



Skerries Parish Bulletin

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24th September – 1st October

Isaiah 55:6-9

Philippians 1:20-24, 27

Matthew 20:1-16

The Lord is close to all who call him is the refrain of today's Psalm, offering both reassurance and a challenge. Encouraged by today's readings and secure in the knowledge that it is never too late we can make that call, seek help and engage.

Isaiah, in the first reading, speaks of a God who will take pity and who is rich in forgiving. Our challenge is to listen, to learn and to be willing to appeal to him from our hearts. There is also, we are told, a time limit: we must seek the Lord while he is still to be found, found by us. How we do that is part of a personal journey where we choose to inform our thinking, our actions and our attitude.

A clear message in Matthew's Gospel is that the kingdom of heaven is about treating people equally; the landowner, the person with power, chooses to be generous, leaving others to be envious. This week-end we mark world day of migrants and refugees. Might we look to our readings to guide our reaction to their plight.

Church Readers

ANNIVERSARY/SPECIAL INTENTION MASSES

- ✦ **Sat 23rd** 10am: 'The Irish People'
- ✦ **6pm**: Tom Burke, Dede & Jack White, Eileen Croke & Theresa & Kathleen Lamont, Tony Twomey, John & Sarah Ellis
- ✦ **Sun 24th**: 9.30am: Richard Rankin (Birthday rem), Special Intention
- ✦ **11am**: Dolores Ryan (Month's mind), Ann Thomson, Grace & Michael Lyons, Cissie Lally
- ✦ **Mon 25th**: 10am: Mass Card Intentions
- ✦ **Tues 26th**: 10am: William & Joan Ruigrok, Christy Jenkinson, Peggy Russell
- ✦ **Weds 27th**: 10am: Peter Kelly, Kathleen Quinn (Birthday rem)
- ✦ **Fri 29th**: 10am: Frank Jordan, Enda McGuinness
- ✦ **Sat 30th**: 6pm: George Hand (Birthday rem), Bert, Margaret & Hughie Horan, Anne Kelly, Dermot Higgins, Patrick Leonard, Cecil Richardson
- ✦ **Sun 1st Oct**: 9.30am: Ken Drumm Jnr (1st A), Maeve Larkin, Florence (Florrie) Casey, Philip Fagan, Doreen Rafferty, Seamus Sweetman
- ✦ **11am**: Anne Delaney (Month's mind), Seamus Murphy (1st A), Jean Murphy, Eanna O'Kelly, Claire O'Kane, Josephine & James Dillon



OUR SYMPATHY

To the families of Pauline McNally, Churchfield Lawns and Clare McGloughlin, Holmpatrick, who died recently. May they Rest in Peace.

FEASTDAYS

23rd September: St Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio) and St Eunan (Adomnan),
24th September: Diocesan Safeguarding Sunday
25th September: St Finbarr;
27th September: St Vincent de Paul,
29th September : Ss Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels,
30th September: St Jerome

Diocesan Safeguarding Sunday

This years "Safeguarding Sunday" will take place Sunday 24th September. This year marks the twentieth anniversary of the founding of the 'Child Safeguarding & Protection Service' of the diocese.

Legion of Mary Annual Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine Sunday 24th September 2023. Pick up points: St Patrick's Church, Skerries at 7am and St Maur's Church Car Park, Rush at 7.15am. Contact: Lorraine 0876203317 or Mary 0878414172

30 years ago in the Parish

- Legion of Mary pilgrimage to Knock was all set to go
- Annual sponsored walk by pupils of the College was taking place to raise funds for sports events
- New members were being welcomed into the local Brigini, girls over 6 years
- Spotlight on Skerries, the local arts week was starting with a wide range of events planned
- Marian Musical and Dramatic Society was holding a 6 week series of workshops for young people, 10-12 years and 13-15 years. Auditions for the annual pantomime, Treasure Island, were taking place

Hills Cricket Club



Tea dance today Sun 24th 3.30-6. Music by Martin Byrne. Tea, cakes and raffle. All welcome.

SKERRIES HARPS GAA CLUB

Our two Minor football teams recorded Championship wins last Sunday while Adult hurlers lost.

Sun 24 Sept. Junior football championship quarter final v St Pats, home at 3 pm.

Our Senior camogie and Minor hurlers are both away on Sunday morning. The Senior footballers are awaiting the scheduling of their last two league games.

Juvenile Academy each Saturday at 10 am for boys and girls with our new Games Promotion Officer, (GPO), Katelyn O'Brien. Clubhouse open for refreshments during the Academy and Club

Shop also open for sports equipment and club leisure wear.

Work continues on the All Weather & Skills Wall with the shock pads being installed. We plan to

have the new facility available for our Winter training programme. Donations to support the project

can be made to Club Treasurer or online to our Go Fund Me account - see link at <https://gofund.me/11815f6a>

Zingo for 17 Sept.. 6, 1, 3, 2, 4, 7, 5. No winners. Jackpot now €4,200. Draw in Clubhouse on

Sunday at 6.30 pm with Free draw for Spot prizes. Join online – see link on website.

.Check www.skerriesharps.ie and our Social Media posts for latest Club news.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Gerry Kelly

It is with great appreciation that we, the Kelly family, would like to thank all those who supported us in our recent bereavement. Thank you to Father Melvyn for taking the time to call to our house, and for the celebration of the funeral mass, those who attended the funeral mass, both in person and virtually, and thanks to the carers, neighbours and friends who were such a blessing to us during Gerry's illness. Special thanks to the wonderful staff at C&T's supermarket, and Stack's pharmacy for their kindness and help, and a final thanks to Lannons Funeral Directors for their professional service

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