



# Skerries Parish Bulletin

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## Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Job 38:1,8-11, Ps. 106: 23-26, 28-31. 2 Cor 5:14-17, Mk 4:35-41**

How many of us have battled storms in our lives. Maybe not like the one we read of in the gospel, but none the less times of challenge great or small come our way. We have been caught off guard not only maybe in weather – wind, rain and fog, but also with some events that happen to us.



In today's gospel water and weather conditions feature. Jesus asks the disciples to cross over to the other side of the lake. He boards the boat with them and falls asleep and is woken up by the panicked disciples crying out in fear for help as the storm rages about them. He doesn't panic but encourages them to be patient and to trust his presence with them. He calms the storm and also their panic and fear.

In the difficult times we encounter, we too can be tempted to think the Lord has forgotten about us or even that he doesn't care. The message of this gospel says nothing could be further from the truth. The Lord is never asleep to our challenging moments in life. He is with us in the storms that come our way – great and small. He asks that we keep faith in him especially when the 'storm' is raging and not just remember him after it has passed i.e. in the calm.

Faith does not preserve us from the storms of life, but it can help us to remain at peace in its midst. Jesus rebuked his disciples for their lack of faith – his presence with them was enough. He encourages us to keep our focus on him during our challenges and we will weather the storms.

*Fr. Melvyn*

### Anniversary / Special Intention Masses

- ✦ **Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> 10.00am:** John Pereira, Tommy Ruddy.
- ✦ **6.00pm:** Robert and Mary Kelly, Seamus Murphy.
- ✦ **Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> 9.30am:** Norah Maguire, John Sheridan, Gerard Thornton, Ibar Carney (BR), Paddy Richardson, Ken Whitaker
- ✦ **11.00am:** Margaret (Peig) Grimes, Joseph (Joe) Grimes, Jimmy Grimes, Eoghan Byrne, John Lally, Dolores Mooney Boyd (RD), late of Skerries.
- ✦ **Monday 24<sup>th</sup> 10.00am:** Mass Card Intentions.
- ✦ **Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> 10.00am:** Frank McDonagh Snr.
- ✦ **Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> 10.00am:** Bridget and Michael O'Reilly and family members.
- ✦ **Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> 10.00am:** Karl Mackle (1<sup>st</sup> A).
- ✦ **6.00pm:** Ann McGee (MM), Freddie Cooper, Bridget and Francis Farrell, Graham Barnett.
- ✦ **Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> 11.00am:** Patrick Kenny (MM), Mary Radley, Peadar O'Connor, Billy and Bridie Cummins, James and Kathleen Murtagh, Patrick and Lily Grimes.

### Feast Days

- 24<sup>th</sup> June – The Nativity of St. John the Baptist,
- 28<sup>th</sup> June – St. Irenaeus, The first evening prayer of St Peter and Paul,
- 29<sup>th</sup> June – St Peter and Paul, Apostles,

### Special Collection for 'Peter's Pence'

The special collection for Peter's Pence for the Pope and Pontifical Charities will take place during all Masses next weekend 29/30 June. This collection will replace the usual Share collection.

**Happy holidays** to all our Secondary School students who have now completed their Leaving and Junior Certificate examinations - relax now and enjoy a pleasant and safe break from study.

### Just to let you know

Following their Summer Concert in Holmpatrick Church, Skerries Community Choir has forwarded €500 to Pieta House. Many thanks to all those who supported us and made a contribution.

### **Festival in a Van**

This Sunday, 23<sup>rd</sup> June, at 4.30pm, outside Skerries Community Centre, Festival in a Van, Creative Ireland, and Fingal County Council are delighted to present **Sounds Like Summer**, a free celebration of creativity and community spirit in Fingal. Join us for music from Niamh Bury, spoken word from Hazel Hogan, and more!

### **Calling all Local Voluntary Groups/Clubs.**

Skerries Community Association has organised an information session by Dublin Rural LEADER for information on their 2023-2027 programme, and possible funding opportunities. This will take place on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> June from 8.00 to 9.00pm in Room 1 in the Old Schoolhouse. Looking forward to seeing you there.

### **Cycling Without Age** was launched in Skerries by



Fingal Co. Co. as a scheme for older people and those with mobility issues. Operated by the Active Travel Unit it is focussed on inclusivity and fun. It

welcomes those with mobility issues to enjoy the feeling of great freedom that you experience when you're cycling in the great outdoors. It is a free of charge experience and cycle trips can be booked by sending an email to: [cyclingwithoutage@fingal.ie](mailto:cyclingwithoutage@fingal.ie) with your preferred time, date and location. They are run by local volunteers for an hour coastal trip around by Red Island and Skerries harbour, with a free '99' from Storm in a Teacup. The service is available 7 days a week throughout the year.

### **Fingal Poetry Festival 2024**

#### **Midsummer Miscellany Fundraiser.**



Join us for an evening of verse, music, story and song upstairs in Joe May's on Thursday June 27<sup>th</sup> from 8.00pm until late! Tickets at the door €15 (or text 086 6044379) Raffle on the night. 30 minute Open Mic €5 per performance. Please visit our website [www.fingalpoetryfestival.com](http://www.fingalpoetryfestival.com) for details of our two exciting international poetry competitions, one in English and one as Gaeilge. Open for entries to June 30<sup>th</sup> 2024

### **Skerries Ladies Bowls**

Ladies meeting takes place on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> June in the Clubhouse at 12.15pm. Congratulations to all club members who have won their opening rounds of the LBI competitions. Rest week last week - back to League matches in the coming week.

**Congratulations** to Sean Waddilove who has been selected again to form part of the Irish Sailing team for this Summer's Olympics in Paris and Hugo Lennox, again named in the Ireland Rugby Sevens squad.

### **30 Years Ago in the Parish**

- Annual Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine organised by St. Joseph's Young Priests' Society was taking place.
- The Church Cleaning Guild was seeking volunteers for one hour per week to help with the church cleaning.
- Holy Faith/de la Salle College was asking those leaving school to consider donating their school uniforms for use in the College next year.
- Tidy Towns were very disappointed to see the re-emergence of outdated plastic shop signs which were making a reappearance.
- Peter Heffernan and Ciara Leonard were the winners of the first of the summer Sea Races.

### **Skerries Harps GAA Club**



Congratulations to our under 13 girls football team on winning their league. Fixtures: Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> Junior football v Parnells, away at 11.00am. Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> Inter hurling v Faughs, home at 7.30pm; Minor football v Scoil Uí Conail, home at 7.30pm. Check fixtures at [www.skerriesharps.ie](http://www.skerriesharps.ie) Summer Camp dates: Advanced Camp 24<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> June and Academy Camp 8<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> July. Now booking.

Skerries All Star sessions are held each Friday 4.30 to 5.15pm on Skerries Harps main pitch, with help from the wonderful service users from Prosper Fingal. For information contact Denise Emmett or Odharnait Kiernan.

Social Golf on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July to Swords. Open-Tee times 12.00noon to 2.00pm. Contact Tony 087 6498177. Golf will be followed by meal and presentations in the Harps clubhouse that evening. Zingo for 16<sup>th</sup> June: 4,3,7,1,5,2,6. No winners. Jackpot now €2,600. Draw on Sunday at 6.00pm. Discos to mark the end of the school year on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June – Junior at 5.30pm and Senior at 7.30pm. See [skerriesharps.ie/disco](http://skerriesharps.ie/disco) to secure tickets.

### **Lost Property**

A reminder that there is a miscellaneous box of items found in the church in the Parish Office. Misaid something? Maybe you'll find it there. Parish Office is open from 10.30 - 12.30 on Monday/Wednesday/Friday.