



In today's Gospel, Jesus uses three parables. In the first, as the new wheat sprouts and ripens the darnel weed appears as well. In the early stages of growth both plants look the same, but as each comes to fruition the farm workers recognize the difference between them. So full and generous are the golden ears of wheat that the entire plant bends down. The ears of darnel, in contrast, are so small and feathery that the plant remains upright in the field. A wise farmer knows that there's no need to root them out because at harvest time there will be no mistake.

In the second, the farmer plants '*the smallest of all seeds*' which becomes '*the biggest of all shrubs*' giving generous shelter to birds. In the third, the woman knows that the flour must be completely permeated by the yeast.

By presenting us with these very striking images, Jesus invites us to trust the generous and compassionate love of his Father. 'This is a love', he is saying, 'that you *can't* mistake. This is a love that will shelter you. This is a love that will always bear fruit in goodness if you let it in to your heart.'

If we choose to accept this love, it will change us. Others will notice the difference not because we want to stand out in any way, but because, God will be alive in our hearts and, like Jesus, we too, will have become generous love in the world.

Parish Pastoral Council

We welcome



Rian Eamon Kirwan, Penny Rose
Lorraine McCormack Moore, Ted
Joseph Caden, Oscar Colin Keating,
Nola Catherine Murphy, Cian

Christopher Harmer, Hugo David McGovern, all of whom were baptised into our Parish family recently.

Emergency Appeal for the People of East Africa.

The collection will take place this weekend at all Masses and will replace the Share collection. Due to prolonged drought, more than 24 million people (6 times the population of Ireland) in countries such as Sudan, Ethiopia, Somalia and Kenya, are struggling to make ends meet each day and provide food for their families. Please give as generously as you can, as every donation makes a difference to those suffering famine and disease.

A warm welcome



to all visitors to Skerries at this holiday period. We hope your stay will be happy and that you will enjoy the many benefits of our lovely town – Ireland's Tidiest Town, 2016 !

St. Vincent de Paul – Clothing Collection.

The annual SVP clothing collection will take place on Saturday 29th and Sunday 30th July. Bags will be available for you to take away at all Masses this weekend. Items should be clean and wearable. When returning them, PLEASE DO NOT leave the bags back in the church before next Saturday, 29th July. Your co-operation will be VERY MUCH APPRECIATED. Thank you.

Useful contacts:

Parish Website: www.skerriesparish.ie

Parish Office: 8106771

Parish email: info@skerriesparish.ie

Parish Bulletin: skerriesbulletin@hotmail.com

Anniversary Masses & Special Intentions

First anniversary:

Sun. 30th July: 11 a.m., Tom McManus

Other Masses:

Wed. 26th: 10 a.m., Patrick, Margaret & Michael Lynch, Conrad Nowak

Thurs. 27th: 10 a.m., Lawrence Croke

Fri. 28th: 10 a.m., Owen Lamont

Sat. 29th: 6 p.m., Pat McNally, Jack Clinton

Sun. 30th: 9.30 a.m., Esther Kelly, Bill & Marie Baker, for all those who sympathised on the recent death of Una Doyle

Sun. 30th: 11 a.m., Matt & Greta Carey, Patricia Jenkinson, Bridie Moore, Michael & Mary Ann McGuinness, Kathleen Everard

Skerries Active Retirement Group

The Active Retirement trip to Kilkenny will take place on Mon. 24th. Bus leaving Skerries at 9 a.m., Rush, 9.10 and Lusk, 9.20. 4-course lunch available at €20. Don't be late !!



Skerries Mills Only a week to go! July 29th at 7.30 p.m. - The Wind in the Willows - Open Air Play adapted by Laura Turner.

Come join the Chapterhouse

Theatre Company as they present Open-Air Garden Theatre at Skerries Mills under the shade of the Great Five Sail Windmill.

Join Badger, Ratty, Mole and Toad for a perfect summer of adventure. Alive with music and song, this magical family show is presented in beautiful traditional costume and features a woodland parade during the interval for all. Tickets and information from Skerries Mills (01) 849 5208. *Adult €17.50 / Child/Student/Senior €12 / Family (2+2) €49.* Gates Open from 6.30pm. Refreshments available on the night. Please bring your own rugs or low-backed seating.

Skerries Rugby Club

Skerries Rugby Summer Camp: From 28th to 30th July (Friday to Sunday). Camps are non-contact, open to boys and girls aged 6 to 13 information on www.skerriesrfc.ie. You can register at the camp on Friday morning at 10am. Give it a TRY !

Always be safe – check tides and local lifeguards, before you swim !

Standbyme

Standbyme is looking forward to our next social event in Skerries Golf Club restaurant, at 2pm on 26th July providing a two course lunch and glass of wine for €21. Raffle €5. We are also running our next bi-monthly bio- healing circle workshop with the beautiful Edel Boyle on Thurs 3rd August, 12.00am to 1.15pm, followed by a lovely two course lunch and a glass of wine in Brascos restaurant on the Harbour. Cost €30. Our next trip to the theatre by train will be on Wed. 23rd August for the 3.00pm Matinee in the Olympia Theatre to see the production of "Once", the musical by John Carney (set in Dublin). Cost of tickets including fees €36. Lunch beforehand. If you are interested, please let me know if by Wednesday 2nd August, as tickets selling fast. Contact Anne by text/call on 0831563595

Man o War, Senior Citizens

The committee of the Senior Citizens Group invites you all to support their Annual Sale of Work and Cake Sale, today Sun. 23rd July, in Balrothery Inn Carpark from 11 a.m.

Skerries Harps GAA Club

Tues: Jun. 1 v N. Fianna, home at 7.30;

Thurs: Jun.2 v Plunketts, away at 7.30.

Seniors have played an incredible 5 draws in Div.1 and are in midtable.

Summer Camps: Contact Louise 085 1465673 to register for C&T camp on 24/27 July. Register for Kelloggs Cul Camp on 8/11 Aug at www.kelloggsculcamps.gaa.ie .

Fri 4 Aug: Golf Classic in Skerries GC. Contact Jackie 087 2121418

Sat 6 Aug: Bryan Cullen Invitation u-16 football blitz.

Oskars DVD now available from Joanne or Fergal – only €5. Spot those familiar actors and locations! All club news/fixtures/results are on website www.skerriesharps.ie

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT – UNA DOYLE

The family of the late Una would like to express their sincere gratitude to all who sympathised with them on their recent bereavement. All the mass cards, sympathy cards and words of kindness were very much appreciated. A special "thank you" to Fr. Richard for officiating at the funeral service and for his support during this difficult time. The Holy Sacrifice of Mass will be offered for the intentions of all.

