



Skerries Parish Bulletin

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16 to 23 July 2023

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 55:10-11, Psalm 64:10-14, St Paul to Romans 8:18-23, Matthew 13:1-23

In the first Reading from Isaiah, we read of the benefit of rain which waters the earth, encourages the seed to grow and produce food for the people. Similarly the spoken word of God benefits those who listen and follow the teaching therein.

You care for the earth, give it water, you fill it with riches.
Your river in heaven brims over to provide its grain.

Do we appreciate God's earth, for those of us who have a garden, perhaps with lovely flowers that give us so much pleasure or vegetables for our own use. Let us remember to give thanks to the Lord.

In the Gospel, the Lord spoke in Parables. Although the people failed to see the message of the Lord, may we open our ears to hear his word which is full of wisdom.

"Lord send my roots rain that my soul may be rich soil
to receive your word and understand it and yield a harvest.
Speak Lord your servant is listening."
(Joseph Campbell, P.P. and John McMahon, C.C.)

Church Readers



Congratulations to Doire Shiels and Laure Keena who were married recently in our parish.



We Welcome Johnny Shane Burke, Conall Michael Slattery, Oisín Noel Synnott and Sam Patrick Synnott who were recently baptised into our parish family.

Mass Intentions

- ✦ **Sat 15th 6.00pm:** George Hand (MM), Dave Fenton, Elizabeth Flanagan, Peter McPartlin (1st A), Fiona and Andrew Downey, John and Catherine Saunders, Frank and Sheila Downey, Sheila McCullagh.
- ✦ **Sun 16th 9.30am:** Clare Montcalm, Francie and Peggy Ferguson, Mary McNally.
- ✦ **11.00am:** Eileen Marry (1st A), Michael and Mary Lyons, Noelle Lacey (1st A), Iris Flanagan, Cahir Boyle, Mathew Ward.
- ✦ **Monday 17th 10.00am:** Mass Card intentions.
- ✦ **Tuesday 18th 10.00am:** Mary Browne.
- ✦ **Wednesday 19th 10.00am:** John Harrison.
- ✦ **Friday 21st 10.00am:** Karl Mackle (RD).
- ✦ **Saturday 22nd 10.00am:** Pauline Roche (BR).
- ✦ **6.00pm:** Mary Murphy, Eilish Mary McLoone, Joe Grimes, Molly Ryan, All who sympathised with and supported the family of George Hand RD.

- ✦ **Sunday 23rd 9.30am:** Séan and Bella Alcock, Jack Grimes, Sarah Ruigrok, Christopher (Christy) Casey, Owen Lamont, Lar Croke.
- ✦ **11.00am:** Breda Kennedy, Pauline Treleaven (BR), Jim Hyland, James Doorty, Annie Russell, Peter and Anne O'Connor, Tommy O'Brien.

Our Sympathy is extended to the families and friends of Karl Mackle, Church St.; Joe Heffernan, Townparks; Willie Grimes, Baldongan; Cathal Murray, Shenick Rd.; and Mick Whelton, Shenick Drive, who died recently. May they Rest in Peace.



Summer Dues: Summer Dues support the priests of the diocese. Envelopes are available throughout the church.

Parish Office Opening Hours: From this Monday, 17th July, the opening hours will be as usual: Monday, Wednesday and Friday 9.00am to 1.00pm.

St Vincent De Paul Church Collection

The monthly collection for St Vincent De Paul will take place outside Masses **this weekend**, 15th and 16th July. As always, your contribution is very much appreciated.



Legion of Mary –

Brown Scapulars & Miraculous Medals

At all **Masses this weekend**, 15th and 16th July, Brown Scapulars & Miraculous Medals will be blessed and made available for those who wish to wear them. A small donation would help to offset the cost of these to the Legion of Mary.

Feastdays

Thursday 20th St. Apollinaris,
Friday 21st St. Laurence of Brindisi,
Saturday 22nd St. Mary Magdalene.

Balbriggan COPD Support Group is delighted to announce a new community-based exercise programme for people living with COPD. This exercise programme is free of charge. The classes will involve a range of exercises that improve aerobic capacity, strength and flexibility. The classes will also offer a social gathering where individuals living with COPD can meet others living with the condition. Classes will be given by an instructor who has experience of delivering specifically tailored exercise programmes to meet the needs of people living with COPD. Commencing on **Tuesday 25th July**, and every Tuesday thereafter, from 10am in the Castlelands Community Centre. Please contact Katie in COPD Support Ireland on 083 086 4118 or email support@copd.ie for more details.

30 Years Ago in the Parish

- Newly baptised were Robert Bolger, Aoife Malone, Leanne McMahon, Jamie Molloy, James O'Callaghan, Patrick O'Leary and James Power
- St. Vincent de Paul Society thanked Skerries Sea Scouts for the £582 raised by their annual fast
- Skerries Active Retirement group was heading to see "Les Misérables" and Pitch Putt was now available every Monday afternoon
- Skerries Harps was welcoming our Chernobyl visitors and their host families to an Irish Night in the club
- Winners of the Pier Races were Ronnie Horan (Iona Cup) and Julie O'Driscoll (McGloughlin Cup)

Skerries Ladies Bowls



Congratulations to our Jun. Fours, who had a great win last Tuesday against the fancied team from Bray. A nail-biting affair up to the very end. The team now goes forward to the semi-finals. Not so much luck for the Div. 2 team who were beaten in Clontarf on Wednesday in their league match. Monday morning competition continues - register by 10.00am.

World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly:

This year's celebration dedicated to grandparents and the elderly will take place on Sunday 23rd July.

The National Grandparents' Pilgrimage to Knock will take place next Sunday, 23rd July.

Skerries Tidy Towns Annual Fundraiser

There will be no door to door collection this year. Donations online for a limited period only. www.idonate.ie/fundraiser/skerriestidytowns23 Please donate online or to a committee member. Please Support. We need your help to keep up our work for the community.

Skerries Harps GAA Club



Our Adult hurlers preserved their Div.4 status with a superb win over Cuala by 2 -18 to 2 -12 and our Under 16 B footballers have won their league. Congrats to all.

Sunday 16 July: Junior Hurling Championship v St Patricks, home at 12.30

Clubhouse open on Saturday and Sunday for All Ireland football semi-finals Dublin v Monaghan and Kerry v Derry. Join us in the Club for the TV viewing. Over 180 children enjoyed Kellogg's Cul Camp No.1 this week – despite the mixed weather. We have places available for Multi Sport camp on 24 July and for Academy camp on 21 August. <https://skerriesharps.clubzap.com/category/camp/products>. Zingo for 9 July: 1, 3, 4, 6, 5, 7, 2. No winners. Jackpot now €3,200. Draw in Clubhouse on Sunday at 6.30pm. Zingo entry still only €2 per line. Thanks to all who continue to regularly support this fundraiser. For up to date news check www.skerriesharps.ie and our social media.

Acknowledgements: George Hand.

Teddy, Caoimhe and Seoirse wish to thank most sincerely their family, neighbours and friends who supported them in their recent sad loss. Thank you to all those who visited the house and attended the funeral Mass in person and virtually. A special thanks to the nurses and doctors in St. Elizabeth's Ward in the Mater Private Hospital for their kindness and care of George. Thank you to Fr. Melvyn for visiting and the celebration of the funeral Mass. Music was an enormous part of George's life, we know that George would have been delighted to hear the choir led by Noirin Gavin accompanied by Orla Boylan. Thanks also to Karl and the team at Duff Funeral Directors. The Holy sacrifice of Mass will be offered for the intentions of all on Saturday 22nd July at 6.00pm.