



Skerries Parish Bulletin

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2nd – 9th July 2023

13th Sunday Ordinary Time

2 Kg 4:8-11,14-16. Ps 88:2-3, 16-19, Rm 6:3-4, 8-11. Mt 10:37-42

The passage of St. Matthew's gospel this weekend recalls Jesus' instructions to the twelve as he sends them out as God's messengers in the world. The final paragraph puts the mission we share as baptised members of the church into action;

'If anyone gives so much as a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is a disciple, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.'

This weekend the Church throughout the world celebrates 'Peter's Pence.' The collection is held every year on the Solemnity of Ss. Peter and Paul, 29th June or the nearest Sunday. On this occasion we are invited to pray for the Pope and to offer him our support through this collection which replaces the second, the Share collection this weekend.

What is Peter's Pence? It is an offering that may be small, but is of great symbolic value. It expresses the sense of belonging to the Universal Church and love and trust for the Holy Father. It is a tangible sign of communion with Him, as Peter's Successor, and also of attention to the needs of the most disadvantaged, for whom the Pope cares.

Peter's Pence aims to support the Holy Father's mission, which extends throughout the entire world, from the proclamation of the Gospel to the promotion of integral human development, education, peace, and common sense of purpose as the People of God. The collection also supports the many bodies and organs of the Holy See that assist him every day. It also supports the numerous charitable works in aid of people and families in difficulty, populations afflicted by natural disasters and wars, or who are in need of humanitarian assistance or support for development.

'A little or a lot, it is all welcome. Giving is a gift.'

Fr. Melvyn

MASS INTENTIONS

- ✠ **Sat 1st 10am:** Tom Dowling
- ✠ **Sat 1st 6pm:** John Wiley (MM), Declan Lacey, Robert Morrison, Mollie Costello
- ✠ **Sun 2nd 9.30am:** Jimmy & Rita Grogan, Terry Kiernan née Grogan
- ✠ **Sun 2nd 11am:** Richard Berwick MM, Monica Burke (MM), Mary Radley, Nancy Jackson, Kitty Ryan (BR) & Martin Ryan (Rem), Tony Smith (BR), Paul Smith
- ✠ **Mon 3rd 10am:** Mass Card Intentions
- ✠ **Tues 4th 10am:** Cathy Smith, Special Intention
- ✠ **Wed 5th 10am:** Margaret Baldwin (1st A), Joe Grimes,
- ✠ **Fri 7th 10am:** First Friday – Altar List of the Dead
- ✠ **Fri 7th 7.30pm:** Padre Pio Mass
- ✠ **Sat 8th 10am:** Doreen Leonard
- ✠ **Sat 8th 6pm:** John Clinton (MM) & Acknowledgement Mass, Richard (Dick) Rankin (MM), Leo Tolan (MM), Marie O'Loghlen (1st A), Mary Cooper, Kay Thornton, Doreen Leonard
- ✠ **Sun 9th 9.30am:** Kathleen Branagan, Margaret Kite

FEASTDAYS

1st July – St Oliver Plunkett; 3rd July – St Thomas, Apostle; 6th July – St Moninne of Killeavv; 7th July – St Killian

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Week commencing 3rd July: Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 10.30 - 12.30. Week commencing 10th July: Monday, Wednesday and Friday 10.30 - 12.30.

CONGRATULATIONS



To Brian Egan and Joan Kelly whose wedding took place on Monday 26th July. We wish them every happiness.

MISSIONARIES OF AFRICA - THANK YOU

The Missionaries of Africa wish to thank the parishioners of St. Patrick's Parish, Skerries for your generous response to their appeal at Masses last weekend. You donated €2,142 to their work for which they are most grateful.

CHILD SAFEGUARDING & PROTECTION

To support our efforts to maintain the highest level of protection for all our children and vulnerable adults – no child or vulnerable adult may use the bathroom/toilet facilities in the church on any occasion unless accompanied by a designated adult.

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THE INSTRUMENTUM LABORIS (Working instrument) was released in Rome on 20th June 2023. It is a document like an agenda for the whole church as we work through the diocesan phase of the Synod in October 2023. It can be accessed at synod.va/en/news/instrumentum-laboris-a-document-of-the-whole-church.

SCHOOLS OUT !

Happy holidays to all the pupils of our primary schools. We wish "farewell" to our 6th class pupils and hope they thrive in the next stage of their education. Many thanks to all our primary school teachers who have worked so hard to provide a healthy and happy environment for our parish children. To those who are retiring or moving on to pastures new, we wish you every happiness and success in the future.

30 YEARS AGO IN THE PARISH

- Newly baptised into our parish family were Hannah Gordon and Jennifer Patterson
- Congratulations to 5th/6th class of Réalt na Mara who had taken part in the National Children's Choir in the Concert Hall recently
- The Parish bid "farewell" to Fr. Des Hayden as he moved on to the next stage of his pastoral journey
- Also on the move, there were many tears as the community said "goodbye" to Mary Loughrane, Principal of St. Michael's School. Her compassion and care for her special pupils will never be forgotten
- An appeal was made for help in tidying up the local graveyard, where many graves had become seriously overgrown
- The Hills Cricket Club send good wishes to Marguerite Burke, selected for Ireland in the Ladies World Cup in Holland

SKERRIES LADIES BOWLS

A new Monday morning fun tournament started last week and will continue throughout the Summer to culminate in a Pink Day at the end of August. All welcome, €2, sign in **before 10.30**. Hard luck to our Div. 3 team, who just missed reaching the semi-finals of their league. Div. 2 team continues until the end of August. Many thanks to those who organised a great night out to celebrate the Anniversary Dinner in Skerries Golf Club

WELL DONE !



to our local athlete, Deirdre Walsh, who won a Gold Medal at the Special Olympics in Berlin. Deirdre is part of the successful Ladies Basketball team. A great representative for her town, her community and her country.

SKERRIES HARPS GAA CLUB

Commiserations to Cillian Emmett who captained the Dublin Minor footballers in their All Ireland semi-final defeat by Derry last Sunday – a great achievement to get so far.

Reminder – Tickets to Croke Park games may be purchased in our local Super Valu.

Our second Under 14 camogie team lost out in their league final playoff, away to Kilmacud-Crokes and finished runners up – well done girls. Skerries Community Games Under 10 footballers won the Dublin final v Clontarf. Congrats boys.

Sunday: Junior football league v Parnells, home at 11.00am. **Wednesday:** Adult hurling league play-off v Cuala, home at 7.30 pm.

Juvenile Academy has ended and Summer Camp season starts with first Cul Camp on 10 July. Gerry Levins was the winner of the recent Golf Society outing to Royal Tara, while Anne McGrath had a brilliant hole in one. Next outing is on 7 July to Swords Open.

Zingo for 25 June. 5, 6, 7, 3, 2, 4, 1. Dividend €100 won by Mary Fanning. Jackpot now €3,000. 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.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Richard Berwick - The Berwick Family 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 the staff at St. Francis Hospice and the palliative care team and Beaumont Hospital. Many thanks to all our neighbours and friends for the great support during Richard's illness. Thank you to Fr. Melvyn for his wonderful kindness, the funeral Mass and attending the Crematorium. Thanks also to Joe Lannon and Lannon's Funeral Directors.

Mass will be offered for the intentions of all.

Terry Friel - The Friel family wish to thank most sincerely family, neighbours and friends who supported them at the time of Terry's death. A special thanks to St. Francis hospice palliative care nurses for their kindness and dedication. Special thanks to Fr. Melvyn for the celebration of the funeral mass. Thanks to Lannon's funeral directors for their excellent service. Holy sacrifice of Mass will be offered for your intentions.

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