



Skerries Parish Bulletin

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4th – 11th August 2024

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ex 16:2-4,13-15, Ps. 77: 3-4,23-25,54, Eph 4:17, 20-24, Jn 6:24-35.

The world is full of bread yet many live hungry, empty and searching. We experience and we are surrounded by many hungers – for food, love, acceptance, forgiveness, meaning or something else. The readings for this weekend present us with many images of the Lord providing food for his people. In the Book of Exodus, the Israelites are so hungry they are tempted to return to Egypt where they were slaves. They are almost ready to go back to slavery where they had food that contented them rather than continue to follow Moses on their journey to freedom living off the unfulfilling food they have been provided. The Lord hears their pleas and gives them food in plenty.

The Gospel is a familiar one. This passage follows after the miracle of the feeding of the multitude with five loaves and two fish. The same people come after Jesus the next day looking for more food, but he remarks to them that they have missed the meaning of the food that he is offering them. This is not physical food although they don't see it that way. This is food for the spirit. He reminds them that he is 'the bread of life' – that will sustain them and content them far more than any physical food or bread.

The promise he offered them is offered to us today. It is fulfilled in the Eucharist that we celebrate and are always called to live in the relationship we share with Him and with each other. Eucharist is a word that flows into deed: it is an action – one that we live. The Galileans asked Jesus 'what must we do if we are to do the works that God wants?' His answer is very simple 'you must believe in the one he sent' – Jesus himself.



There may be times when we come to Eucharist and we are distracted or our minds are filled with many different concerns for ourselves or others. No matter. Sometimes we have to be content with the act of faith that brings us here – when we make a public act of our need for God and his people in our lives. Our sharing in Eucharist is a statement of our need for Jesus the bread of life and how he can sustain us his people.

Fr. Melvyn

Thank You

A great joy was shared at the Mass on Tuesday night to mark my 40th anniversary of priesthood. Many have remarked upon it and it truly was such an occasion. My family members and all of the priests who joined us continued to share how they were so touched by your joyful and expressive presence. It is great to know and hear others express something that I am so thankful for - to be here among such wonderful people in Skerries. Please accept my sincerest thanks and appreciation for your support, love and care, for your cards, gifts, prayers and good wishes. It will be something I will treasure forever. Fr. Melvyn

ANNIVERSARY / SPECIAL INTENTION MASSES

- ✦ **Sat 3rd 10am:** Ann Colford (1st A), Jimmy Colford, Willie Murphy
- ✦ **Sat 3rd 6pm:** Brendan O'Connor (BR), Bernie Kinsella, Ellen & Christopher Fanning, Bill & Kathleen Kinsella, Jim Martin, Bob Loughlin, Lily & Jim Scanlan
- ✦ **Sun 4th 11am:** Bill Foran, Kathleen Everard, Sadie & William Johnston
- ✦ **Mon 5th 11am:** Mass Card Intentions
- ✦ **Wed 7th 10am:** Larry Morris (RD)
- ✦ **Sat 10th 6pm:** Christy Grimes, John Archbold, Pat McNally, Sheila & Laurence McNally

- ✦ **Sun 11th 9.30:** Paddy McGirl, Noel Cappock
- ✦ **Sun 11th 11am:** Pauline Treleaven, Joe Radley, Michael & Mary Lyons, James & Josephine Dillon, Ibar Carney

OUR SYMPATHY



To the family of Joan McArdle of Rockabill Apartments who died recently. May she Rest in Peace.

FEASTDAYS

6th August: The Transfiguration of the Lord,
8th August: St Dominic, 9th August: St Teresa
Benedicta of the Cross, St Nathy and St Felim
10th August: St Lawrence

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DATES TO NOTE

Monday 5th August is a Bank Holiday and Mass will be at 11am.

CONGRATULATIONS



To Raymond Boylan and Laura Doyle-Burke, who were married recently. We wish them every happiness.

ANOTHER SKERRIES OLYMPIAN

In case you missed it - the Canadian Ladies Rugby 7's, who won Olympic Silver Medals in Paris were coached by another Skerries sportsman, Jack Hanratty. Well done !

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT

The Irish Hospice Foundation provides a free Bereavement Support Line. This National Freephone Service is available from 10am to 1pm, Monday to Friday, by calling 1800 807077. Visit www.hospicefoundation.ie for more information.

30 YEARS AGO IN THE PARISH

- It was announced that we were having a new Parish Priest, Fr. Leo Quinlan, who would arrive in September
- Bishop Grimly was to be the special celebrant at this month's Padre Pio Mass
- Tidy Towns appealed to all shop owners to keep the pavement outside their premises swept (but not into the gutter !!)
- Skerries Town Twinning Association was gearing up to accommodate more than 100 visitors from the Canton of Guichen for the twinning ceremony on 14th August
- Skerries Swimming Club Joe May Cup results - Mens: Pat Loughman, Ladies: Geraldine Thornton
- Congratulations to all our local athletes who took part in the Dublin Finals of the Community Games Athletics - in all Skerries won 8 gold medals, 12 silver medals and 3 bronze medals - making Skerries team 3rd overall winners

SKERRIES LADIES BOWLS

Hard luck to our Skerries Pairs Marian Fagan and Rita McIntyre who were narrowly defeated in their LBI semi-finals last Wednesday. They did the club proud to reach that stage and were only beaten by 2 shots.

SKERRIES TOWN TWINNING

As you will have read in the 30 years ago in the Parish, the group is planning celebrations for their 30th anniversary. Not 100 visitors this time, but 26 visitors will be here from 15th -19th August. You may have seen the interesting photographic exhibition at the Mills. The theme of our weekend is **Heritage** and the photos represent different aspects of heritage from Skerries, Srem in Poland, (who are joined with the Canton of Guichen) and the Canton of Guichen. The exhibition is open air and free to visit. On Sunday 18th, also at Skerries Mills we are pleased to welcome the Brass and Reed Band of Dublin Airport Fire Service, who will give an open air concert from 2 – 4pm. Again free of charge. We hope the sun will shine on us as it did in 1994.

WOULD ANYBODY HAVE ?

A Polish national flag - large enough to fly on a flagpole? Needed for three days at Skerries Mills. Contact bnfriel@gmail.com.

SKERRIES HARPS GAA CLUB

Dublin Club Championship starts this week with group games in football first up and then hurling.

Fri 9th: Senior football championship v

Kilmacud-Crokes, in Parnell Park at 8.30 pm

Sat 10th: Inter football championship v Cuala, home at 6.15 pm

Mon 12th: Junior football championship v Ballyboden, home at 7 pm

Wed 14th: Ladies Junior football championship v St Peregrines, away at 7.30 pm

Check fixtures at www.skerriesharps.com.

Zingo for 28 July: 7, 5, 6, 3, 2, 1. 4. No winners. Jackpot now €3,350 and Dividend €1,000.

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

Breakfast Club hosted by @Kickstart Movement starting in September at the Clubhouse – for details email

afterschool@kickstartmovements.ie Suitable for children attending St Patricks,

Réalt na Mara and Holmpatrick National Schools.

Sunday 4th Aug – Retro 80's Disco Night 9pm.

No cover charge so Rock On In!

Next Bingo Night on Monday 19th August in

Clubhouse Bar at 8 pm with a Jackpot of €750.