughes and Mr. McGinty's classes confirmed on Monday 20th September. Also, to those in Ms O Rodaigh & Mr. Quigley's classes confirmed on Wednesday 22nd September. The pupils of Sc. Réalt na Mara in Bn Ui Raghallaigh & Mr. OLaoire's classes were confirmed on Friday 24th September and finally the boys & girls from Sc. Mobhí, Milverton; Holmpatrick N.S. & Educate Together N.S. will be confirmed on Monday 27th September.

Many thanks to all our school principals and teachers and to our parents, who helped prepare the children for these wonderful celebrations. Thanks also to our parishioners for your patience, while we had to close the church during the ceremonies.

Safeguarding Sunday 26th September



This Sunday we celebrate Safeguarding Sunday throughout the diocese. This is a time when we remember the important role children, young people and vulnerable adults play in our church. We also give

thanks for the work of our diocesan Child Safeguarding & Protection Service (CSPS) and also our Parish Child Safeguarding Representatives. We ensure the safety of these members of our parish community by following the best practices approved by the CSPS in how we welcome and care for our children and vulnerable adults.

Padre Pio Mass

The monthly Padre Pio Mass will be celebrated on Friday next, 1st at 7.30 p.m..

Change to schedule of weekday Masses.

Following the departure of Fr. James from our parish many have reminded me to 'make sure to take care of yourself.' In this respect to facilitate a day off, **starting next month (October) there will be no morning 10 am Mass on Thursdays** for the foreseeable future. This will give me a chance to catch up on myself and serve you, our parishioners, to the best of my ability into the future.

This week's Feast Days:

25th – St Finbarr, 27th – St Vincent de Paul, 29th – Ss. Michael, Gabriel & Raphael Archangels, 30th – St Jerome, 1st Oct – St Therese, 2nd: Guardian Angels

Friday next is the First Friday of the Month. Mass will be offered at 10.30 for all those on the Altar list of the Dead.

Stay safe – Wash your hands and wear your mask !

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat. 25th 10am, William Ruigrok, Christy Jenkinson, Kathleen Caffrey,

6pm, Jack & Dede White, Gerry Maguire, Enda McGuinness, Vera & Don Fay

Sun. 26th 9.30am, Doreen Rafferty, Mary Mullins (BR),

11am, Peggy Russell, Richard Lambe, & Lambe family, Ann Tomson, Tom Burke, Peter Kelly, Maureen Derham, Ita Williams

Mon. 27th 10am Mass Card Intentions

Wed. 29th 10am Seamus Sweetman,

Thurs. 30th 10am Jerom Fernandes (Month's Mind), Patrick Leonard

Fri. 1st Oct 10am 1st Friday of the Month, mass for intentions of those on altar list of the dead

Sat. 2nd Oct 10am Maeve Larkin
6pm Joan Smyth (Month's Mind)

Florence (Florrie) Casey, Dermot Higgins

Sun. 3rd Oct 9.30am Josephine & James Dillon
11am Philip Fagan (1st Anniv) & all those who sympathised and supported the family, Eanna O'Kelly, Claire O'Kane, Michael Bissett

Skerries Library on the move



Work on the refurbishment of the existing Carnegie building will start in early October and the new extension is about to begin! To facilitate clearance and storage of items, the Library will close from 20 Sept., although staff will be on hand

for following 10 days to answer queries and receive returns in the box outside the front door.

It is estimated that the building work will take about 2 years to complete. In the meantime, we will move to a temporary premises on Church Street, beside Supervalu. There will be a short period of time after closing before the temporary premises is open for business. Until we open in the temporary premises, items reserved online can be collected in any other branch of your choice, and Skerries stock will not be available to reserve. Online services will continue as before and our mobile vans will still visit Skerries -

Ardla Cottages: Wed. 2.30-3.30, once a month

Mourne View: Wed. 2 -3, twice monthly

Shenick: Wed. 3-4, twice monthly

Milverton School: once monthly

Looking for something new for the Autumn? Did you learn French at school? Do you still have a smattering? Would you like to brush up on what you know in a non-classroom environment? Skerries Town Twinning Association has started a Language Buddy scheme, where Skerries adults are put in touch with a French adult learning English from Guichen. The exchange takes place on-line to the mutual benefit of both. At present 12 Skerries people have become involved and are really enjoying the experience. If you would like to read more about the scheme, you can see details on skerriestwinning.ie

Skerries Ladies Bowls

Many thanks to all members who pulled out all the stops over two weekends to stage the LBLI championships in Skerries. Congratulations to Sheila Kelly and Nancy O'Rourke from Skerries who won the Junior Pairs Championship. Hopefully we will have more winners this weekend. Our sympathy is sent to the family of Sheila Jackson, a wonderful bowler and stalwart of the club whose death took place last week.

30 years ago in the Parish

-The local Methodist Church was celebrating a Harvest Thanksgiving Service to which all were invited

-Tidy Towns committee was delighted to announce an improvement of 3 points in this year's annual competition - litter was once again our black point

-Skerries Culture, our local Arts Festival was launching this week

-The Annual Blessing of Pets would take place on 6th October

Skerries Harps GAA Club

Sat. 25th: Inter football ch'ship v Plunketts/ER, 5.30
Sen. football ch'ship v Ballymun, Parnell

Park, at 6 p.m.. Probably live on Dubs TV
Sun 26th: Min.Hurling v Cr.Ciaran, at home, 11 a.m.

Jun. F'ball C'ship, v Vincents, away, 3 p.m.

Wed. 29th: Sen. Ladies v Parnells, home, 7.30 p.m.

Check fixture on www.skerriesharps.ie

Club Shop open Thursday evenings, 8-9 p.m. for playing and leisure gear

Zingo numbers: 7,5,4,3,1,2,6. Jackpot: €1,100. Draw in club, Sunday, 6 p.m.. with in-house spot prizes. Enter on-line or by envelope €2 per line or €3 for 5. Thanks to all who are supporting this fundraiser.

Juvenile Academy has resumed, Sat., 10 a.m..

Term 1 will run until 4 December. Covid regulations require pre-registration.

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