



## Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time [08-10-2023]

[Is 5:1-7; Phil 4:6-9; Mt 21:33-43]

### The Vineyard - The People of God.

In the Old and New Testaments the People of God are often portrayed as the vineyard. Having chosen and prepared the best land at all times, God is the one who plants the vineyard. Following this he expects a good harvest. As we can see from the first reading from the prophet Isaiah – he is disappointed over and over again. Isaiah tells us the vineyard produced ‘sour’, ‘wild’ or ‘rotten’ grapes. God was looking for justice and integrity from his people Israel and instead they produced bloodshed and distress. The vineyard is his ‘dream’ for his people. He has nourished them with care, kindness and love so that they produce fruits/grapes of justice and integrity. However, we read that is not the case.



The parable in the Gospel is the unfolding of the history of God’s people Israel. They are represented by the vineyard. God’s dream was brought to them by the prophets, the servants sent by the owner. But they rejected them and even killed them. Finally the owner sends his son and not only is he rejected but he too is killed by the tenants. All that’s left for the owner to do is to lease the vineyard to others who will deliver the ‘good’ fruit – grapes – when the harvest comes. As the People of God, St. Paul in the second reading gives us an insight into what the ‘good’ fruit is – ‘everything that is true, everything that is noble, everything that is good and pure, everything that we love and honour, everything that can be thought virtuous and worthy of praise’.

*Fr. Melvyn*

#### Anniversary / Special Intention Masses

- ✦ **Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> 6.00pm:** Patrick and Joseph Fitzgerald, Catherine Lambe, Gabrielle Whelton, Nina Brennan and Nora Henneberry, Patrick Leonard, Tom Furlong, Special Intention.
- ✦ **Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> 9.30am:** Charlie and Mary Martin, Ken Drumm Snr, James Reid (BR)
- ✦ **11.00am:** Joe Howard, Margaret and Joseph Howard (rem), Johnny Murray, Mary and Mike Keating, Josie and Christy Rogan, Patrick Coleman, Nancy Dunne, Tommy McArdle.
- ✦ **Monday 9<sup>th</sup> 10.00am:** Mass card intentions.
- ✦ **Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> 10.00am:** Jackie Brennan, Teresa McCann, Patrick Monks.
- ✦ **Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> 10.00am:** Sheila and Chriss McDonough.
- ✦ **Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> 6.00pm:** Packie Markey (MM), Michael White, Seamus Murphy, Rose Grimes, The Plunkett & Fitzsimons families
- ✦ **Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> 9.30am:** Brendan Hughes.
- ✦ **11.00am** William Hoare, Charles Flanagan.

**Our Sympathy** is extended to the family and friends of Breda Connolly, Townparks, who died recently. May she Rest in Peace.



#### Feast days

- 9<sup>th</sup> Oct. – St. John Henry Newman.
- 11<sup>th</sup> Oct – St. John XXIII Pope and St. Canice.



**Congratulations** to Sam Ellwood and Emma Hoey who were married recently in our parish church.

**We welcome** Maria Julia Sevathean who was baptised recently into our parish family.

#### The Synod - ‘Great Hope for the Church’

This week the **Synod on Synodality** started in Rome which will continue for the month of October. Pope Francis has included in the 400 participants 70 lay men and women giving recognition to the role we all share for the future of the church. The ‘fruits’ of the synod we pray will be a rich harvest that will sustain us in the days and years to come.

## St Vincent de Paul Collection



Monthly Churchgate Collection is next Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> October. Any contribution, no matter how small, will be truly appreciated.

## Skerries Forget-Me-Not Café



takes place next Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> October, in Skerries Harps Clubhouse, from 11.00am to 1.00pm. The Café is free of charge and is open to people

living with dementia, their families, carers and friends. Come along for refreshments, a chat, to meet others on a similar journey and to learn more about dementia services in the area. Please let us know you are coming so that we don't run out of cake! 083 1192972

If you need more information please email [skerriesforgetmenotcafe@gmail.com](mailto:skerriesforgetmenotcafe@gmail.com)

**Meals on Wheels** are seeking volunteer meals on wheels drivers to help deliver meals to older people in the town. Can you spare 2 hours per month at lunchtime, 12 – 2.00pm. Very rewarding. Please contact: Northside Homecare Services 01-8058574 or 0860201151 Mon – Fri between 12 noon and 2.00pm

**Used Postage stamps** can be left in Skerries temporary Library beside SuperValu. The Guide Dogs Association is most grateful for them.

## 30 Years Ago in the Parish

- A sum of money had been donated to the Parish for Adult Religious Education which would enable any parishioner interested to pursue a full time or evening course.
- Kneelers with padded filling were to be fitted on all benches in the church.
- Legion of Mary Auxiliary Rally to be held in the Parish Hall, Mass, talk and refreshments.
- St. Vincent de Paul Society urgently needs an iron, double bed and a gas cooker for their work locally
- The local CIC was holding an Open Day in Holmpatrick Hall to celebrate the European Year for Older People.
- Skerries Athletic Club winners in Julianstown recently were Owen Keane, Eithne Laird, Carol Keane, Gina Bradshaw and Pamela Farrell.
- Holy Faith/de la Salle College thanked all who had supported the recent College Walk.

## Skerries Ladies Bowls



A cheque for €1066 was handed over this week to St. Francis Hospice, Raheny, proceeds of our Pink Morning in September. The new Monday morning competition will run until early December - €2 per week. Sign in before 10.30am so that matches can start promptly. There are still a few places left on the bus for the outing to Shawsbridge on 20<sup>th</sup> October - €45 for the day of shopping, morning coffee, 2 hours bowling and meal on the return journey. Talk to Norma Radley or Mary Attley if you are interested.

Congratulations to Marian Fagan and Rita McIntyre, who were runners-up in the Club Pairs championships last weekend.

## Skerries Harps GAA Club



Our two Minor girls football teams won their semi-finals and played their Championship finals yesterday Sat 7 Oct - both away. The Minor boys football A team have qualified for quarter finals while the B team await the result of a backmatch to know their fate. The Under 16 hurlers have also topped their group and the Under 13 boys had a trip to Cork to play both football and hurling games and visit Fota. Our Dads & Lads team and our Ga4Mas teams continue to surprise us all with their results and are open to all who want to have a go!

Sun 8 Oct. Minor hurling Championship v N. Olaf in Skerries at 11.00am

Juvenile Academy each Saturday morning from 10.00 until 11.00am. Clubhouse open for refreshments during the Academy and Club Shop also open.

We have a bit more to go on our funding shortfall for the All Weather area. Thanks for the support from our members and from the public. Donations to support the project can be made to the Club Treasurer or online to our Go Fund Me account - see link at <https://gofund.me/11815f6a> Zingo for 1 Oct. 2, 7, 1, 6, 3, 4, 5. No winners. Jackpot now €4,400. Draw in Clubhouse on Sunday at 6.30pm with Free draw for spot prizes. Join online at [www.skerriesharps.ie/zingo](http://www.skerriesharps.ie/zingo)

## Acknowledgements - Dowd (Saoirse)

We, the Dowd family, wish to thank Fr. Melvyn, the community of Skerries, our friends and neighbours for your overwhelming support, generosity and kindness. It has truly helped our family to get through this most difficult time after the sudden death of our beautiful daughter Saoirse.