



# Skerries Parish Bulletin

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## Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time Jer 31:7-9; Ps 125: Heb 5:1-6; Mk 10:35-45 'Lord, that I may see.'



The prayer of Bartimaeus offers us an example of what faith and trust in Jesus can be in our lives. It's a prayer of lamentation. In his suffering he is not content with what the crowd tells him – 'to be quiet' – but he cries out all the louder to Jesus so that he can hear him in his darkness. He has great confidence in the person of Jesus and what he can do for him. The cry he makes from his heart is made in such complete trust that it attracts the attention of Jesus. Bartimaeus approaches Jesus directly and after being healed becomes one of his followers. He challenges us to ask for healing from our own particular blindness which may not always be physical blindness.

We come to the Lord with physical blind spots and spiritual ones as well. Eyes are of little or limited use if we fail to see the hand of God working in our own life and in the lives of those around us. We all experience some darkness and lack of sight. Today's gospel encourages us to become aware of our lack of sight and our blind spots so that we can approach Jesus with the same confidence that Bartimaeus had. In so doing we not only acknowledge this need we have but we also open ourselves to God's grace to keep us searching and praying for a greater share of the light of God in our lives.

The gifts of the Spirit are all there waiting for us to receive them, we only need to have a heart open to the Spirit. Such a clear spiritual vision enables us to see goodness in others, to express our appreciation for all that we receive and to help us encourage rather than criticise.

*Fr. Melvyn*

### ANNIVERSARY / SPECIAL INTENTION MASSES

**Sat 26<sup>th</sup> 10am:** William & Margaret Derham

**Sat 26<sup>th</sup> 6pm:** Mairín 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 (A) & decd mbrs of the Guiney & Fox families, Joe Smith, Birthday remembrance, Finian Murray, Special Intention

**Sun 27<sup>th</sup> 11am:** Maria Kietly (MM), Andrew Collins (RD), Michael McGealy, Margo McAuley, Jane Dardis, James Smith

**Mon 28<sup>th</sup> 11am:** Mass Card Intentions

**Tues 29<sup>th</sup> 10am:** Michael McGealy

**Wed 30<sup>th</sup> 10am:** Michael Mealia (MM), Anne & Lex Woody, Mary Nugent, Patty McGrath

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> 10am:** First Friday - Altar List

**Sat 2<sup>nd</sup> 10am:** Rosanna Carolan (MM), Eamonn Farrell

**6pm:** Nancy Thornton (1<sup>st</sup> A), Lily Beggs, Seán O'Lachtnáin, Deceased members of the Quinn Family, Anna Walsh, Catherine Maypothor, McMahon & Crowley families (rem)

**Sun 3<sup>rd</sup> 9.30am:** Madge Fanning, Paddy Sexton (rem), Andrew Woods (A) & the Woods family, Marie Richardson, Gerald 'Gerry' Griffin

**Sun 3<sup>rd</sup> 11am:** Maura Lawler (MM), David Ryan, Anna McDonald, Anne Fardey, Rosaleen Doolin (BR)

### FEASTDAYS

28<sup>th</sup> Oct – Ss Simon & Jude, Apostles

29<sup>th</sup> Oct – St. Colman

31<sup>st</sup> Oct – Bl. Dominic Collins, First Evening Prayer of All Saints

1<sup>st</sup> Nov – All Saints

2<sup>nd</sup> Nov – All Souls Day

### Feast of All Saints

This Friday, the **1st of November**, the **Feast of All Saints**. It is a **Holy day of Obligation**. Mass for the holy day will be celebrated at the normal time of 10am. As this is the 1st Friday of the month - Mass will be offered for our deceased loved ones whose names are on the Altar List of the Dead.

### PADRE PIO MASS

As usual this Mass will be celebrated on Friday 1st November @ 7.30 pm concluding with blessing with the Padre Pio relic.

### DATES TO NOTE

**Mon 28<sup>th</sup> October – Bank Holiday, Mass is at 11a.m.**

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

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



### WE WELCOME

Yasmin O'Shea, India Leonard Sheridan, Sadie O'Shea & Lia Rigordanzo Mulligan who were recently baptised in the parish.

### NOVEMBER ALTAR LIST

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.

### 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 @ 4.30p.m. 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.

### MEN'S ROSARY

The next Men's Rosary will be on Saturday 9th of November at 3 p.m. here in the church. It is held every second Saturday of the month. All age groups welcome.

### SHORT TERM PLEDGE

For the duration of November for the Holy Souls in Purgatory representatives from the Pioneer Association will be available at the rear of the church to help you with the documentation for the November pledge.

### ST. PATRICK'S JUNIOR NATIONAL SCHOOL

is now open for enrolments for September 2025. Applications will be accepted in person to the school, by post to St. Patrick's JNS, Tennis Court Lane, Skerries Co. Dublin, K34 D799, or via email to [admin@stps.ie](mailto:admin@stps.ie)

### USED POSTAGE STAMPS

can be left into Skerries Temporary Library beside SuperValu. The Irish Guide Dogs Association is most grateful for them.

### COMMUNITY GAMES SKERRIES CHESS FINALS

The deadline to enter has been extended to **Mon 28 Oct**. They will again run in Skerries Chess Club (in the Bridge Club premises) on 6 Tuesdays from 5 Nov to 10 Dec, from 7 - 8:15 pm. Those who enter by then, can do so for a reduced fee of €5 by ringing John Loughran via the [skerrieschess.com/contact](http://skerrieschess.com/contact) web page. It is open to all Skerries residents who are under 16 on 31st July 2025. There are medals for U16s, U13s and U11s 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 in the Dublin finals and were knocked out at various stages in the Leinster finals. **Féile Fichille**: Other one day chess events in the spring are open to teams of 8 from primary schools. Though their deadline has passed they may accept entries this week. For more information see [ficheall.ie](http://ficheall.ie)

### SKERRIES HARPS GAA CLUB

Adult Ladies won Shield final and Junior Camogie also won Shield final. Under 13 boys have won the league and Under 16 girls won Shield final. Junior footballers lost their Ch'ship semi-final. Sat 26 Oct. Under 15 Camogie final v Commercials, home at 1.30 p.m. Sun 27 Oct. Under 13 Camogie Shield final v St Maur's, home at 1p.m. and Under 14 Camogie Final v St Peregrines, away, also at 1p.m. Juvenile Academy on Saturday mornings at 9.45a.m. Club Shop open. Zingo for 20 October: 3, 1, 6, 5, 7, 4. 2. Jackpot now €4,900. Draw every Sunday at 6 p.m. . Bingo on Bank Hol Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October at 8 p.m. in Clubhouse Main Bar. Jackpot is €1,000. Friday 1st Nov. Holmpatrick Church Fun table quiz at 8 p.m. in Clubhouse. Proceeds will go towards Church funds. Teams of 4. Details from 087 9919170. Support welcome.

### LOST AND FOUND

A pair of pink tortoiseshell reading glasses left behind. Please collect in the parish office.