



# Skerries Parish Bulletin

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20<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> October 2024

## 29<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### *World Mission Sunday*

Readings: Isaiah 53:10-11, Psalm 32(33): 4-5,18-22, Hebrews 4:14-16, Mark 10:35-45.

### ***The Son of Man came to serve and to give His life as a ransom for many.***

When we reflect on the Son of Man giving His life as a ransom for many we might ask,

*WHY? Why did Mary have to witness her son, the Son of God, brutally suffer and die?*

*WHY? Why did Jesus, who is God made man, co-equal with God the Father and the Holy Spirit, suffer and die?*

These puzzling questions are answered when we listen to how Jesus explains to His disciples about His servant leadership and how they, and we too, might be His disciples in our world.

James and John gave up their lives as fishermen to follow Jesus. They proved their faithfulness many times and asked for a favoured position in the kingdom. Jesus responded with honesty and humility. He showed that what is valued in the kingdom is not power or prestige but self-giving love.

*Is this image in stark contrast to our understanding today of greatness or success in a world of power politics, social climbing and vain display?*

True greatness lies in service and the disciples' model for this, and our model today, is Jesus Himself. He is about to offer His life to ransom us so we can be free to be with Him forever. His temptations and sufferings during His life on earth are examples of His faithfulness to us. Jesus talks about leadership, where leaders serve others with humility and love so as to help them reach their potential. As followers of Jesus today he asks us to stand by those in need and imitate Him. As individuals and as a community of faith, we should show people the love, the service and faithfulness which mark the person, faithfulness and destiny of Jesus Himself.

Today, as we recall the service of our many missionaries and the work of the Synod, we might ask ourselves how can we serve others more selflessly?

Church Readers

#### **ANNIVERSARY / SPECIAL INTENTIONS MASSES**

- ✦ **Sat 19<sup>th</sup> 10am:** Mary Caffrey
- ✦ **Sat 19<sup>th</sup> 6pm:** Mary Rose Macken (MM), Rosanna Keane (MM), Charles & Mary Cooper, Declan Friel, William (Willie) & Patsy Horrigan, Mary Fennell, Joseph Dardis, Thanksgiving Mass to all who supported the family of Rosanna Keane
- ✦ **Sun 20<sup>th</sup> 9.30am:** Paddy Sexton (MM) Michael King (A), Brendan 'Bunny' Hughes, Annie (Nancy) Macken
- ✦ **Sun 20<sup>th</sup> 11am:** Derek (Dikey) Costello (1<sup>st</sup> A), William Hoare, Esther Crosbie, John & Jack McMahan
- ✦ **Mon 21<sup>st</sup> 10am:** Mass Card Intentions
- ✦ **Tue 22<sup>nd</sup> 10am:** Ed Cappock, Paddy, Nancy & Tom Hand

- ✦ **Sat 26<sup>th</sup> 6pm:** Mairin Creedon (1<sup>st</sup> A), Michael Daly, Garry Westby, John Tattan, Joe (Galway) Connolly, Mary Nugent, Brian McEvoy,
- ✦ **Sun 27<sup>th</sup> 9.30am:** Michael Guiney & deceased members of the Guiney & Fox families, Joe Smith
- ✦ **Sun 27<sup>th</sup> 11am:** Andrew Collins (RD), Michael McGealy, Margo McAuley, Jane Dardis, James Smith.

#### **OUR SYMPATHY**

✠ To the families of Susan Francis (née Devine) Loughshinny, Jack McGuinness, Kelly's Bay Pier & Antonia (Nan) Heijenga, Selskar Avenue, who died recently. May they Rest in Peace.

#### **FEASTDAYS**

25<sup>th</sup> October – Bl. Thaddeus MacCarthy.

### NOVEMBER ALTAR LIST

Altar List of the Dead envelopes are now available in the church for those who wish to avail of them. Each **1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the month** we offer 10 o'clock Mass for our deceased loved ones whose names are on the altar list.

### ENROLEMENT - HOLY COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION 2025

The dates for the preparation and celebration of the Sacraments 2025 have been distributed to all parents/guardians of children in 2<sup>nd</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> class who wish for them to celebrate these Sacraments this year.

NB - **Enrolment Sunday** takes place during all three Masses this weekend Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> October at **6pm** Mass & Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> October at **9.30am** OR **11.30am** Masses. Children should bring their Enrolment Certificate that they will have completed in school/at home to present them at these Masses.

Please remember you will need to enrol your child using the Enrolment Form on the Parish website [www.stpatricksskerries.ie](http://www.stpatricksskerries.ie) N.B. you will need to attach a scanned copy or photo of the child's **baptismal cert** to the form to submit it.

### MISSION SUNDAY

This Sunday **20<sup>th</sup> October** is World Mission Sunday. The theme for this year's Mission Sunday is '*Go and invite everyone to the banquet*'. To support the work of the missions the second collection (usually for Share) will be taken up for the missions instead.

### CHILDREN'S CHOIR

The Children's Choir will be returning soon. If you have a child in 2<sup>nd</sup> class or upwards who is interested in joining please come along to the practice on Friday evening in the church at 4.30pm to register.

### ALTAR SERVERS RETURNING

Calling all boys and girls in 3rd class or upwards - you are welcome to join our altar servers. Training will begin soon so parents/guardians if you have a child who is interested in joining please give your contact details into the Parish Office.

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesday **5<sup>th</sup> November** at 7pm. Special Mass celebrating Ministry in the parish celebrated by His Excellency The Papal Nuncio.

Monday **11<sup>th</sup> November** at 7.30pm Annual Mass of Remembrance for our deceased loved ones.

### ACTIVE RETIREMENT

Halloween party this Monday 1.30pm. Tea, cakes, music and raffle.

**TEA DANCE** - Hills Cricket club this Sunday at 3.30pm - 6pm. Refreshments & raffle. Music by Martin Byrne. All welcome.

### SCARECROW FESTIVAL SUN 20<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER

Join us at the Skerries Mills Community Garden for our annual Scarecrow Festival 2024 on **Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> October** at 12pm – 4pm.

There will be: Scarecrows on view throughout the Garden Arts & Craft Tent, Music, Face Painting & Spooky Music.

Prizes of Bubble Room Vouchers for Creative Costumes. All are welcome!

### COMMUNITY GAMES SKERRIES CHESS FINALS

The Community Games Skerries Chess Finals will again run in Skerries Chess Club (in the Bridge Club premises) on 6 Tuesdays from 5<sup>th</sup> Nov to 10<sup>th</sup> Dec, from 7pm – 8.15pm.

It is open to all Skerries residents who are under 16 on 31st July 2025. There are medals for U16's, U13's and U11's and the event will be used to select teams to represent Skerries in the Dublin finals in these age groups next Spring. Last year we won in all age groups but then lost the Leinster finals.

A reduced entry fee of €20 is available for those who enter by this **Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> Oct** (or €30 by **Mon 4<sup>th</sup> Nov**, and €35 thereafter).

To enter please ring John Loughran **+353 (0)86 3745410**, who will help you to join.

### SKERRIES LADIES BOWLS

Good weather again last Monday morning saw 24 players out for the Monday morning fun competition. €2 per session, starting at 10.30 a.m. sign-in beforehand. Congratulations to those elected to office at the Club AGM last Thursday.

### SKERRIES HARPS GAA CLUB

Minor girls won their final & both Minor boys teams qualified for Championship semi-finals.

**Sat 19<sup>th</sup> Oct.** Under 15's girls Championship Final v St. Judes, away at 1.30pm.

**Sun 20<sup>th</sup> Oct.** Junior camogie Shield Final v Ballyboden, home at 10.30am & Junior football Ch'ship semi-final v Ballyboden, away 11am. Minor hurling qtr-final v Lucan, home at 11am, Under 14's girls Final v Lucan, home at 1pm & Under 16's girls Final v Garda, home at 4.30pm.