



# Skerries Parish Bulletin

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## BACKWAYS

Isaiah 66:18-21    Hebrews 12:5-7. 11-13    Luke 13:22-30



If there's a wake-up call in today's Scripture passages, it must surely be in the last sentence of the Gospel reading: "There are those who are now last who will be the first and those now first who will be last". In actual fact, our perception of life is, on the whole, backways. St. Paul described it like this "... now we see things as in a mirror, darkly...."

The entire message of Sacred Scripture rests on revealing the truth of what life is. Ironically, the more we have of the highly valued good things of life – and we in the First World have over and above our share - the more the mirror clouds over and the image is blurred. So what really matters if the image is to stay clear? Keeping in touch with the Divine – that's what it's all about.

In **Isaiah**, the Lord speaks of gathering peoples from all quarters "to see My glory". Its splendour is a revelation to those 'in the dark', unaware, out of touch.

**St. Paul** speaks of the value of training. Every relationship demands it; making an effort to maintain all loving connections involves firm, gentle, consistent discipline. It's a marathon, not a sprint.

**St. Luke**, in his Gospel, describes the mistake of failing to keep in touch with the Divine. Any 'narrow door' concentrates the body as well as the mind. Getting through this one entails a lifelong focus on watching for our opportunity – and helping others to make the most of theirs, even if they get through first.

At a funeral in our church on Wednesday, we heard how the much-loved father always told his children that they should never pass a church without dropping in to say "hello", wryly adding that they might otherwise not be recognized when they waited for admission at the Gate of Heaven! This message is an exact mirror image of the story in today's Gospel passage. 'Keep in Touch' is crystal-clear and it leads directly to 'the narrow door'. As for the Divine Himself?

The **Psalmist** writes; "Strong is His love for us;  
**HE IS FAITHFUL FOR EVER".**


Skerries Church Choir

### MASS INTENTIONS

- ✦ **Sat 20<sup>th</sup> 10am:** Yvonne Courtney Laughton (Memorial Mass)
- ✦ **Sat 20<sup>th</sup> 6pm:** Deceased members of the McGarry family, Frances Mulholland, Daniel O'Connell, Phil & Nancy Walls (BR), Denis Keogh (BR)
- ✦ **Sun 21<sup>st</sup> 9.30am:** Louise O'Loughlin, Jean John & Johnny Cavey, Katherine Ryan, Rose Murray, Ester Kearns, Carol Boylan
- ✦ **Sun 21<sup>st</sup> 11am:** Marie O'Loughlen (MM) McCourt & McManus families, Michael & Mary Lyons, Michael Browne, Mona O'Brien, Christina Horan
- ✦ **Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> 10am:** Mass Card Intentions
- ✦ **Wed 24<sup>th</sup> 10am:** Anne Brady
- ✦ **Sat 27<sup>th</sup> 6pm:** Charlie McGinty, Mary & James Manning, Richard Coscoran, Valerie Fitzsimons & deceased members of the Roche & Fitzsimons families
- ✦ **Sun 28<sup>th</sup> 9.30am:** Freddie Keogh (MM), Kay McGilloway nee Coleman (MM), Pat Rice, Jim Gilson

- ✦ **Sun 28 11am:** Edward Doyle (1<sup>st</sup> A), Seamus 'Sheriff' Corr, Fr. Dave Lumsden, Tommie & Margaret Farrell, Thomas & Bridget Clinton, Miriam, Rita & Tom Clinton.

### OUR SYMPATHY

 To the families of Seamus (James) Moorhouse late of Shenick and Christopher (Christy) Grimes, Baldongan, who died recently. May they Rest in Peace.

### FEASTDAYS

Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> – St. Bernard  
Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> – St. Eugene (Eoghan)  
Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> August – St. Bartholomew  
Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> August – St. Monica

### WE WELCOME

 Isla Garvey, Croia McGuinness, Isabelle Clinton, Emilia Rose Connolly, Felix Fuertes Ryan, Alicia Fitzpatrick, Elle Sienna Boylan and Fiadh Nowak Murphy who were recently baptised into our parish family.

### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

The Monthly collection for St. Vincent De Paul will take place on **Saturday 20th** and **Sunday 21st August**. As always, your contribution is very much appreciated in these difficult times. Blue Envelopes are available at the entrance to the Church.

### DUBLIN DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

The diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes takes place from **September 7 to 12** this year. The Pilgrimage Office has a new address at 51 Home Farm Road, Dublin D09 W5W4 which is the old presbytery in the grounds of Corpus Christi church on Griffith Avenue. Details are available from the office on 01-837 6820 or [www.lourdes.dublindiocese.ie](http://www.lourdes.dublindiocese.ie)

### LEGION OF MARY CENTENARY CONCERT

To mark the 100th year anniversary of the Legion of Mary, a concert will take place in the historical surroundings of St Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin, on **Saturday, September 3**. Special guests include award winning soprano Celine Byrne, the Dublin Concert Band, Lorraine Mathews. Book at Eventbrite. Tickets are €30 (premium – seating in reserved area) and €20 (general admission).

### SKERRIES COMMUNITY CENTRE JIM QUIGLEY AWARD OF THE YEAR 2022

Congratulations to Máire Jones who received the above award this year. Further details on: <https://www.skerriesca.com/2022/08/17/maire-jones-is-the-jim-quigley-volunteer-of-the-year-2022/>

### CHURCHFIELD ESTATE CELEBRATION

Churchfield Estate in Skerries is celebrating 50 years! The Churchfield Residents Association is planning a special day in August for its current and past Residents. We would love to welcome all past residents of the estate to join us to help celebrate. If you have ever lived in Churchfield and would like to join us, please email your details to [churchfieldra@gmail.com](mailto:churchfieldra@gmail.com) and we will be in contact. In addition, if anyone has any old photos of the Churchfield estate please do get in touch!

### BACK TO SCHOOL



Best wishes to Secondary School students, some of whom will be returning to school next week. Where has the summer gone?

### 30 YEARS AGO IN THE PARISH

- The graveyards at Ardla, Baldungan and St. Mobhi were being blessed
- Tidy Towns committee congratulated those young people who took part in the "Plant around a Tree" competition. More entrants than ever. Winners were Suzanne & Robert Jackson and Kilian McCarthy, both from Hillside.

### SKERRIES LADIES BOWLS CLUB



Next meeting of the Ladies Bowls will take place on **Monday 21st** at 12.15 in the clubhouse. It was back

to normal competition this past week after a week's break. Div. 2 away against Westmanstown and Div. 3 also away against Blackrock A. Monday morning roll-up continues from 10.30 onwards.

### SKERRIES HARPS GAA CLUB



Championship results - Senior Camogie won v Na Fianna, Ladies Footballers lost to Ballinteer and Hurlers lost to St Marks. Congrats to our Under 15's Lara Whelan and Rebecca Beggs and to our Under 13's Kayla Boylan and Paige Morgan who represented Skerries Harps on Dublin Development squads this week.

**Sat 20 Aug.** Intermediate Championship v Oliver Plunketts, home at 6 pm.

**Wed 24 Aug.** Ladies Inter Championship v Fingallians in Skerries at 7.15 pm.

**Sat 27 Aug.** Bryan Cullen Tournament – Under 17 Football with teams from Louth, Dublin and Tipperary. Starts at 10am with final at 1.45pm. Zingo result **14 Aug.** 1,5,7,4,3,6,2. No winners. Jackpot for 21 Aug is €1,100. Draw on Sunday in Clubhouse at 6.30 pm with Free draw for Spot Prizes.

Zingo entry by Envelope still only €2 per line or 3 for €5. You can also play online.

We finish up our Summer Camp programme with our second Cúl Camp, starting on Monday next **22<sup>nd</sup> August**. This camp is fully booked. Bookings for new Juvenile Academy will open shortly. For all club news follow our Facebook page or see [www.skerriesharps.ie](http://www.skerriesharps.ie)