



Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wis12: 13,16-19. Rm 8:26-27. Mt 13:24-43



We could not be faulted if we live our lives with the assumption that if we do good, work hard and be nice all should work out as we want it to. We also know that's not true. In the parable the servants asked their master 'Did you not sow good seed in your field? If so where does the darnel come from?' Of course He did – hence their surprise. They almost say to Him 'This isn't supposed to happen' they seem to want to know where and who etc did this? They need someone to blame or account for what's happened. Jesus, however, doesn't go that route. He simply says, 'An enemy has done this.'

We are all challenged to accept a reality that in our lives there are weeds of some kind or another. They exist along with the good in all of us. Good and bad, life and death, joys and sorrows co-exist in all of us. We live lives full of beautiful acts and experiences of faith and love along with challenging and painful experiences as well. But what about the weeds? Jesus doesn't say remove the darnel when it's suggested to Him. He says no, let them grow together until harvest. Jesus seems to be more interested in growth than extermination. He is willing to wait and be patient. As His followers we can be patient when we find ourselves among the weeds in our lives and hold on to our life of faith trusting in the nearness of God and His Spirit moving us along.

Fr. Melvyn

MASS INTENTIONS

- ✦ **Sat 22nd 10am:** Pauline Roche (BR)
- ✦ **Sat 22nd 6pm:** Mary Murphy, Mary Eilish McLoone, Joe Grimes, Mollie Ryan, Acknowledgement Mass for all who supported & sympathised with the family of George Hand.
- ✦ **Sun 23rd 9.30am:** Sean & Bella Alcock, Jack Grimes, Sarah Ruigrok, Christopher (Christy) Casey, Owen Lamont, Lar Croke
- ✦ **Sun 23rd 11am:** Breda Kennedy, Pauline Treleaven (BR), Jim Hyland, James Doorty, Annie Russell, Peter & Annie O'Connor, Tommy O'Brien
- ✦ **Mon 24th 10am:** Mass Card Intentions
- ✦ **Wed 26th 10am:** Freddie Keogh (1st A)
- ✦ **Fri 28th 10am:** Patrick, Margaret & Michael Lynch
- ✦ **Sat 29th 6pm:** Graham Barnett (MM) Kathleen Nolan (1st A), Kay Coleman McGilloway (1st A), Peggy & Paddy Coleman, James & John Nolan (Rem), Peter & Rose O'Connor, Pat McNally, Joe Dowling
- ✦ **Sun 30th 9.30am:** Brian Tierney & the Tierney family, Esther Kelly (BR)
- ✦ **Sun 30th 11am:** Tom Duff (1st A), Tom McManus, Peggy McGirl, Patricia Jenkinson.

CONGRATULATIONS



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

World Day for Grandparents & the Elderly

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

FEASTDAYS

22nd July – St. Mary Magdalene
24th July – St. Declan, 25th July – St. James
29th July – Saints Martha, Mary and Lazarus.

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.

MEALS ON WHEELS – VOLUNTEERS

Skerries Meals on Wheels are seeking Volunteer Drivers to help deliver meals to older people in their own homes in the Skerries area. Could you spare two hours one day a month at lunchtime from 12- 2pm? Contact: 01 8058574 or 0860201151 Mon to Fri 12pm to 2pm.

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

SKERRIES GOLF CLUB

Skerries Golf Club will be hosting Skerries Golf Classic on **Friday July 28th** in aid of:
The Alzheimer's Society of Ireland & Skerries Forget Me Not Café.
Super Raffle Prizes, Live Music & Buffet.
For more details contact:
Gerry Bradley 087 2588 202

SKERRIES LADIES BOWLS,



Congratulations to our members Marian Fagan and Rita McIntyre who have been selected on the panel for the Junior Inter

Association matches - between LBA members and those of Northern Ireland. We wish them every success.

Unfortunately the Div. 2 match had to be called off, after two ends, because of the rain. The match will be played again at the end of the season.

Monday morning competition continues. Sign in before 10.30. Next week sees our Div. 2 ladies travel to Herbert Park.

30 YEARS AGO IN THE PARISH

- The Marian Society had been invited to participate in RTE's Big Top when it visits Skerries Community Centre
- Skerries Rugby send good wishes to Billy Mulcahy who has left for Namibia to play with the Development Squad on their tour there
- St. Patrick's Schools, together with Skerries Book Shop was organising a sale of second-hand school books
- Balbriggan Historical Society was holding a wreath laying ceremony to commemorate all those lost at sea off the coast
- Skerries Open sea races 1000m from Hoar Rock to the Harbour was being held.

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.

IRISH HEART FOUNDATION FREE HEALTH CHECK

The Irish Heart Foundation will provide free health checks for (over 18's) on **Thursday 27th July** from 1.30 –3.30 beside Skerries Men's Shed (Skerries Mills).
Contact Brendan 087 6181244.

SKERRIES WILD BEE FESTIVAL – ON THIS WEEKEND!

At Skerries Mills, **Saturday 22nd and Sunday 23rd July 2023**. Lots of activities! For programme and bookings go to:
<https://www.fingal.ie/wildbeefestival/agenda>

SKERRIES HARPS GAA CLUB



Congratulations to our Under 16 footballers, league winners after their victory over Erins Isle, away.

Join us in the Clubhouse on Sunday afternoon for the All Ireland Hurling final followed by our Zingo draw for €3,300.

Multi Sport Summer Camp next week from **24 to 28 July**. Registration now closed. We still have a few places available for Academy camp on **21 August** – for boys and girls aged 4 to 7 years. Prior registration required at <https://skerriesharps.clubzap.com/category/camp/products>.

Zingo for **16 July**: 3, 6, 7, 2, 1, 4, and 5. No winners. Jackpot now €3,300. Draw in Clubhouse on Sunday at 6.30 pm with Free draw for Spot prizes. Zingo entry still only €2 per line.

Tickets for the Dublin v Kerry football final will be distributed among paid up club members only in accordance with the standard club rules.

The ELVIS Spectacular Show returns to Skerries Harps clubhouse on **6th August**. Tickets are scarce!!

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