

# Skerries Parish Bulletin

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## The two great commandments – Love God and Love your Neighbour.

In the gospel Jesus is questioned as to which of the commandments should be thought of as the first.



Jesus replies reciting the 'Shema' – *'Listen, Israel, the Lord our God is the one Lord, and you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind and with all your strength'* - a prayer every faithful Jew recites daily, but then he includes another which proclaimed the need to love your neighbour too. The questioner, guided by these two commandments then realised that he could deal with the basic challenges of every day and saw himself as blessed. In Jesus' words, he was at that moment 'not far from the kingdom of God.'

St. John describes God in three words, 'God is love.' St. Augustine it's been said, when blessing himself did so in the name of the Lover, the Beloved and the Love. St. Paul reminds us that nothing can separate us from the love of God. We are now at the end of Mission Month – may this Mission of Love be always in our hearts.

Fr. Melvyn

### Mass Intentions

- ✦ **Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> Oct 10.00am:** Finian Murray (1<sup>st</sup> A), Margo McAuley, James Marron, Phyllis Finnerty, Maurice Cussen 80<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration.
- ✦ **6.00pm:** Pauline Carty (MM), Olga and Des Reynolds, Patty McGrath, Patrick and Jane Rogan, Sonny and Frank Rogan, Brian Peters (recently deceased), Barry Carey, Anne McGuinness (née Byrne).
- ✦ **Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> 9.30am:** Anna Walsh,
- ✦ **11.00am:** Garry Westby (1<sup>st</sup> A), Michael Daly, Jane Dardis.
- ✦ **Monday 1<sup>st</sup> Nov 10.00am:** Mass Card Intentions
- ✦ **Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> 10.00am:** Lily Beggs, Anne Woody, John Tattan, Joe Galway Connelly, Mary McAndrew.
- ✦ **Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> 10.00am:** Seán O'Lachtnáin, Madge Fanning.
- ✦ **Friday 5<sup>th</sup> 10.00am:** First Friday
- ✦ **7.30pm:** Padre Pio Mass
- ✦ **Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> 10.00am:** Mary Ingran (SI) Memorial Mass
- ✦ **6.00pm:** Tony McDermott, Gerry Nichol (birthday remembrance).

- ✦ **Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> 9.30am:** Maurice McAuley Jnr (1<sup>st</sup> A), Larry and Dolores Casey, Richard and Anne Keane, Deirdre McDermot (Nee Dowling)
- ✦ **11.00am:** Tom Murphy, Patrick Russell, Matthew and Margaret Russell, David Ryan, Sean Darcy.



**We welcome** Cara Beth Kinsella and Oliver William Tully who were recently baptised into our parish family.

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November:** All Saints Day. Holy Day of Obligation. Masses 10.00am and 7.30pm.

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup>:** First Friday.  
Padre Pio Mass at 7.30pm.

**November Remembrance Mass** to remember those who have died during the past year (November 2020 to October 2021) will take place on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30pm.

**Please remember to sanitise your hands on entering and exiting the church.**

## Feastdays

31<sup>st</sup> Oct – First Evening prayer of All Saints,  
1<sup>st</sup> Nov – All Saints,  
2<sup>nd</sup> Nov – All Souls,  
3<sup>rd</sup> Nov – St Malachy,  
4<sup>th</sup> Nov – St Charles Borromeo,  
6<sup>th</sup> Nov – All the Saints of Ireland

## Skerries Harps GAA Club



Minor Hurlers and Inter footballers both lost in the Championship quarter-finals. Junior footballers won v Na Fianna, away and

Senior Ladies footballers lost their semi-final by just 2 points.

Zingo result for Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> October:  
3,7,4,6,2,5,1. Next week's jackpot is €1,600. Play online or buy an envelope during the week. Draw in clubhouse on Sundays at 6.30pm with in-house draw for Spot Prizes. Envelopes available at Academy and in clubhouse bar.

Sat. 30<sup>th</sup> Oct. U14 Hurlers v Erins Isle in Cup Final, home at 3.00pm.

Sunday. Minor Football Ch'ship semi-final v Kilmacud, away at 11.00am

Senior Ladies v Naul, home at 1.00pm in the Cup.

U16 Camogie v T. Davis, away at 2.00pm in Shield final.

U21 Football Championship begins on 13<sup>th</sup> Nov. Check fixtures/results on

[www.skerriesharps.ie](http://www.skerriesharps.ie)

Juvenile Academy every Saturday at 10.00am for boys and girls.

Club Shop open on Thursday evenings 8 to 9pm and on Saturday mornings during the Academy, for playing gear and leisure wear. Get your Christmas orders in early to avoid disappointment.

This week we remember our former Vice President, Finian Murray on his first anniversary. R.I.P.

**'Winter time' begins this weekend. Don't forget to change your clocks! We can look forward to the end of 'winter time' on 27<sup>th</sup> March 2022.**



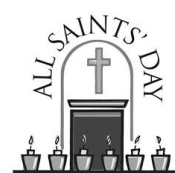
## Skerries Ladies Bowls

The Monday morning competition continues each week. We had a record 30 ladies on Bank Holiday Monday. Coaching for new members continues on Wednesdays and Fridays. A successful AGM, suitably masked and separated, was held on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> - a small step forward to normality.

## 30 Years Ago in our Parish

- As we approached November, the Altar List for the Dead was being compiled.
- Holmpatrick Parish was launching its Calendar of Quotations.
- The Legion of Mary was celebrating the 17th anniversary of the death of Frank Duff - a bus from Skerries to the Pro-Cathedral was organised.
- Crann Phadraig - Trees for Skerries was organising its monthly paper collection.
- Holy Faith/de la Salle College was organising an u-14 disco for Halloween and parents of 6<sup>th</sup> years were invited to a discussion on the Aids Virus.
- Good luck was sent to Louise Prendergast, Jennifer Caraher, Elaine Halpin and Aoife Dillon who were representing Dublin against Merseyside.
- One-Act Drama festival was running for 5 nights, with adjudicator Biddy White Lennon.

**Halloween** has its roots in the ancient Celtic festival of *Samhain* when people would light bonfires and wear costumes to ward off ghosts. In the 8<sup>th</sup> century, Pope Gregory III designated **November 1<sup>st</sup>** as a time to



honour all saints. Soon All Saints Day incorporated some of the traditions of Samhain.

The evening before was known as All Hallows Eve, and later Halloween.

## Halloween celebrations



Remember, be safe and be mindful of other people and pets who may not appreciate the celebrations.