



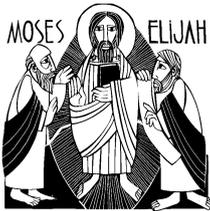
Skerries Parish Bulletin

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2nd Sunday of Lent

Readings: Gen 12: 1-4; Ps 32: 4-5,28-20,22; 2 Tim 1:8-10; Matt 17:1-9



Lent is an opportune time for retreat and renewal, a time for placing ourselves before the Lord with gentle honesty. Trusting in Him to lead us into new paths, where we will see the beauty and wonder of our lives, the Scripture Readings guide us.

The reading from Genesis invites us with the words “Leave your country, your family” and “I will bless you”. The season of Lent is a call to let go, to become aware of our negative patterns of behaviour, to enable us to grow spiritually and humanly. If we do so we are assured that we will be blessed.

St. Paul’s letter to Timothy reminds us that “with God on our side who can be against us”. Let these words console and encourage us, especially when we are experiencing sorrow and heartache.

In the gospel Jesus led Peter, James and John up the mountain where He was transfigured before them. His changed appearance was so compelling that they wanted to remain there. Jesus shared that experience with them to help strengthen them for what lay ahead as they accompanied him to his death. We too can have moments of spiritual intensity, moments when we too can say “Lord it is good for us to be here”. These moments strengthen us for what lies ahead in our lives and reassures us of the Lords loving presence with us in our daily lives.

May the response to today’s Psalm find a home in our hearts this week.

MAY YOUR LOVE BE UPON US O LORD, AS WE PLACE ALL OUR HOPE IN YOU.

Holy Faith Sisters

ANNIVERSARY / SPECIAL INTENTION MASSES

Sat 28th 6pm: Rita Beggs McAllister, Michael Buckley, Joe & Carmel Boylan, Rena Potter, Des Talbot, Chrissie & Mary Branagan, Anges Josephine Jordan, John Kingston (BR)

Sun 1st 9.30am: Michael Woodlock (1st A), John & Marion Beggs, Ben Gaughran, Terry McDonald, Sheila O’Loughlin, Terry Roy

Sun 1st 11am: Betty Murphy, Maura McNally, Anne Smullen, Jeff Long, James McNally, Anthony Broderick (A) & the Broderick & Farrell families

Mon 2nd 10am: Mass Card Intentions

Tues 3rd 10am: Eughain McLeod, Special Intention

Wed 4th 10am: Mary Smith (MM), Rachel Jones, Gerry Foran

Fri 6th 10am: First Friday Altar List

Sat 7th 6pm: Fr. Tony Hannick, Cyril Delaney, John Joe Donaghy, John Lannon, May Llewellyn, Frankie Ryan, Olive Hogan

Sun 8th 9.30am: Bill Mulcahy (1st A)

Sunday 8th 11am: Monica Gilligan (1st A), Lochlainn Treacy (1st A), Jimmy Dillon, Vinny McGirl, Patricia ‘Patsy’ McGrath (br), Andrew & Elizabeth Kettle

FEASTDAYS

5th Mar – St. Kieran

OUR SYMPATHY

To the families of Sylvia Fox, Marywell /Millview/Rush NH and Mary O’Rourke, Barnageeragh who died recently. May they Rest in Peace.



FIRST FRIDAY

This Friday 6th March – 1st Friday of the month. 10 o’clock Mass will be offered for all those whose names are on the Altar List of the Dead.

PADRE PIO MASS

will be celebrated on Friday evening @ 7.30 pm concluding with a blessing with Padre Pio relic.

The Season of Lent - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

During lent the blessed sacrament will be exposed in the Church on Tuesday 3rd March from 3p.m. to 5p.m. You will have the opportunity to spend some time in silent prayer/adoration during that time here in the Church.

EASTER CARDS

are now on sale in the Parish Office. All proceeds go to Trocaire’s Lenten Appeal.



CONGRATULATIONS
To Ryan Fagan & Andrea
McHugh on their marriage in
our church.

WE WELCOME

Alex Sally Anne Caren,
Holly Kathleen Martinez Ryan
and Éabha Rosari Martinez Ryan
who were baptised recently into
our parish family.



Congratulations

To the girls & boys from 2nd classes preparing for First Holy Communion who celebrated their 1st Penance during the week. Many thanks to their parents/guardians and our school staffs who helped to prepare them for this great celebration.

Daffodil Day

will take place this year on Friday 20th March. Volunteers needed to shake a bucket on that day for an hour - contact 087-4185121

Skerries Ladies Bowls

Despite the intermittent rain, 25 ladies braved the elements last Monday in our on-going competition. The new club bowling sportswear has arrived, and orders can be picked up from the Club. Winter league matches are playing catch-up due to marches being postponed because of the wet weather.

FUNDING SUPPORT OFFICER

The Archdiocese is looking for a dynamic and motivated Parish Partnership Funding Support Officer to facilitate strategic fundraising initiatives across parish partnerships. This role is central to helping parishes adapt to evolving patterns of giving and ensuring sustainable financial development. To apply, please submit your CV and Cover Letter outlining your suitability for the role for the attention of Cintia Mota, HR Administrator, at cintia.mota@dublindiocese.ie. The closing date for applications is Friday March 20th 2026. Full details including Candidate Booklet at <https://www.dublindiocese.ie/vacancies>

IRISH GUIDE DOGS

A sincere 'thank you' to everyone who left used postage stamps into the church while the Skerries Library was closed. They have been collected and passed to Tom O'Neill, Co-Chair of the local branch. We are very grateful to everyone who supports us with donations placed in the counter boxes which are located around Skerries. All unwanted foreign coins from all over the world and old Irish coins are turned into cash along with the used stamps. Tom received €593 for the stamps and coins.

In 2026 we are celebrating 50 years of Irish Guide Dogs for the Blind. Check out our website www.guidedogs.ie for more details. Your local branch can be found on Facebook, or you can phone/text us on 085 7663107.

30 YEARS AGO IN THE PARISH

A peace rally was being held in Skerries to coincide with rallies throughout the country. A second meeting of the newly formed Diocesan Forum was held, the common concerns being that the institutional church has failed women and there is little encouragement for our youth. This year's hosts of Women's World Day of Prayer were the Methodist Church, the theme being "God calls us to respond." Skerries Community Choir invited voices who were interested in performing Faurés "Requiem" to come along to rehearsals each Thursday in the Library. Best wishes to Skerries Badminton 1st and 2nd teams taking part in Leinster Finals.

SKERRIES HARPS GAA CLUB

This weekend – Sat/Sun – we have 26 games from Under 8 to adult, male and female.
Sunday: Adult hurling v St Peregrines, away at 10.30a.m. Adult ladies v Kilmacud, away at 3p.m. Minor Football x 2 – games in Ballymun at 11a.m. and at Newbridge House at 1p.m. Under 15 Feile x 2 – games at Newbridge House at 10a.m and 11.30a.m.; Under 16 camogie at Newbridge House at 2.30pm. Under 13 camogie at Ballast Pit at 1p.m. and Under 14 camogie at Donabate at 2.30p.m. Juvenile Academy on Saturday mornings at 9.45a.m. for boys and girls. ZINGO Sun 22 Feb: 9, 10, 17, 25. Match 3 winners Paddy O'Reilly and Shannon Moss. Jackpot now €2,700. Draw every Sunday at 6.30pm. See www.skerriesharps.ie/zingo. Next BINGO in Clubhouse on Mon 9 March at 8p.m. Jackpot will be €1000. Annual Fashion Show on Friday 13 March at 8p.m. Tickets €20