



Skerries Parish Bulletin

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14th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME LORD INCREASE OUR FAITH

READINGS: Ezekiel 2:2-5, Psalm 122, 1 Cor 12:7-10, Mark 6:1-6

In the 1st Reading we encounter the prophet, Ezekiel. Prophets were not popular people either in Old Testament times or in today's world because they speak out against injustice and exploitation. What is our reaction to modern day prophets? Do we listen to them or do our personal prejudices and agendas block out their message? If we believe that every person we encounter is a messenger of God's love, we will be open-minded people asking the Spirit to guide and direct us to make informed decisions.

The Psalm draws us gently into God's presence: "Our eyes are on the Lord till He shows His mercy and love". If we gaze on Him, He will show us the way to live out our Christian calling.

In the 2nd Reading we are consoled to hear that St. Paul was afflicted with "a thorn in the flesh to stop me from getting too proud". Why? Because very often our weaknesses have helped us understand the weaknesses of others and thereby we are more understanding of their struggles.

The Gospel story is a familiar one. Jesus goes to the Synagogue in his Hometown of Nazareth. The locals are not impressed, for they are limited and narrow-minded people. Can anything good come out of that place, from those particular people etc? How often do we come across these sentiments in ourselves and in others? The last line in the gospel says, "Jesus was amazed at their lack of faith". Faith is a gift. May we accept and appreciate it, as we live out our Christian lives.

Holy Faith Sisters

ANNIVERSARY / SPECIAL INTENTIONS MASSES

- ✦ **Sat 6th 10am:** Joe Heffernan (1st A), Special Intention
- ✦ **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)
- ✦ **Mon 8th 10am:** Mass Card Intentions
- ✦ **Tue 9th 10am:** Brenda & Tony O'Reilly, Eddie McGrath
- ✦ **Fri 14th 10am:** Madge & Ronan Fagan
- ✦ **Sat 13th 6pm:** Peter & Rose Connor, David & Rita O'Sullivan, Barry Walls
- ✦ **Sun 14th 9.30am:** Michael Whelton (1st A), Thomas Ellis, Bridget Ellis, Greta Kelly, Michael & Ann Lynch
- ✦ **Sun 14th 11am:** Louise Bracken (1st A), Elizabeth Flanagan, Brian Peters, Eileen Marry, Noelle Lacey.

CONGRATULATIONS FR MELVYN

On **Monday 8th July**, Fr Melvyn will celebrate the 40th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood. To mark this happy occasion a special Mass will be held on Tuesday **30th July at 7pm**. We hope you will be able to join us.

Declan Bowers, Chair Parish Pastoral Council

FEASTDAYS

Monday 8th - St. Kilian
Thursday 11th - St. Benedict, Abbot, Patron of Europe

HOLIDAY COVER OPENING HOURS FOR PARISH OFFICE – WEEK COMMENCING 8TH JULY

Monday 8th July 10.30 – 12.30pm
Tuesday 9th July 10.30 – 12.30pm
Wednesday 10th July - **CLOSED**
Thursday 11th July - **CLOSED**
Friday 12th July 10.30 – 12.30pm

LOST PROPERTY

A reminder that there is a miscellaneous box of items found in the church in the Parish Office. Mislaidd something? Maybe you'll find it there.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

♪♪ We wish members of the adult choir and their director Ann Barror, a well-earned rest. The choir not only sings at 9.30 Sunday Mass, but contributes in no small way to all the other celebrations during the Church's year - Christmas, Easter and special Feast Days. Have a great summer!

PIONEER TOTAL ABSTINENCE ASSOCIATION

Congratulations to James Russell who received a Gold emblem and Certificate for 50 years Pioneer Membership and also to Fran Jordan who received a Diamond emblem and Certificate for 60 years Pioneer Membership. The presentations took place last **Sunday 30th June** during 11am Mass by our parish priest Fr. Melvyn. We very much appreciate all his help and support.

Also many thanks to all our parishioners who very generously supported our recent church gate collection.

30 YEARS AGO IN THE PARISH

- The Parish Padre Pio Pilgrimage was fully booked, but a few places were still available for the trip to Lourdes in October.
- "Earth Caretakers" was a new initiative, which would be launched for all 4th and 5th class pupils in our primary schools
- Skerries Town Twinning announced details of their forthcoming Twinning festivities in August, when 103 visitors from the Canton of Guichen were expected
- Well done to local runners, D. Quirke, O. Keane, B. O'Connor, P. Sherlock (boys) and E. O'Halloran, S. Prendergast, G. Bradshaw, S. O'Leary, L. Ferguson, C. Browne and S. Gibbons (Girls) who won medals at the Dublin Relay Championships
- Winners of the Pier Races (McGloughlin Cup), was G. MacMahon and the Iona Cup was E. McLoughlin.

SKERRIES HARPS GAA CLUB



Fixtures: **Sunday 7th July:**
Junior football v Shankhill, home at 11.00am

Thursday 11th: Junior camogie play in the Adult Summer 7's in

Lucan at 7.15pm

Sunday 14th: Adult hurlers v St Judes, away in the first game of Junior Championship at 11am

In the Dublin Senior Football Championship we play Kilmacud in Parnell Park on Fri **9 August** in the first group game; the other teams in our group are Thomas Davis and St Vincent's.

Check fixtures at www.skerriesharps.com.

Academy Summer Camp: **Mon 8 to Thurs 11 July** for boys/girls aged 4 to 7 years at 10 am to 1pm focusing on skills development, social interaction, functional movement and of course fun!

See Summer Camps 2024 link on website to register.

Next BINGO session in Clubhouse on **Monday 8 July at 8pm** with cash prizes.

Zingo for 30 June: 7, 6, 3, 2, 4, 1. 5. No winners. Jackpot now €2,800 and Dividend €900.

Draw is on Sunday at 6pm Join online via link on website or by Envelope on the night.

We were delighted to accommodate the Irish Coast Guard helicopter landing on the main pitch last Wednesday for a visit from the pupils of St. Patrick's.

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!