



# Skerries Parish Bulletin

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## **“THE LORD IS COMPASSION AND LOVE, SLOW TO ANGER AND RICH IN MERCY” (PSALM 102)**



Our faith enables us to believe in a loving and forgiving God. This belief consoles us when we know we have not been our best selves. We “rest” in the comfort of God’s compassion and merciful love.

Resentment and anger are foul things according to the book of Ecclesiasticus. When we experience either, our whole being is affected. In accepting an apology, we are at our noblest. In refusing to accept, reconciliation is blocked. The human spirit yearns for acceptance, empathy, respect, compassion, and love. None of these is possible in the absence of forgiveness.

In the Letter to the Romans St. Paul reminds us that “the life and death of each of us has its influence on others”.

In the gospel of Matthew St. Peter gets a clear answer from Jesus in response to his question regarding how he ought to forgive: not seven, but seventy-seven times. If we are unable to forgive one another and graciously accept forgiveness from others, then we are unable to experience God’s forgiveness. Our greatest gift from God – the ability to love – is dependent on our ability to forgive. Forgiveness bring healing.

Let compassion and love rule your head and your heart! Be slow to anger and rich in mercy!

*Holy Faith Sisters*

### **ANNIVERSARY / SPECIAL INTENTION MASSES**

#### **SATURDAY 16<sup>TH</sup>**

10am Elinora Ryan  
6pm Michael Flannery (Month’s mind), Teresa Murphy (Month’s mind), Jonathon Flanagan (1<sup>st</sup> Anniv), Gerry Maguire, Eileen Croke & Theresa Lamont, Cillian Shanley, Noeline O’Connor

#### **Sunday 17<sup>th</sup>**

9.30am Mary Browne (rem), Noeline O’Connor  
11am Elizabeth Nevin, Tony Grimes, Tony Anthony Smyth, Nellie & J.J. Gilsenan, Nora & Tommy Keogh

#### **Monday 18<sup>th</sup>**

10am Mass Card Intentions

#### **Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup>**

10am Tom (Thomas) Clinton (Birthday Rem & A), Dorothy Murray, The Fitzpatrick Family

### **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup>**

10am Angela Burke (1<sup>st</sup> Anniv), Matthew Smyth

### **Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup>**

6pm Tom Burke, Dede & Jack White, Eileen Croke, Theresa & Kathleen Lamont, Tony Twomey

### **Sunday 24<sup>th</sup>**

11am Dolores Ryan (Month’s mind), Ann Thomson, Grace & Michael Lyons, Cissie Lally

### **FEASTDAYS**

16th Sept – St Cornelius  
20th Sept – Ss. Andrew Kim Tae-gon & Paul chong Ha-sang  
21st Sept – St Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist  
23rd Sept – St Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio) & St Eunan (Adomnan)



### OUR SYMPATHY

We pray for Maureen Hughes, RIP,  
Lorcan Rd, Santry, late of Skerries.

### WE WELCOME



We welcome Cara Ahern, Axel Morgan, Zoe Gleeson & Ailbhe McGonagle who were recently baptised into our Church community.

### Legion of Mary Annual Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine takes place on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> September



2023. Pick up points:  
St. Patrick's Church, Skerries @ 7am and St. Maur's Church, Rush, carpark @ 7.15am. Contact: Lorraine

087 6203317 or Mary 0876741472

### CHILDREN'S CHOIR

The choir will be returning soon. Registration for new members from Second Class and up and for those who wish to return will be on Friday 22nd September in the church.

Please contact Paula (087 9657290) for more details. Registration will be Friday 22nd September at 4.30 p.m.

### 30 YEARS AGO IN OUR PARISH

The launch of Crosscare was announced to take over from the former Catholic Social Service Conference.

Newly baptised was Ross Thomas Mulhall. Prayers were asked for the 13 new students for the Priesthood who had started their studies at Clonliffe College.

Living the Scriptures - a new group in the Parish, which will meet fortnightly to look at the scriptures.

Students from the College were congratulated on their excellent Junior Certificate Results. Skerries Tidy Towns were delighted to report an increase of 5 points in this year's competition. The Active Retirement Group was launching its autumn programme, with Pitch & Putt, Keep Fit, Bridge for beginners, drama, theatre visits, and outings on its programme.

### CROSSCARE COLLECTION

This weekend **September 16/17th**, the **Annual Crosscare Appeal for Homeless Prevention Services** takes place at all Masses. This will replace the second Share collection. Crosscare seeks your support to prevent more people from losing their homes as the housing and accommodation crisis continues. Crosscare is working with hundreds of families and individuals who are at risk of losing their existing accommodation. Please support the Crosscare collection this weekend at all Masses.

### SKERRIES HARPS GAA CLUB

A top-class performance by our Senior footballers when losing narrowly to All Ireland club champions Kilmacud-Crokes last Saturday. The game is available to view on YouTube.

Sun 17 Sept. Minor football Ch'ship v Rd Towers, Clondalkin in Skerries at 11 am and Adult hurlers play Good Counsel, away in Ch'ship also at 11 am.

Juvenile Academy each Saturday at 10 am for 4- to 7-year-old boys and girls. We are delighted to welcome our new games Promotion Officer, Katelyn O'Brien who will run the Academy and also work with the local Primary schools to provide coaching across all 4 codes.

Thanks to all who have contributed to our Go Fund Me page for the All Weather & Skills Wall project. All support greatly appreciated. Donations can be made to Club Treasurer or online - see link at <https://gofund.me/11815f6a>

Zingo for 10 Sept.. 3, 2, 1, 5, 7, 6, 4. Dividend €600 won by W. Dawson. Jackpot now €4,100. Draw in Clubhouse on Sunday at 6.30 pm with Free draw for Spot prizes.

Check [www.skerriesharps.ie](http://www.skerriesharps.ie) and our Social Media posts for latest Club news.