



# Skerries Parish Bulletin

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## ***Easter Sunday – We carry the message of hope today***

**Acts 10:34,37-43; PS 117; Col 3:1-4; Jn 20:1-9**



According to John's gospel today, we could say the Resurrection is the story of the unexpected. Mary of Magdala did not expect to have the experience that she had when she went to the tomb. Peter and John and the disciples failed to understand the teaching of scripture that Christ must rise from the dead. After she told them of her finding they were amazed. After this experience and through the many experiences they had of the resurrection in their own lives they were filled with new hope. A hope that gave them strength and courage in the face of so much that would happen to them. A new hope that utterly changed them and their spirit for the rest of their lives. A hope that is contagious.

You and I are filled with this new hope too as we celebrate and proclaim that Jesus Christ is risen. This is so because what happened on the first Easter Day has implications for us also. We carry it as the chosen messengers of this hope. The resurrection of Jesus is proof that death does not have the final say. It is a proclamation that Jesus, God's beloved cannot be held in the keep of death because someone else acts. God acts. Jesus did not raise himself; God raised him.

Just as God acted, we carry the resurrection to the lives of others by acting too. We act as a people of faith in the risen Lord. We experience new life in midst of sickness and hopelessness. We see it in those who remain steadfast to upholding life and oppose anything that threatens it.

***Lord, we are your people, open our hearts this Easter Day and increase the gift of your life within us.***

**Fr. Melvyn**

### **ANNIVERSARY / SPECIAL INTENTION MASSES**

- **Holy Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> 10am:** Morning Prayer
- **8pm** Vigil Mass
- **Easter Sunday 5<sup>TH</sup> 9.30am:** Abby & Michael Conlon, Mary Ingram, Seán D'Arcy, Phil Dowling and the Roddy family, Michael Harford, Jim Gunning, Declan Walsh
- **11am:** Fingal Foira Celebration. Rem: Thomas Hand, Terry Sherlock & John McGowan & deceased members of Foira.
- **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> 11am:** Mass Card Intentions
- **Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> 11am:** Packie Markey (Br), Sonny Rooney
- **Wed 8<sup>th</sup> 11am:** James Fanning, Paddy Murray, Mary Monaghan, Patrick & Bridget Lynam (Rem), Richard & Bridget Delamere (Rem)
- **Fri 10<sup>th</sup> 11am:** Daniel Croke, Eileen Croke, Philip Egan
- **Sat 11<sup>th</sup> 11am:** Hilda & Peter McMahon
- **Sat 11<sup>th</sup> 6pm:** Laura Hennessy (MM), Dermot Mulholland, Barbara McGarry, Margaret Shandley, Kevin, Frances & Anne McDonough, Tom, Terence, Michael & Willie Ferguson
- **Sun 12<sup>th</sup> 9.30am:** Joseph Beggs, George O'Connor, Sylvia Fox (Rem)

- **Sun 11am:** Eileen Daly (MM), Joe Clinton, Michael & Margaret Dunne, Elena Casey, Hugh Marry, Anne Fagan, Michael Ferguson

### **OUR SYMPATHY**



To the families of Terry (Teresa) Hassett, Dublin Rd. and John Murphy, who died recently. May they Rest in Peace.

### **FEASTDAYS**

- 4<sup>th</sup> April:** Holy Saturday
- 5<sup>th</sup> April:** Easter Sunday, The Resurrection of the Lord
- 6<sup>th</sup> April – 12<sup>th</sup> April –** Easter Week

### **DIVINE MERCY NOVENA**

The novena starts on **Good Friday, 3rd April** and concludes on **Saturday 12th April 2026**. Prayer leaflets are available at the Sacred Heart altar in the church.

### **DUBLIN DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK**

This will take place on Saturday April 25th 2026. This year's theme: ***Baptised and Sent***. Workshops will include "Living your Baptism and your Mission in Life"; "Baptism and Ministries"; "How Confession Renews your Baptism".

Email: [knockpilgrimage@dublindiocese.ie](mailto:knockpilgrimage@dublindiocese.ie)

## EASTER CONCERT - THURS 9TH APRIL @ 7PM

'Songs of Hope' Christ Is Risen - is an Easter Concert performed by Barkan Productions - the same people who presented the Halleluia concerts at Christmas. Tickets €15 are available from the Parish Office and online at Eventbrite.



### THANK YOU

Sincere thanks to all who contributed to our Easter Ceremonies this week and to all who prepared our church so beautifully. It is much appreciated by our parishioners.

### PARISH OFFICE OPENING HOURS

Week commencing **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> April**

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup>** Bank Holiday CLOSED

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup>** CLOSED

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> 10.30 – 12.30pm**

**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup>** CLOSED

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> 10.30 – 12.30pm**

### SKERRIES FORGET-ME-NOT CAFÉ

Our café is open this Wednesday **April 15<sup>th</sup>** from **11am to 1pm** 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 083 1192972, or [skerriesforgetmenotcafe@gmail.com](mailto:skerriesforgetmenotcafe@gmail.com).



### 30 YEARS AGO IN THE PARISH

- Fr. Quinlan, Fr. Littleton and Fr. O'Leary sent Easter greetings to all parishioners
- "A Cry of the Heart!" the Pastoral Letter from Archbishop Connell was available church doors
- Ecumenical services were held in the Methodist, St. Patrick's Church and Holmpatrick Church in preparation for Easter Sunday
- A new tape, with the recorded voice of Padre Pio was available to purchase
- St. Vincent de Paul society acknowledged a donation of £300, raised by the prefects of Holy Faith/de la Salle College
- Thanks for your support of Lenten lunches in Methodist Church
- Tidy Towns door-to-door collection taking place this week.

## SKERRIES HARPS GAA CLUB



Next Adult fixtures are:

Wed 8<sup>th</sup> April: Ladies v Fingallians, in Skerries, at 7pm. Sat 11<sup>th</sup> April: Div. 1 football v Ballymun, in Skerries at 6pm. Sun 12<sup>th</sup> April Div. 6 v Na Fianna, away at 11am, and Div. 9 v Portobello, in Skerries, at 3pm. Juvenile Academy on Saturday mornings at 9.45am for boys and girls. Registration for Term 2 open - starts Sat 11<sup>th</sup> April. See [skerriesharps.clubzap.com/categories/fees/products](http://skerriesharps.clubzap.com/categories/fees/products). ZINGO Sun 29<sup>th</sup> March: 8, 17, 21, 22. No winners. Jackpot now €3,200. Draw every Sun 6:30pm. Join Online – only €2, or 3 lines for €5. See [www.skerriesharps.ie/zingo](http://www.skerriesharps.ie/zingo) Next BINGO in Clubhouse on Mon 13<sup>th</sup> April at 8 p.m. New Jackpot will be €500. Membership fees for 2026 are now due and may be paid Online. We encourage members to click on the Zingo Join-up option when paying fees.

### SKERRIES SEA SCOUTS

Venturer group are doing a 24hr Easter fast as part of their annual fundraiser for trip to Switzerland. They will be collecting outside the church after all Masses this weekend.

### ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:

The family of Des Cavanagh, (Claireanne, Parish Secretary) would like to thank everyone who sympathised and supported us through this difficult time. I would like to especially thank Fr. Melvyn for all his help and support with everything, and the kindness and care he shared and a special thanks to Joe Lannon and the team who were so helpful, thoughtful and kind and who made a difficult situation more bearable.

The Bulletin Team wishes all our readers a Happy and a Peaceful Easter

