



Skerries Parish Bulletin

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SPEAKING OUT.

Need we remind ourselves of the consequences of speaking out, i.e challenging the PC Agenda? The widespread influence of social media in today's world is unprecedented in history. It is well for us to remember that the primary objective of all social media companies is to make the biggest profit they can manage, regardless of the cost to human life. They have little to worry about.

We others, however – millions of us – have quite a lot to worry about. The distortion of truth at every level and in every aspect of life is a destructive force like no other. Yet a basic natural instinct in life is to right a wrong; every form of life battles against disorder and destruction. This is why speaking out for truth is vital. Is it easy? Certainly not! The tyranny of bullying in all its sinister, ugly forms is terrifying; not a few victims have paid with their lives.

The Prophets of the Old Testament, those who spoke out for truth before the coming of Jesus, knew all about it, none more than Jeremiah – our first Reading.

We as practising Christians must also be prophets – with a small 'p'. This means standing for decency in ordinary, everyday activities, encouraging a disciplined, thoughtful way of life so that everyone gets a chance. It also means voting thoughtfully for public representatives and having the courage to argue against the majority if necessary. It takes a huge effort to stand up and be counted; many of us never manage it. If we pray for courage, however, we will receive it. All the Scripture passages today make the same point: 'Do not be afraid to speak out. You will be sustained and protected by the grace of God and what you should say will be put into your mind'. It is a lot to accept. How can we know that it is trustworthy? The only way to find out is to try it! Let us practise being brave! Let us practise voicing opinions based solely on true values. Let us practise often and ask for help! It doesn't come easily.

Jesus in today's Gospel has the final say, most tender and touching: "Why, every hair on your head has been counted. So there is no need to be afraid"

Skerries Church Choir.

MASS INTENTIONS/ANNIVERSARIES

- ✦ **Sat 24th:** 10am: Nora McGuire, John Sheridan, Kay Whelan and deceased members of the Whelan family
- ✦ **6pm:** Breda McGloughlin (MM), Robert Kelly, Leonard McGloughlin, Sean Murtagh, Francis & Bridget Farrell, Eamonn Macken, Joe McGarry
- ✦ **Sun 25th:** 9.30am: Gerard Thornton, Michael & Bridget O'Reilly & family, Michael O'Connor, Bobby, Martha & Mary Aherne
- ✦ **11am:** Eoghan Byrne (1st A), Acknowledgement Mass Eoghan Byrne, Joseph (Joe), Margaret & Jimmy Grimes, Ken Whitaker, Peadar O'Connor, Bridie & Billy Cummins, Paddy Richardson
- ✦ **Mon 26th:** 10am: Mass Card Intentions
- ✦ **Tues 27th:** 10am: Rosaleen & Leo Doolin (rem), George Peters
- ✦ **Weds 28th:** 10am: Freddie Cooper

- ✦ **Fri 30th:** 10am: Jimmy Grimes
- ✦ **Sat 1st July:** 6pm: Declan Lacey
- ✦ **Sun 2nd:** 9.30am: Jimmy & Rita Grogan, Terry Kiernan (nee Grogan)
- ✦ **11am:** Richard Berwick (MM), Monica Burke (MM), Mary Radley, Nancy Jackson, Kitty Ryan (BR) & Martin Ryan (rem)



OUR SYMPATHY

To the family of George Hand, Northcliffe Heights, who died recently. May he Rest in Peace.

FEASTDAYS : 24TH JUNE – THE NATIVITY OF SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST; 29TH JUNE - STS PETER & PAUL Apostles, 1st July – St Oliver Plunkett



WE WELCOME

LILLIAN DUNNE, JONAH BOYLAN, ALFIE KENNY, HARRY KENNY AND CILLIAN PRATIES, ALL OF WHOM WERE BAPTISED RECENTLY INTO OUR PARISH FAMILY

Special Olympics – Berlin

Our best wishes and support go to Deirdre Walsh from Skerries, who is representing, not just her town and community, but Ireland at the Special Olympics in Berlin. Deirdre is part of the Ireland Women's Basketball team and we wish them all every success in their forthcoming matches.

Acknowledgements - Mary Lunny

The Lunny family wish to thank most sincerely all those who supported them at the time of Mary's death. A special word of appreciation is due to those who cared recently for her. Sincere thanks to all those who sent condolences, Mass cards and attended the funeral. Special thanks to Fr Melvyn for his support at the removal and celebration of the funeral Mass. Mass will be offered for the intentions of all.

Breda McGloughlin Ann, Gillian, Dave and Ian would like to thank all those who supported them in their recent sad loss. Thank you to those who visited the Funeral Home and attended the Mass. Your support was greatly appreciated. Special thanks to all of the staff of Rush Nursing Home for the excellent care they took of our mother. Many thanks also to Fr. Melvyn for the funeral Mass and Karl Duff for his excellent service.

Eoghan Byrne On the occasion of Eoghan's first anniversary his parents and siblings extend their heartfelt gratitude to all who sympathised with them following Eoghan's tragic death. We acknowledge with thanks the presence of so many at the reposal and funeral Mass – the many condolences from all meant so much. A special word of thanks to Fr Melvyn, pastoral care team and Lannon's Funeral Directors. Holy Sacrifice of Mass will be offered for your intentions.

SKERRIES HARPS GAA CLUB

Congrats to Under 15 girls and Under 14 camogie – both league winners, to Under 14 boys, Shield winners in Portmarnock and well done to Skerries Community Games Under 12 girls, beaten narrowly in the Dublin final – Silver medals a great result ! .

Adult hurling v St Vincent's, home at 10.30 on Sunday 25 June

Minor football v St Vincent's, home at 7.30 on Tues 27 June.

Senior football v St Vincent's, home at 7.30, Wed 28 June and home v Na Fianna at 6.30, Saturday next July 1st .

Summer Camp season starts with Cul Camp on 10 July and then Multi Sports Camp on 24 July. Please note – registration for Cul Camps is via the Kelloggs Cul Camp website only.

Good luck to Cillian Emmett who captains Dublin Minors v Derry in All Ireland semi-final on Sat.

Our new Skills Wall and Gym were officially opened recently by our All Ireland winning captain Bryan Cullen. Thanks to Luke Moriarty, Super Valu – our official club sponsor for his support.

Zingo for 18 June. 3, 5, 1, 6, 7, 4, 2. Dividend €100 shared by B Walsh and J Curran.

Jackpot now €2,900. Thanks to all who continue to regularly support this fundraiser.

Check www.skerriesharps.ie and our Social media posts for latest Club news and fixture changes



RNLI Rockabill Relay Fundraiser

Many thanks to all who participated in the relay race, the boat owners who supported them and especially to all who so generously donated to the Fundraiser last Saturday. Over €5,000 has been raised for this worthy cause. The RNLI relies solely on donations from the public to keep their lifeboats and crews fully equipped and ready to respond to emergencies. All donations are gratefully received at Skerries Lifeboat Station.

Best Wishes to all the young Skerries athletes who head off this weekend to represent our town in the Dublin finals of the Community Games. Hope you all do well !

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