



Skerries Parish Bulletin

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27th August – 3rd September 2023

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time [27-08-2023]

[Is 22:19-23. Rm 11:33-36. Mt 16:13-20]

Peter's profession of faith in Jesus.

We might be familiar with the words 'To live is to change, and to be perfect is to have changed often.' This Sunday St. Paul reminds us in the passage from Romans 'Who could ever know the mind of the Lord?' Two pieces that are closely related. As we know from any reflection – lengthy or brief - we know how quickly things in life can change and in the midst of it we can easily find ourselves asking, 'Where is God in all of this?'



Jesus asked his disciples – 'Who do people say the Son of Man is?'. He then goes on to ask Peter, 'Who do you say I am?' Peter's response was not something made solely on his own but was the Spirit in him that evoked such a reply. At this time Peter only had an inkling of what his declaration actually meant. He didn't fully understand what he had said but his answer to Jesus' question was enough for him to receive the full affirmation of Jesus.

We are asked to change many times in our lives. Accepting change isn't easy and just as Peter needed the Spirit's help to respond so too we need help from others to respond to change in our lives. When we come upon such times of question in our lives and we look to Jesus for a response let us not forget that the same Spirit that prompted Peter is also with us during these times. May we continue to encourage one another in our trust in God's ever faithful presence with us at all times of our lives.

Fr. Melvyn

ANNIVERSARY / SPECIAL INTENTION MASSES

- ✦ **Sat 26th 10am:** Oran Tully, Michael & Margaret White, Bridie & Luke Clogher, Bartle Butterly & Stephen Butterly
- ✦ **Sat 26th 6pm:** Decd mbrs of McGarry Family, James & Mary Manning, The Brady Family, Charles, Eva and Cairiona McGinty, Billy Ryan & Seamus Sweetman, Maurice & Louise Coogan, Daniel & Ellen O'Connor
- ✦ **Sun 27th 9.30am:** Louise O'Loughlin, Hugh & Mary McCaul & decd mbrs of the McCaul & Cullen families, Kitty Beggs
- ✦ **Sun 27th 11am:** Willie Grimes (MM), Seamus (Sherriff) Corr, Valerie & John Fitzsimons & decd mbrs of the Fitzsimons & Roche families, Olga & Des Reynolds, Theresa, Robbie & Brian Cowley
- ✦ **Mon 28th 10am:** Mass Card Intentions
- ✦ **Tues 29th 10am:** Brendan Redden, Rose Murray & Esther (June) Kearns
- ✦ **Wed 30th 10am:** Kay Whelan, Philip O'Connell
- ✦ **Fri 1st 10am:** First Friday – Altar List
- ✦ **Fri 1st 7pm:** Padre Pio Mass

- ✦ **Sat 2nd 10am:** Pauline Roche, Agnes & Jack Roche
- ✦ **Sat 2nd 6pm:** Alf Coleman (1st A), Florence Clinton (1st A) Joan Smyth
- ✦ **Sun 3rd 9.30am:** Joe & Nancy Harford, Des Downes, Joseph & Elizabeth Seaver
- ✦ **Sun 3rd 11am:** Margaret Keogh, Tom & Vera Noonan, Annie & Larry Roche, Paul Vaughan, Caroline Heyenga Fagan

OUR SYMPATHY



To the family of Michael Flannery, The Kybe, who died recently. May he Rest in Peace.

FEASTDAYS

30th August – St Fiacre; 31st August – St Aidan

WE WELCOME

Odhran Byrne and Bodhi Maverick White recently baptised into our parish family.

THE ACTIVE RETIREMENT CLUB

will start back on Monday week 4th Sept at 1.45pm in the old St Patrick's School (Little Theatre). Indoor bowls on Tues 5th at 1.30pm in Room 2. All welcome.

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DUBLIN DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES - SPECIAL COLLECTION

Each year this pilgrimage will take place in Lourdes in the month of September. A number of sick pilgrims travel with the group and are heavily sponsored by the Associate Membership of the pilgrimage. This year, there is a serious shortfall in funds raised by Associate Membership to sponsor the sick pilgrims travelling. To help offset this, a churchdoor collection will take place next weekend, 26th/27th August, after all Masses. Your support and generosity will be much appreciated.

LEGION OF MARY PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK SHRINE



takes place on Sunday 24th September 2023.

Pick up points are:
St. Patricks Church
Skerries at 7.00am:

St Maurs Church car park , Rush at 7.15am.

30 YEARS AGO IN THE PARISH

- All who had helped with the organisation of the recent Blessing of Graves were thanked, especially those who had tidied up and cared for neighbouring graves
- Leaving Certificate students were congratulated on their recent results
- Enneagram Part 2 was being planned for a weekend in September
- Congratulations to residents of Sherlock Park for their great win in the County Council Tidy Districts awards. The children's award for Plant around a Tree was also won by children from Sherlock Park
- Ardgillan Castle was hosting a Family Day of fun
- Skerries Bowling club was welcoming visitors from Newry this weekend
- Well done to Billy Mulcahy who had taken part in six of the Irish Development Squad matches in Namibia

CONGRATULATIONS TO LEAVING CERT STUDENTS

Congratulations to all the students who received their Leaving Certificate results this weekend. We wish you all a safe and happy career in your chosen field.

BACK TO SCHOOL!

It's already back to school time for all our Primary School students and a very special "First Day at School" for all the Junior Infant boys and girls. Welcome back to all the students and teachers starting out on a new academic year!

SKERRIES BOWLING CLUB - LADIES

Best wishes to Marian Fagan and Rita McIntyre who will be part of the LBLI team to play in the Inter-Association matches (teams from Northern Ireland). The League season is drawing to a close, with just two more matches for Div. 2 to play. A "Pink" fun morning, with proceeds to Raheny Hospice will be held on Monday 11th September - mark your diaries and dig out your pink outfits! The main committee is working hard on the upgrading of the rink and clubhouse and seeking funding from a number of sources

SKERRIES HARPS GAA CLUB

The Bryan Cullen Tournament for Under 16 footballers last Saturday, was won by Faughanvale from Derry who beat Louth's Newtown Blues after extra time to take the Oliver Moore Cup. Skerries Harps won the Shield playoff, beating Thomas Ashe. Winners trophies were presented by All Ireland winning captain Bryan Cullen. Thanks to all who helped out on the day to offset the depredation caused by Storm Betty! Thanks also to our sponsors Catering North Dublin, Masita Teamwear, FTI Consulting and Moriarty Super Valu. See full report on our Facebook page.

Sat 26 Aug: Inter Football Ch'ship v St Judes, away at 6.15pm. Sun 27 Aug: Senior Football Ch'ship Group 2 v St Sylvesters in Parnell Park at 2pm and Junior Ch'ship v Na Fianna in Skerries at 3pm. All support welcome.

Zingo for 20 August: 1, 4, 3, 2, 5, 6, 7. No winners. Jackpot now €3,800 and Dividend is €500. Draw in Clubhouse on Sunday at 6.30pm with Free draw for Spot prizes. Zingo entry still only €2.