

Skerries Parish Bulletin

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4th - 11th Feb 2024

**Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time [04-02-2024]
[Job 7:1-4, 6-7; Ps 146: 1-6; 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23; Mk 1:29-39]**

Suffering and Healing

The first reading is taken from the beginning of the Book of Job. Job cannot make sense of the suffering that is found in daily living. Some may have to endure greater suffering than others. The questions Job asks can be asked of every age and time. Job is an upright and blameless man. In a series of disasters he loses his family, his friends, his wealth and all his possessions. The only thing Job does not lose is his faith in God.

Jesus' answer to 'Why suffering?' as we see in Mark's gospel, is to heal the afflicted like Simon's mother-in-law and all the people who came crowding around the door. He shows he cares for them. This care for the sick and the burdened is Jesus' witness to the truth that God loves us in our weakness and fragility, in our sickness and suffering. This care of God for those in such need is reflected in the care our health professionals give and in the mindful care we give ourselves to those who have such needs. When we do so we are all witnesses to God's care and love.


Fr. Melvyn

ANNIVERSARY / SPECIAL INTENTIONS MASSES

- ✦ **Sat 3rd 10am:** Michael Halpin, Damian Boylan, Harry, Amy & Essie Boylan, Margaret Guinan, Louie Toal
- ✦ **Sat 3rd 6pm:** Seán McConnell (MM) & Colette McConnell, Jim Lennox, James Coleman & Esther Casey, Phyllis Carr, Brendan McGuire & Mary Kelly, James Gervasio (RD), Noel Martin, Richard Gaffney
- ✦ **Sun 4th 9.30am:** Mary & Chrissie Branagan, Ronnie Fay Watt, Joan & John Mulvihill, All who supported Ann (Nancy) Thornton's family
- ✦ **Sun 4th 11am:** Sean Carron (MM), Kathleen (Kay) Whelan & decd. mbrs. of the Whelan family, Michael McBride, Decd. mbrs. of the O'Leary & O'Toole families, Denis (Dinny) Concannon
- ✦ **Mon 5th 11am:** Mass Card Intentions
- ✦ **Tue 6th 10am:** Francis Corr, Peter Kelly
- ✦ **Fri 9th 10am:** Luke Patrick Archiudean, Patricia O'Sullivan & decd. mbrs. of the O'Sullivan family, Theresa Seymour (RD)
- ✦ **Sat 10th 10am:** Catherine Gaffney (1st A) & Joseph Gaffney, Mary Browne, Cora & Mick Cannon, Patricia O'Sullivan & decd. mbrs. of the O'Sullivan family, Tommy Doyle
- ✦ **Sat 10th 6pm:** Annie Lennox, Ronnie Masterson, James Ryan, Aidan Francis
- ✦ **Sun 11th 9.30am:** Peter & Christina Creaner, John Mullins, Jim Slattery (BR), Margaret & Charles McMorro, Patricia O'Sullivan & decd. mbrs. of the O'Sullivan family

- ✦ **Sun 11th 11am:** Gerry Halpin (MM), Pat & Maura Ellis, Greta Devine.

OUR SYMPATHY

 To the families of Frances (Fran) Duff, late of Thomas Hand Street, Ann Farrell, late of Mourne Close & Angela Dixon, late of Harbour Road who died recently. May they Rest in Peace.

FEASTDAYS

- 5th Feb – St. Agatha
- 6th Feb – Ss. Paul Miki & Companions,
- 7th Feb - St. Mel
- 8th Feb – International Day of Prayer & Awareness against Human Trafficking
- 10th Feb – St. Scholastica

DATE TO NOTE

- Mon 5th Feb – Bank Holiday, Mass is at 11am

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Please note a change in the contact details for the PPC. Those who wish to contact the Council are invited to email The PPC Secretary at ppc@stpatricksskerries.ie
Apologies for any confusion.

BULLETIN TEAM

We send our sincere condolences to the family of Frances Duff whose death has occurred this week. For many years Frances was a valued member of our Bulletin team - a quiet and kindly presence, who helped print the Bulletin weekly. May she rest in peace.

BEST WISHES & OUR PRAYERS

To all our Leaving Certificate & Junior Certificate students who are doing their Mock exams at present. We hope your results will help point the way for your final exams in June next.



HOSPICE COFFEE MORNING

The annual Irish Hospice Coffee Morning will be held in the Harps Clubhouse on **Friday 9th February from 11am – 12.30pm.** All welcome, tickets €5.

SKERRIES FORGET ME NOT CAFÉ

Wednesday 14th February 11am – 1pm in Skerries Harps GAA, Dublin Road/ K34HC89

The café is free of charge and is open to people Living with dementia, their families, carers & friends. Come for tea & biscuits, a chat, to meet others on a similar journey and to learn more about dementia services in the area.

For more information, please contact us on skerriesforgetmenotcafe@gmail.com phone or text 0831192972 to let us know you are coming.

SKERRIES LADIES BOWLS

There was no play possible last Monday, due to the severe rain. Well done to Div 1 who had another great win in Trim last Wednesday and well played to Div 3 who weren't so lucky at home.

SKERRIES HARPS GAA CLUB



Tickets for our Presentation Night on 23 Feb in the Bracken Court Hotel are €30, including Live Music & Food. We will be presenting our 2023 Player of the Year Awards to our Adult teams, GA4Mas, GA4Dads & Lads. See

<https://www.skerriesharps.com/presentation-dinner-feb-2024>

Juvenile Academy each Saturday at 10am. To register see www.skerriesharps.com/academy Juvenile Indoor Hurling/Camogie program runs in Gormanston each Sunday morning.

Skerries Harps ALL STARS meet each Friday at 4.30pm for children with additional needs who may not be interested in mainstream sports. Details from Odharnait 086 3719097.

Sat. 23 March Elvis Spectacular with Ciaran Houlihan. Tickets are €25 and selling fast. Zingo for 28 Jan. 4, 2, 1, 5, 7, 3. 6 No winners - Jackpot now €6,100 and Dividend is €350. Draw on Sunday at 6pm in Clubhouse Bar. Play Online or by Envelope for €2 per line.

IRISH GUIDE DOGS – THANK YOU



A sincere 'thank you' to everyone who left used postage stamps into Skerries Library for Irish Guide Dogs. They were collected and passed to Tom O'Neill, Co-Chair of the local branch. Unwanted coins from all over the world were also collected from the counter boxes located around Skerries. Tom turned the old stamps and unwanted coins into cash. He received €690 for the stamps and coins. This was lodged to the Irish Guide Dogs' account in Cork.

Irish Guide Dogs for the Blind is dedicated to enriching the lives of blind and visually impaired people and children with autism, by providing them with the freedom to travel safely, thereby ensuring greater independence, dignity and new horizons of opportunity.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Ian Mac Manus

Ian's parents Terry and Pat, sisters Hazel, Caroline, Helen, daughter Laura, Veronica and families would like to express their heartfelt thanks and appreciation for the amazing kindness extended to them on Ian's death. For the messages, Mass cards and letters, and especially to the many people who travelled to Dundalk for his funeral. Special thanks to Fr. Pat Littleton and Fr. Ryan Holovlasky for presiding at the funeral Mass in St Joseph's Redemptorist Church, Dundalk.

Ann 'Nancy' Thornton

The family of the late Ann 'Nancy' Thornton would like to thank most sincerely all their family, neighbours and friends and all who sympathised with them during this sad time. Those who visited the house, sent mass cards and flowers. We were all deeply touched. Special thanks to Fr. Melvyn for all his support and the funeral mass celebrations. Thanks to Margaret for her singing and music and to Joe Lannon and his team.

We would also like to thank Sinéad, Marie, Mary, Lisa and the staff of Prosper Piercetown who were so kind to Paula and the whole family through this hard time.

The Holy sacrifice of Mass will be celebrated for all your intentions.

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