



Skerries Parish Bulletin

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16 – 23 October 2022

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Answers to Our Prayers



The first reading (Exodus 17:8-13) this weekend emphasises the importance of praying for one another. The Israelites were able to defeat the Amalekites because Moses kept his hands raised in prayer. So also, as we share the journey of faith together, we also need others to 'keep their hands raised' in prayer for us as we do for them. During this past week as we remember the community of Creeslough, we may feel helpless in the light of such a tragic accident but once again we carry each other in our prayer.

We believe prayer has the power to influence the outcome of events and help change the lives of people. Yet many a time we feel that our prayers are unanswered. This mostly happens when we look for evidence to reassure ourselves that our prayers are answered. In the event that we cannot find it we can lose heart. Jesus challenges us to keep our faith alive and never lose heart. Faith is not automatic – it needs nourishment. It grows and matures through prayer and the sacraments as well as through the practice of kindness, forgiveness, love and compassion.

Prayer and faith are closely connected. It is because we have faith that we pray and prayer also sustains faith. The parable of the wicked judge in today's gospel (Luke 18:1-8) is a reminder to us that those who continually plead with God for a just cause will not be disappointed. Let us take heart then and continue to raise our hands carrying one another in our prayer.

Fr. Melvyn

MASS INTENTIONS

- ✦ **Sat. 15th 10am:** Special Intention
- ✦ **Sat. 15th 6pm:** Jonathan Flanagan, (MM) Decd. members of the Quinn family, Rose Grimes, 2 Special Intentions, Sally O'Brien
- ✦ **Sun. 16th 9.30am:** Kieran (Kee) Kelly (1stA), Special Intention
- ✦ **Sun. 16th 11am:** William Hoare, Isabella Nelson, Betty Molloy, Tony Smith (RD)
- ✦ **Mon. 17th 10am:** Mass Card Intentions
- ✦ **Tues. 18th 10am:** John & Valerie Fitzsimons & deceased members of the Fitzsimons & Roche families, Margaret Fitzsimons, Philip & Ellen Fitzsimons
- ✦ **Wed. 19th 10am:** Joseph Dardis
- ✦ **Fri. 21st 10am:** Mary Fennell, Nancy Macken
- ✦ **Sat. 22nd 10am:** Paddy, Nancy & Tom Hand
- ✦ **Sat. 22nd 6pm:** Charles Cooper, Bella & Michael Murphy, Teddy & Mary Ferguson, Michael & Sheila McNamara
- ✦ **Sun. 23rd 9.30am:** Brian McEvoy,
- ✦ **Sun. 23rd 11am:** Esther Crosbie & Jane Dardis

FEASTDAYS

- 15th October – St. Teresa of Avila
- 17th October – St. Ignatius
- 18th October – St. Luke the Evangelist

MISSION SUNDAY 23RD OCTOBER 2022

Mission Sunday takes place next **Sunday 23rd October**. The second collection for Share at all Masses that weekend will be replaced by a special collection taken up to support the work of the missions.

NOVEMBER ALTAR LIST ENVELOPES

As we approach the month of November and we remember our loved ones, Altar List of the Dead Envelopes are now available in the church.

NOVEMBER REMEMBRANCE MASS 2022

The annual Mass to remember our loved ones who died during this past year will take place on **Monday 7th November at 7.30pm**.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Monthly Collection this weekend **15th & 16th October**. Any contribution, no matter how small, will be truly appreciated. Donations can be made in the following way –
Online Donation to AIB Bank
- IBAN IE 19 AIBK 93224809851094
- BIC Code AIB KIE 2 D.
Printed Blue Envelopes, which are available in St. Patrick's Church and the Parish Office and also to our individual Members who might be known to you personally.

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🎵 DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

On Saturday **November 12th** at 8pm Cór Fingal [Irish Institute of Music & Song] will perform Faure's Requiem in the church. Also, on Thursday **15th December** at 7pm come to a concert for all the family and enjoy 'Hallelujah Christmas Concert'. More information on both events later.

SCOIL RÉALT NA MARA



Enrolment for Scoil Réalt na Mara Junior Infant classes 2023/2024 is currently taking place. Closing date for receipt of applications is Friday 20th January 2023. Please see

details on the school website

www.realtnamara.ie or contact the school office on 01-8490049.

ST. PATRICK'S JUNIOR NATIONAL SCHOOL

Enrolment for St. Patrick's JNS Junior Infant classes 2023/2024 is currently taking place. Closing date for receipt of applications is 20th January 2023. Please see details on the website www.stps.ie or contact the office on 01-8490836.

AFTERNOON TEA DANCE

Afternoon Tea Dance in The Hills Cricket Club on **Sun 16th Oct** 3.30 - 6pm. Lovely refreshments and a raffle. All welcome.

30 YEARS AGO IN THE PARISH

- Recently baptised were Alexander Lee and Luke Canning
- The Skerries Community & Development Assoc. was organising a protest petition against the opening of a second plant at Sellafeld
- Spotlight on Skerries thanked all who had contributed in any way to making Arts Week such a success
- Auditions for "The Mikado" were announced, to be staged by the Marian Musical Society in February 1993
- Skerries Rugby Club was welcoming a touring side from Queensland
- Auditions were being held by the Marian Drama Society for a production of "Murder in Company" to take place in the New Year.

HOLMPATRICK CHURCH RESTORATION FUND

Tickets for the 200 Exclusive draw are still available - 1st Prize €1000, 2nd Prize €750, 3rd Prize €500, 4th Prize €250. A maximum of 200 tickets will be sold. Tickets - €50.00 each are available from Bobby Swarbrigg, text, call, Whatsap: 087 2277563. Draw will take place at Skerries Mills on Monday, **October 31st** at 3.00pm.

CONCERT CANCELLED - Regrettably, due to unforeseen circumstances we have had to cancel the Caitriona Grimes concert scheduled for October 21st. We hope to be in a position to present the event at a later date.

SKERRIES HARPS GAA CLUB



Results - Minor boys defeated Castleknock and Ladies replayed a draw with O'Dwyers; U14 girls A team won v Lucan and B-side went down to Olafs by a single point.

Sun 16 Oct. Junior Football Ch'ship quarterfinal v Parnells, away at 3pm. Support welcome.

Juvenile Academy every Saturday morning from 10 to 11am. Club Shop open Saturday mornings during Academy for Teas/Coffees, sports gear/leisure wear etc and on Thursday nights at 7.30pm.

Youth Cafe – is a youth centered space for our young people to chill and hang out with their friends in a safe and secure environment. It's for 12 to 16 year olds – details from Jackie 087 2121418.

We are delighted to host the Skerries Forget-Me-Not Café, open to people living with Dementia, their families, carers and friends. For information on dates/times, phone or txt 083 1192972 or email to

skerriesforgetmenotcafe@gmail.com

Clubhouse Bar open Saturday and Sunday from 3pm. For bookings, contact Pat 087 2505479 or email bookings.harps@gmail.com

Zingo result for **9 Oct**: 7,3,6,4,5,1,2. No winners. Jackpot now €1,900. Draw on Sunday in Clubhouse at 6.30pm. To play online download the Clubforce App. You can opt for auto-renewal and ensure you never have to worry about missing a draw again. For all club news follow our Facebook page or see www.skerriesharps.ie

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