

Skerries Parish Bulletin

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11 to 18 May 2025

BRAND NEW and BEAUTIFUL.

When things are new, they are usually clean, shiny and uncluttered. These post-Easter weeks show us a brand new Church in just that way. Every element is clear and easily seen. It is brilliant and magnetic in its attraction. The clutter of 'added extras' and 'maybes' is still some way off. All but one of the Readings for these weeks, too, are from the New Testament.



The elements that stand out are: spreading the good news of Christ's resurrection (Acts); being of service through "the great persecution" of life (Apocalypse); having total confidence in the all-embracing words of Jesus (John). We know Jesus as 'The Word', 'The Lamb of God' and 'The Good Shepherd'. The three Readings build up to this totality of truth. The lovely Psalm verses reinforce it – from the Old Testament. The power, safety and reliability of gentle love, is portrayed as a good shepherd. This is the God in whom we believe.

Easter means following with conviction and enthusiasm this system of living. For every Christian in the world, from the first people like Paul and Barnabas to all of us in 2025, the words of our Communion hymn this morning express the position perfectly.

"Here I am, Lord; is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night;
I will go, Lord if you lead me; I will hold your people in my heart."

Skerries Church Choir.

Lay Ministry Sunday

Sunday 18th May has been designated 'Lay Ministry Sunday' in the Archdiocese. As we look towards the future the growing need for more lay ministry in the church is crucial. To this end the diocese through the Mission and Ministry Office [more details from the Dublin Diocese website] offers a variety of courses and pathways to those who are willing to give themselves to this role.

This office looks to us for people who are open to following the baptismal call to ministry. The special collection for lay ministry this weekend (which replaces the Share collection) will help this office to train and upskill people who will continue to open the door of faith for others to make our church a lived reality of vibrant faith and so give new hope for the church's years ahead.

Anniversary / Special Intention Masses

✦ **Saturday 10th Please note: No 10.00am Mass**

✦ **11.00am:** First Holy Communion St. Patrick's JNS.

6.00pm: Peadar Clerkin, Sean Murtagh, Nancy Jordan, William and Bridget McKenna, John Grimes, Jim and Fran McDonough, Hyacinth Maguire, Willie Mooney, Mary Mooney.

✦ **Sunday 11th 9.30am:** Mary Barnett (1st A), Graham Barnett (Rem), Joseph Bradley, Mick Garrett, John Dwyer, Gillian Cantwell (BR).

✦ **11.00am:** Jimmy and Peter Lambe and dec'd members of the family, Mary Lunny and Philomena Lee, nee Lunny, Sheila O'Loughlin, Gertrude McMahon, Sarah Jane Branagan, Kay and Helen Branagan, Kevin Branagan.

✦ **Monday 12th 10.00am:** Mass Card Intentions.

✦ **Tuesday 13th 10.00am:** Noeleen Beggs Taaffe, Special Intention, Noreen McManus (Special Intention).

✦ **Wednesday 14th 10.00am:** Margaret McDonnell, Mary Hughes, Special Intention.

✦ **Friday 16th 10.00am:** Larry and Eileen Cummins, Anthony O'Leary, Michael O'Leary (Special Intention), Sheila, John, Paddy and Mick Ryan.

✦ **Saturday 17th Please note: No 10.00am Mass.**

✦ **11.00am:** First Holy Communion Réalt Na Mara.

✦ **Sunday 18th 9.30am:** Charlie and Fran Grimes, Sr. Austin Briscoe, Clare Ann Minogue, Ann Moore, Joseph and Elizabeth Seaver (Rem), Peter and Margaret Conroy (Rem).

✦ **11.00am:** First Holy Communion for Scoil Moibhí, Skerries Educate Together and Holmpatrick NS.

✦ Eileen Leonard, Derek Costello (BR), Stephanie Ryan, Mary Kinsella.

Our Sympathy is extended to the families and friends of Gerald Boland, Shenick Drive, and Mary Curley, Downside Park, who died recently. May they Rest in Peace.



Feast Days 14th May – St. Matthias, Apostle, 15th May – St. Carthage, 16th May – St. Brendan.



Congratulations to the boys and girls of St. Patrick's JNS who made their First Holy Communion this weekend.

Parish Office will be **open** during the coming week on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from **10.30am to 12.30pm.**

Blessing of Graves 2025

Sunday 1st June: Holmpatrick at 2.30pm
Baldungan at 4.00pm
Sunday 8th June: Ardlia at 2.30pm
Milverton at 4.00pm

Skerries Forget-me-not Café



Our café is open **this Wednesday 14th May from 11.00am to 1.00pm** in Skerries Harps. The café is free of charge and open to people living with dementia, their families, carers and friends. Come for tea and biscuits, a chat, to meet others on a similar journey and to learn more about dementia services in the area. For more info please contact us on 083 1192972 or skerriesforgetmenotcafe@gmail.com.

Skerries Historical Society

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday next, May 13th, at 8.15pm. Brendan Grimes will give a talk on Skerries as a Watering Place which reviews evidence from old newspaper articles.

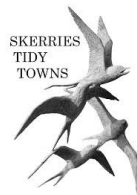
Skerries Ladies Bowls



Many thanks to all who helped out at last weekend's Open Day. A great number of prospective members and nice to see some of them turning up already to get started. Well done to all who are doing well in the Leinster Championships and best of luck to our Div. 2 and Vets 5 teams who will have matches during the coming week.

Skerries Active Retirement club meets every Mon 1.45pm to 4.00pm in Little Theatre, Skerries to socialise and do various activities. All welcome, men/women retired/semi-retired.

Skerries Tidy Towns, caring for our



Environment, would like to announce the annual fundraising appeal. Please help us to continue our work for our community. <https://www.idonate.ie/event/SkerriesTidyTowns25>. Or Skerries Tidy Towns, IBAN

IE77AIBK93201949647038, BIC AIBKIE2D or alternatively by cheque to us c/o The Community Centre, Dublin Rd. Thank you!

30 years ago in the Parish

- Communal Service of Reconciliation for the families of those celebrating First Communion or Confirmation was taking place
- Ministers of the Eucharist were invited to an Hour of Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament finishing with Benediction.
- Skerries ICA were off on a trip to Newry and Mourne area
- Almost 90 people are now travelling to the Canton of Guichen for the Twinning Ceremony there on Sunday 9th July
- Marian Musical & Dramatic Society was holding a Table Quiz. Tickets for "Who's Afraid of Virginia Wolfe" going on sale this week
- Congratulations to David Sheehy and Peter Ellis who played for Dublin u-15's in London and to Liz Hughes, Siobhan Roy, Sinead and Louise Prendergast who played on the Dublin u-16s last weekend

Skerries Harps GAA Club



Senior footballers defeated Templeogue, away on Tues night, 3-17 to 1-6.

Juvenile Academy every Saturday morning from 9.45 until 11.00am. Club Shop open also. Fixtures: Sat. 10 May Senior football v N Fionnbarra in Skerries at 6.15pm. Sunday 11 May. Minor hurlers v Setanta, home at 11.00am.

Monday 12 May. Primary Schools league continues from 6.00pm. Tues 13 May. Adult hurlers v Kevins, home 7.15pm. Wed 14 May. Ladies Junior v Clan na Gael, home 7.30pm. Annual Primary Schools football league got underway on Bank Holiday Monday. Games run for senior and junior boys and senior and junior girls each Monday night until Finals on 2 June. Zingo 4 May. 6, 2, 3, 1, 7, 4, 5. No winners. Jackpot now €2,500. Draw Sunday evening. Eyes Down for next BINGO Night on Monday 12 May at 8.00pm with a Jackpot of €800.