



Skerries Parish Bulletin

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“Talitha Kum”

In the Gospel today we hear a story of two healings, one of a woman who had been ill for 12 years and another of a young girl, 12 years of age. The two healings are positioned together in a sandwich form, emphasising both the faith of the person and the power of God.

Jairus, an official in the synagogue, well known and ‘well got’ in the community comes to Jesus begging him to come and heal his little daughter. Jesus went with him, but then the journey is interrupted. An unknown woman who has been ill for 12 years comes up behind Jesus and touches his cloak believing that Jesus can heal her. Healing happens immediately and Jesus, realising that ‘power has gone out of him,’ asks, ‘who touched me?’ She has broken the purity laws of the time by touching a man when she is bleeding. She admits to it at once and Jesus with compassion says, “My daughter, your faith has restored you to health; go in peace and be free from your complaint.”

Next someone comes and tells Jairus that his daughter is dead. Jesus says to Jairus, “Do not be afraid; only have faith.” When they arrive at the house, Jesus takes Peter, James and John and the child’s parents to the where she lay and takes her by the hand said to her, “Talitha Kum” and at once she got up and began to walk around. Jesus too has broken the purity laws by touching a corpse. Talitha kum means “little girl get up,” and are the exact words that Jesus used.

Both healings point us to the power of God and to Jesus’ own resurrection. Faith and a request in both cases opened the way to healing.

Are we still bound by some ancient customs, which have no place in Christian life? Do we have faith that God wants to heal us of our ills?

Lydia Gillen (Bible Study Group)

ANNIVERSARY / SPECIAL INTENTIONS MASSES

- ✦ **Sat 29th 10am:** Karl Mackle (1st A)
- ✦ **Sat 29th 6pm:** Ann McGee (MM) Freddie Cooper, Bridget & Francis Farrell, Graham Barnett, Declan Lacey, Lily Coleman & Coleman Family
- ✦ **Sun 30th 9.30am:** David Jenkins (RD), Paul Smith
- ✦ **Sun 30th 11am:** Patrick Kenny (MM), Mary Radley, Peadar O’Connor, Billie & Bridie Cummins, James & Kathleen Murtagh, Patrick & Lily Grimes, Martin & Kitty Ryan (BR)
- ✦ **Mon 1st July 10am:** Mass Card Intentions
- ✦ **Tue 2nd 10am:** Bernard & Agnes Connor & family, Special Intention
- ✦ **Wed 3rd 10am:** Nancy Jackson, Christopher Gaffney, Cathy Smith
- ✦ **Sat 6th 10am:** Joe Heffernan (1st A)
- ✦ **Sat 6th 6pm:** William Grimes (1st A), Mary & Charles Cooper, Aine O’Leary, Sean Murtagh, Jeremiah & Maureen O’Keeffe, Yvonne Noonan

- ✦ **Sun 7th 9.30am:** Jack Grimes, Kathleen Branagan, Margarite Kite, Doreen Leonard, Mary Murphy, Tom & Lena Monks
- ✦ **Sun 7th 11am:** Noel Wilde (MM), Tommy O’Brien, Jimmy & Rita Grogan, Terry Kiernan (née Grogan).

Friday 5th July - First Friday Mass 10am & Padre Pio Mass 7.30 pm

OUR SYMPATHY

- ✦ To the family of Rosanna Keane, Strand Street who died recently.
May she Rest in Peace.

WE WELCOME

Jack Noel Leonard-Ferguson, Aria Simeone, Callum Thomas Clinton, Lila Jennifer Smith, Alannah Scanlan, Hugo Brian Garvin & Zoe Beth Garvin who were baptised recently into our parish family.



SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR 'PETER'S PENCE'

The special collection for Peter's Pence will take place at all Masses this weekend **29th/30th June**. This collection will replace the usual Share collection.

FEASTDAYS

Monday July 1st – St. Oliver Plunkett
Wednesday 3rd – St. Thomas, Apostle
Thursday 4th - St. Elizabeth of Portugal
Friday 5th - St. Anthony Zaccaria
Saturday 6th - St. Maria Goretti

FRANCISCAN MISSIONARY SISTERS OF AFRICA

The special collection held recently in the church for the above Sisters, raised **€2,766**. Thanks to all.

TIDY TOWNS

Would there be anyone willing to water the 4 flower containers in Floraville for the summer please.

Contact Maeve 0879946638 or email tidytownsskerries@gmail.com

30 YEARS AGO IN THE PARISH

- The Silver Jubilee of the first Padre Pio prayer group was being celebrated in the Pro-Cathedral and Skerries group would be represented
- A special Celebration of the local Sports Clubs and organisations was organised for Mass this Sunday
- Skerries Tennis Club had a new logo, designed by local member Gareth Nathan
- Skerries ICA members were heading to Townley Hall in Drogheda for an Open Day
- Well done to all the young Skerries athletes who took part in the Dublin Championships in Santry
- Ardgillan Castle was hosting an exhibition entitled "Aspects of Dublin-Drogheda Railway, 1844-1994".

CONTINUED APOLOGIES

For the building works which have been taking place outside the front of the Church.

Progress is being made, but it will take a while longer than anticipated. No truth in the rumours that significant archaeological remains have been found - seashells and sand is all there is so far!

HOLIDAY COVER OPENING HOURS FOR PARISH OFFICE

Monday 1st July, 10.30 – 12.30pm
Tuesday 2nd July **CLOSED**
Wednesday 3rd July 10.30 – 12.30pm
Thursday 4th July **CLOSED**
Friday 5th July, 10.30 – 12.30pm

SKERRIES HARPS GAA CLUB



Fixtures – **Sunday 30th** Minor football v St Sylvester's, away at 11.00 a.m.

Tuesday: Junior football v Bank of Ireland, home at 7.30 p.m.

Wednesday: Ladies football v Scoil Ui Conoil, home at 7.30 p.m.

Thursday: Junior camogie v Lucan, home at 7.15 p.m. Check fixtures at www.skerriesharps.com.

Academy Summer Camp runs **8 to 11 July** for boys/girls aged 4 to 7 years from 10 am to 1 pm. Sessions will focus on skills development, social interaction, functional movement and of course fun! See Summer Camps 2024 link on website to register.

Skerries All Star sessions are held each Friday 4.30 – 5.15 p.m on the Main Pitch – For information contact Denise Emmett or Odharnait Kiernan.

Social Golf outing on **Fri 5th July** to Swords Open – Tee times from 12 to 2 p.m. For information contact Tony 087 6498177. Golf will be followed by meal and presentations in Harps Clubhouse.

Next BINGO session in Clubhouse on **Monday 8 July** at 8 p.m.

Zingo for **23 June:** 7, 4, 1, 2, 3, 6, 5. No winners. Jackpot now €2,700.

Draw on Sunday at 6 p.m.

Join online via link on website or by Envelope on the night - for €2.00 or 3 for €5.00.