



Skerries Parish Bulletin

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God Feeds Us

READINGS: Second Kings 4: 42-44, Psalm 145: 10-11, 15-18, Ephesians 4: 1-6, John 6: 1-15

A big thank you to Fr. Melvyn for his commitment since his ordination 40 years ago and in particular for his tireless caring for our parish and joyous celebration of the sacraments with us.



The sacrament of the Eucharist is at the heart of the readings. We hear how those who had a small amount of food had no idea that God was going to use their small gift to feed thousands of people. Like them, we too do not know what God may do with our little contributions such as words of encouragement, donations, phone calls and prayers. We never know where our efforts to love, to help, or to support others may bear fruit and often are surprised.

The important story of the feeding of thousands of people is familiar. Like an often-repeated song, or lullaby or story from our childhood, it is reassuring to hear it again.

Jesus took the food, and when He had given thanks, He distributed it to those seated. This foreshadows His last supper and our Mass today. The miracle in this story invites us to see all that God is doing in our world rather than what is not happening in our world.

Our beautiful church is open daily. It is a place in our parish where we, like the crowds in the readings, can sit, rest and be fed. Its open doors invite us to come in, speak to God, thank Him and pray.

Church Readers

Anniversary Masses/Special Intentions

Sat. 27th 6pm: Teresa Donaghy, Joe Grimes, Mary O'Driscoll (1st A), Joe & Annie Culleton, Peggy & Paddy Coleman, Benjamin Farrell, Larry Hughes

Sun. 28th 9.30am: Christy Casey, Patrick & Margaret Lynch

Sun 11am: Tom McManus, Breda Kennedy, Kay Coleman McGilloway, The Tierney Family (rem)

Mon. 29th 10am: Mass Card Intentions

Tues. 30th 10am: Patricia Jenkinson

Tues. 7pm: Fr. Melvyn's 40th Anniversary Mass

Wed. 31st 10am: Esther Kelly (BR), Joe Dowling, Special Intention

Fri. 2nd August 10am: First Friday – Altar List

Fri. 7.30pm: Padre Pio Mass

Sat. 3rd 10am: Ann Colford (1st A), Jimmy Colford

Sat. 6pm: Brendan O'Connor (BR), Bernie Kinsella, Ellen & Christopher Fanning, Bill & Kathleen Kinsella, Jim Martin, Bob Loughlin, Lily & Jim Scanlan

Sun. 4th 9.30am:

Sun 11am: Bill Foran

Church Carers Team

The Church Carers Team is looking for new members (men or women) to help maintain the cleanliness of the church. Our aim is to create a warm and inviting church environment. The Team meets every second Wednesday at 2pm for about an hour. Our next session will be Wednesday 30th July. If you would like to help, we would be most grateful if you will contact us via the Parish Office. Thank You

Our sympathy



Our sympathy is offered to the families and friends of Robert Walshe, RIP, late of Millhill Park and Mark Comey, RIP, late of Hamilton Park N.H..

This week's Feast Days:

29th Jul – Ss Martha, Mary & Lazarus

31st Jul – St Ignatius of Loyola

1st Aug – St Alphonsus Liguori

Parish Office – opening hours

The Parish Office is open for your convenience on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings from 9am to 1pm.

Our Best wishes

go to our two Skerries Olympians - Hugo Lennox on the Irish Rugby 7's team and Sean Waddilove in the Sailing. A great honour for our town to have two local Olympians. We wish them good luck in their search for medals.

30 Years Ago in the Parish

A special focus on the plight of Rwanda was highlighted in the Bulletin. A special Trocaire collection was being taken up
Deposits for the parish tour to Lourdes and Shrines of France were to be paid asap
St. Vincent de Paul appealed for school uniforms which might be no longer needed
Tidy Town appealed for extra help with their work parties and asked all residents to sweep outside their homes or businesses
Skerries Harps were appealing for any car owners who might help with transport to away matches
Skerries Town FC was starting the knock-out stages of their mini World Cup
Skerries Swimming Club was holding its 1000m swim from Hoar Rock to the Harbour

Skerries Twinning Association

The committee is gearing up to celebrate its 30th anniversary. We will welcome 26 visitors from the Canton of Guichen from 15th-21st August. An interesting programme of events is promised, in particular the launch of a Photographic Exhibition, which is a joint project between Skerries/ the Canton of Guichen/ and Srem, Poland (a partner of our French friends). Spread over 18 panels it represents the heritage, lifestyle and everyday life of the three communities. It will remain in Skerries for a number of weeks.

Need to get out and about?

Don't forget that there is a Community Car provided by Fingal County Council which is available for use by members of our community. This car is manned by local volunteers for use by our older residents or those with mobility issues. It can be used for medical or dental visits, as well as for outings such as shopping trips, coming to Mass etc., going to social clubs, meeting friends. The car basically helps our older and less able residents to get out and about. In order to make use of the car, you

need to complete a membership form, which is available in the Parish Office (see opening hours overleaf). If this service is not utilised fully, it may be withdrawn from our town, which would be a great shame. So, sign up now!!!

Skerries Theatre Group

STG are holding auditions for their October production "A Whistle in the Dark" by Tom Murphy, to be directed by Ronald Jones. Auditions will be held this Wednesday, 24th July, in The Little Theatre, at 8pm. We are looking for seven males (late teens to 60's) and one female. Further details from Rinald on 087 2660164. All are welcome, including people interested in helping on the production side.

SKERRIES HARPS GAA CLUB

Minor hurlers and Minor footballers both won their leagues – well done to the boys and mentors.

Our sold out Kelloggs Cul Camp starts Monday 29 July and runs till Friday 2 Aug.

Inter footballers drawn v Cuala, Ballyboden and St Judes in the Championship – first game 10 Aug. Junior footballers play Ballyboden, Clan na Gael and St Finians - first game on 12 Aug. Check fixtures at www.skerriesharps.com.

Join us in the Club on Sunday afternoon for the Armagh v Galway All Ireland Football Final – followed by the Zingo draw with the Jackpot now €3,200.

Zingo for 21 July: 6, 3, 4, 2, 5, 7. 1. No winners. Jackpot now €3,200 and Dividend €1,000. Draw is on Sunday at 6 p.m. Join online via link on website or by Envelope on the night.

Bingo Night on Monday 29 July at 8 p.m. with the Jackpot at €700.

Annual Golf Classic on Friday 2 August at Skerries GC. Contact Niall/Tony on 087 6498177.

Notices: We would like to wish Kevin Roberts a very special Happy 100 th Birthday from all in St. Patrick's Church.