



Skerries Parish Bulletin

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SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**READINGS: Is 62:1-5; Ps 95:1-3, 7-10; 1 Corinthians 12:4-11; John 2:1-11.
“Proclaim the wonders of the Lord among all the peoples” Ps 95: 3**

For centuries marriage has been celebrated in all religions and cultures with great wedding ceremonies. Isaiah chooses to use marriage commitment of partners to one another as a symbol of God’s commitment to his people through the Old Covenant. In the New Covenant Jesus brings us to a deeper understanding of God’s commitment. The sometimes vengeful and somewhat intolerant God of the Old Covenant is replaced by a loving, caring, healing and forgiving God who never rejects us or punishes us because the marriage is forever, and the nature of God is LOVE.

In the letter to the Corinthians St. Paul is keen to open our minds and hearts to the gifts with which we are blessed. It is unlikely that many of us will be preachers in the strict sense of the word. Yet, all of us “preach”! By our kind actions, our encouragement, our listening, our tolerance, our advice, others benefit. Through prayer and trust in God we bring about incredible miracles, healing occurs for the person, unimaginable solutions to problems emerge. Oftentimes, our silence may be more powerful than words, allowing the Spirit to work in the other person. Sometimes, when we pray, we use too many words. We want to make clear our needs. When we are silent God speaks to us.

At the wedding feast, imagine the scene where the wine had run out. As a guest you do not wish to embarrass the couple or their parents. What might you do? Mary found herself in this situation and she trusted that Jesus could resolve it. She used the opportunity to reveal something of the glory of God. For us the revelation of the full glory of God lies in the future, but we get glimpses of it along the way. Mary trusted Jesus. Let us trust in Jesus when faced with difficulties that challenge us and when resolution seems impossible. The glory of God will shine out!

As we celebrate this Jubilee Year, inviting us to be Pilgrims of Hope, pray for just and peaceful solutions to the conflicts in our world. At the beginning of this Catholic Schools Week, pray for wisdom for our teachers as they “preach” and teach their students in the ordinary events of the classroom and school community.

Holy Faith Sisters

ANNIVERSARY / SPECIAL INTENTION MASSES

Saturday 18th 10am: Noel McDonough, Joseph & Elizabeth Seaver, Margaret & Peter Conroy (rem)
Saturday 18th 6pm: Margaret ‘Phyllis’ Dardis (1st A), Stephen Coffey, Hugh O’Boyle, Lisa & Philip Dunne, Tommy Ryan, Harry Grimes, David & Rita O’Sullivan
Sunday 19th 9.30am: Kathleen Harford, Fran & Mary Carabini, Joseph & Elizabeth Seaver (re)
Sunday 19th 11am: Patricia Reilly (1st A), John Flanagan, Jack & Mary Leonard, John Galvin, Michael Marrey, Annie Power
Monday 20th 10am: Mass Card Intentions
Wednesday 22nd 10am: Letitia McEvoy
Friday 24th 10am: Richard & Sinead Ruigrok

Saturday 25th 10am: Ann Farrell (1st A), Dorothy Crowley, Tom & Rose Sheridan, Liam Matthews & decd mbrs of the family, William & Hannah Flynn
Saturday 25th 6pm: Sinead Neeves (MM), Catherine Guildea (MM), Margaret Branagan, Brendan, Patrick, Elizabeth & Helen Clarke, John & Eithne Everard, Laurence & Sheila McNally, Betty & Peter Boylan
Sunday 26th 9.30am: Anne Clinton (MM), Angela & Sean Lynch, Winnifred & Patrick Russell, Mary & Patrick O’Neill, James & Dermot Manson, Eileen & Vincent Boyle
Sunday 11am: Mary Wherity (MM), Joan McDonnell (br + 1st A), Frances Duff, Dennis McKeown, Margaret McCarthy, Bobby, Martha, Edward’Eddo’, Mary Aherne.

FEASTDAYS

21st Jan – St. Agnes

24th Jan – St. Francis de Sales

25th Jan – The Conversion of St Paul, Apostle

ST VINCENT DE PAUL

The members of the conference would once again like to thank the People of Skerries, for your amazing response to our Annual Christmas Appeal. We could not do what we do without the support you give us and we are extremely grateful. Unfortunately, little has changed and times continue to be challenging for people. Demands on our funds increase all the time but thankfully, because of your generosity we can continue to help those who find themselves in financial difficulty. We deal with People from 'All Walks of Life'. All our dealings with people are **Confidential** so please do not hesitate to contact us. **We Are There for You.** For those who contributed and did not leave a contact number, but may need a receipt, please drop a note in to The Bandroom. The Square Skerries and we will respond to same. **Helpline No** - 01 8848200

SKERRIES LADIES BOWLS

Our Monday morning springtime competition got going last Monday with 22 competitors. Not too late to join next week - sign in before 10.30 - €2 per session.

The Winter league on Thursdays and Saturdays has returned after the icy weather. Indoor bowling takes place each Wednesday afternoon from 2.30 - 4 p.m. €2 per session.

SKERRIES CHESS CLUB proudly present a series of Coaching Sessions given by current Irish

Champion, International Master David Fitzsimons, in the SABC in Skerries, K34 C951. These are on Tue 7 Jan, 18 Feb, 4 Mar, 25 Mar and 1 Apr covering various topics as detailed here: <https://www.icu.ie/events/1964>

The first part of each session from 7:15 to 8 is aimed at beginners and juniors while the remainder is more advanced. Part of each session will be interactive and fun, playing out positions. All are welcome to attend for a mere €10 per session or €40 for all five, which you can pay on the link above or on the day. Looking forward to seeing some of you come to explore the Royal Game. Time to move, your clock is ticking.

ACTIVE RETIREMENT CLUB starts back this Mon 20th January at 1.45 in Little Theatre as usual. Bowls on Tues 1.30. Any new members pl drop in on Mon for info.

30 years ago in the Parish

The Octave of prayer for Church Unity was taking place - the three Churches of Skerries uniting for prayer in the Methodist Church on Wed. 23rd

All those who hope to marry during 1995 were invited to a special Mass at 5.30 p.m. in the Church on Sun. 22nd

The Parish rejoiced in the triumph of Orla Boylan, who won the first Veronica Dunne Bursary Award for young singers - a great career ahead was forecast !

St. Michael's House team was inviting offers from families for a "Break Away Weekend" for some of their pupils - training and support offered to the sponsoring families
Skerries RFC were celebrating their top of the Division 4 League position.

SKERRIES HARPS GAA CLUB

Juvenile Academy resumes on Saturday 25 January at 9.45am. The term will run until 12 April. Suitable for boys/girls aged over 4 years. Register at www.skerriesharps.ie/academy
Zingo for 12 Jan. 5, 4, 7, 6, 3, 2. 1. No winner. Jackpot now €6,100. Draw every Sunday at 6 pm. The Irish Life 'Every Step Counts' challenge is open to all – download the MyLife app and select Skerries Harps as your club – and start walking. New players welcome to join our Adult Hurling team (AHL4). Training Mon and Wed at 7.45pm. Contact Denis Murphy 086 2051183. Some tickets are available for our Club Presentation Night in the [Bracken Court Hotel](#) on Fri 31 Jan. Enjoy a great club night plus Medal presentations & Adult Player Awards - tickets are limited! Membership Fees for 2025 can be renewed online at www.skerriesharps.ie/membership

LOST & FOUND

Lost Prayer Book. Lost pair of sheepskin mittens. If found please contact the Parish Office.