



# Skerries Parish Bulletin

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**READINGS: Num 11:25-29; Ps 18:8,10,12-14; James 5:1-6; Mark 9:38-43,45 47-48**

**“The precepts of the Lord gladden the heart” Ps 18:9**

The themes of equality, integrity and justice are the focus of this Sunday’s readings. As Christians these qualities are an integral part of our lives. Oftentimes, however, we allow ourselves to be lured by contrary values in an almost unconscious response to the constant promotion of the “me” culture which we experience.

In the Book of Numbers Moses reminds the elders to refrain from seeing themselves as the only ones with a right to the gift of the Spirit. Jealousy can drive us to claim for ourselves what ought to be shared with everyone. The challenge for us is to accept that the Spirit of God works wherever God wishes and in whomsoever He chooses.

James, in his letter, warns his hearers to be honest in all their dealings, to pay justly all who “mow your fields”, to refrain from building a life of luxury for themselves, to share their food with all in need. Do I need to reclaim these teachings so that justice may prevail in my life, in our country, in our world?

In Mark’s gospel Jesus acknowledges the giftedness of others even if they are “not one of us”. He promotes inclusion and acceptance. He suggests drastic actions to protect us from ourselves along with harsh consequences if we continue to focus on our own well-being and neglect that of others. The “fire” Jesus threatens, in biblical language, is a call to repentance. The great truth is that the essence of following Jesus is found in the way we live LOVE.

Holy Faith Sisters

## ANNIVERSARY / SPECIAL INTENTIONS MASSES

- ✦ **Sat 28<sup>th</sup> 10am:** Bert Horan, Margaret & Hughie Horan
- ✦ **Sat 28<sup>th</sup> 6pm:** Gerry Maguire, Jack & Dede White, George Hand (BR), Tom & Bridget Ferguson, Kay & Rose McGee, Frank Jordan, Enda McGuinness
- ✦ **Sun 29<sup>th</sup> 9.30am:** Damien O’Leary (MM), Breeda Connolly (1<sup>st</sup> A), Patrick Leonard, George & Angela O’Connor, Doreen Rafferty, Sheila & Sonny McNamara
- ✦ **Sun 29<sup>th</sup> 11am:** Lynda O’Connor (MM), Ann Tomson, George Hand (BR), Eanna O’Kelly, Claire O’Kane, Seamus Smyth, Jean & Seamus Murphy
- ✦ **Mon 30<sup>th</sup> 10am:** Mass Card Intentions
- ✦ **Tue 1<sup>st</sup> 10am:** Maeve Larkin, Dermot O’Loughlin, Molly Keeling, Special Intention
- ✦ **Wed 2<sup>nd</sup> 10am:** Anthony Madden (1<sup>st</sup> A), Florence (Florrie) Casey, Ivan, Kay & Marguerite Heeney, Rachel Oliver (RD), Patrick Monks
- ✦ **Fri 4<sup>th</sup> 10am:** First Friday – Altar List
- ✦ **Fri 4<sup>th</sup> 7pm:** Padre Pio Mass
- ✦ **Sat 5<sup>th</sup> 10am:** Desmond Frazer
- ✦ **Sat 5<sup>th</sup> 6pm:** Michael White, Dermot Higgins, Nina Brennan & Nora Henneberry, Cecil Richardson, Thomas & Brigid Clinton, John Clinton, Tom & Miriam Clinton

- ✦ **Sun 6<sup>th</sup> 9.30am:** Mary Martin, Gabrielle Whelton, Ken Drumm Snr. Ken Drumm Jnr., Josephine & James Dillon
- ✦ **Sun 6<sup>th</sup> 11am:** Joe Howard, Joseph & Margaret Howard, Johnny Murray, Nancy Dunne

## OUR SYMPATHY

To the family of Maura Lawler, Loughshinny who died recently. May she Rest in Peace.

## FEASTDAYS

- 27<sup>th</sup> September – St. Vincent de Paul
- 30<sup>th</sup> September – St. Jerome
- 1<sup>st</sup> October – St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus
- 2<sup>nd</sup> October – The Guardian Angels
- 4<sup>th</sup> October – St. Frances of Assisi

## FIRST FRIDAY – ALTAR LIST & PADRE PIO MASS

This Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October is the 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the month. The 10 o’clock morning Mass will be offered for those whose names are on the Altar List of the Dead.

Also, the **Padre Pio Mass** will be celebrated on Friday evening at 7.30 pm as usual.

## MEN’S ROSARY

The next Men’s Rosary will be on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> of October at 3pm here in the Church. It is held every second Saturday of the month. All age groups are welcome.

### **HOLY COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION 2025**

If you are a parent of a child in **2<sup>nd</sup> class** or **6<sup>th</sup> class** and you wish them to celebrate these Sacraments this year you will need to enrol them using the Enrolment Form on the Parish Website. N.B. you will need to attach a scanned copy or photo of the child's baptismal certificate to the form to submit it.

### **EXPLORING PRIESTHOOD**

There will be a Vocations Day "Exploring Priesthood" on **Saturday, October 12**, in UCD, Belfield, Dublin 4, for men who wish to find out more about diocesan priesthood and how they may take steps to discern a vocation. Further information can be found at [vocations.ie](http://vocations.ie).

### **ST. BERNADETTE – RELIC PILGRIMAGE**

In September and October, the **relics of St Bernadette** will visit three churches in Dublin: Our Lady of Victories, Ballymun Road, September 25-26; Mary Immaculate, Inchicore, October 23-24; and Adam & Eve's, Merchants Quay, October 25-26. For more information, visit [www.stbernadette.ie](http://www.stbernadette.ie).

### **#YML**

A new and exciting opportunity is beginning with the establishment of the Diocesan Certificate in Young Adult Ministry – #YML. Running over six Saturdays, the aim of this Diocesan Certificate is to build up the capacity of Youth Ministry and Youth Ministry Leadership throughout the Archdiocese of Dublin. It is a highly practical course where participants are given new experiences & key resources, including gaining vital skills to put into practice in their local context. For more information and to send on any queries, please contact [natalie.doherty@dublindiocese.ie](mailto:natalie.doherty@dublindiocese.ie). Registration is open and can be accessed here: <https://forms.office.com/e/WXSxEzXUQ7>.

### **SKERRIES ECO FESTIVAL 2024 – TURNING THE TIDE TOGETHER**

Come and talk to SSECI to hear more about improving sustainable energy use in Skerries. An Eco Fair will be held on Sunday 29th September 11am-3pm at Skerries Community Centre. This is a Solar PV special event. Check

out the rest of the festival programme @ [www.sustainableskerries.com/festival/](http://www.sustainableskerries.com/festival/)

### **SKERRIES LADIES BOWLS**

Many thanks to all who supported and donated prizes for the Pink Morning in aid of St. Francis Hospice. Besides having an enjoyable morning, €1500 was raised which will be handed over shortly to the Hospice. Due to adverse weather conditions, the Reddin Cup match v Aer Lingus is cancelled for the time being. Ladies Meeting will be held tomorrow Monday after bowling.

### **CONGRATULATIONS - FERGUS CULLEN**

This weekend, Fergus celebrates his **90<sup>th</sup> Birthday**. For well over half that time, he has been a member of the Church Choir. He still climbs the 39 steps to the Gallery every Sunday morning for 9.30 Mass. We would like to express our sincere appreciation and admiration for his unique musical service to the life of the Parish and wish him an affectionate "Ad Multos Annos"! Skerries Church Choir

### **30 YEARS AGO IN THE PARISH**

- Fr. Leo Quinlan thanked all parishioners for their warm welcome to him
- Skerries Tidy Towns Committee thanked all residents & shopkeepers for their cooperation and were delighted with this year's results- we won Ireland's Tidiest Big Town, best town in County Dublin, Best Dublin Regional Award, and Skerries Bookshop won an award for Best Traditional Shop front in Dublin City & County Congratulations also to the residents of Sherlock Park who won the Best Housing Estate Award in the Fingal area for the third year in a row.

### **SKERRIES HARPS GAA CLUB**

Our Under 12 boys had a super weekend in Cork – playing hurling and football against Kiltaha and Aghada clubs and a visit to Fota Island Adventure Center.

Dads & Lads team are back training every Friday at 8 p.m. New players welcome.

New Club leisurewear now available in Club Shop. Fantastic range of half zips, training tops, sweatshirts & skinny bottoms - rain jackets/windcheaters/leisure shorts/puffa jackets all coming over the next 2 weeks! Shop open every Sat 9.45 – 11am during Academy. Juvenile Academy on Saturday mornings at 9.45am suitable for boys & girls aged 4 to 7

years. Places are limited. Register at  
[www.skerriesharps.com/academy](http://www.skerriesharps.com/academy)