

Skerries Parish Bulletin

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 6:1-7, Psalm 32 (33), 1 Peter 2:4-9, John 14:1-12.

Jesus says, "Trust in me."

The gospel today relates to a time when Jesus was facing a great crisis in his own life and in the life of the little community he had founded.

Can we remember a similar moment in our lives? When we are lost or confused about where we are going in life, it matters what signposts we follow. For us Jesus' life points to a way to happiness - he is forgiving, helpful, loving and kind.



The links between the readings help us to understand how we might follow him today. The first reading from Acts 6:1-7 tells how conflict is normal and frequent, even in the Church. In times of difficulty the Psalm provides a general response of thanksgiving and hope. In the second reading by using the metaphor of Jesus as the living stone specially chosen by God Peter explores both who Jesus is and who we are. The reading affirms that as believers we are a priestly people (Vatican II).

John's gospel is often read at funerals even though it was not written specifically with funerals in mind. The words "way, truth, life" hold the key to what Jesus is teaching us. They offer us a concrete way for moving forward when we feel lost. At the centre of this is Jesus of Nazareth, our risen Lord. His incarnation, death, resurrection and ascension are the grounds of our hope.

JESUS IS THE WAY. HIS WAY WILL BE HAPPY

Church Readers

As we celebrate **Lay Ministry Sunday** in our diocese this weekend, **the PPC** warmly invites parishioners to consider volunteering within the life of our parish. We have a variety of ministry groups where your time, skills, and presence can make a meaningful difference.

We would be delighted to welcome you into any area of parish life where you feel called to serve.

If you are interested in getting involved, or would simply like to learn more, please contact the Parish Pastoral Council at ppc@stpatricksskerries.ie.

Your willingness to help strengthen our parish is greatly appreciated.

Anniversary / Special Intention Masses

- ✦ **Saturday 2nd 10.00am:** Kathleen Harford, Joseph Kelly, Maureen Donnelly, Julie Montague.
- ✦ **6.00pm:** Marie Phelan, Larry Carr, Gerald Griffin (BR), Leo and Kathleen Tolan, Paddy and Peggy Coleman, Leo Cauldwell
- ✦ **Sunday 3rd 9.30am:** Paddy and Marie Richardson (BR), Oliver and Anne Moore (BR), Derek McGonagle (BR), Larry, Dolie and Sean Casey, Richard, Anne and Gerard Keane, Liz Rogan.
- ✦ **11.00am:** Gerald Boland (1st A), Mary Curley, Paddy and Carmel Lawlor, Dessie and Brigid Derwin (Rem), Kathleen Ruth (Rem) & family members, Denis and Raymond O'Farrell.
- ✦ **Monday 4th 11.00am:** Mass Card Intentions.

- ✦ **Tuesday 5th 10.00am:** Seán McCann and deceased members of the McCann family, Maurice Walls.
- ✦ **Wednesday 6th 10.00am:** Francis Justice.
- ✦ **Saturday 9th 10.00am:** John Murphy (MM), Cora Cannon (BR).
- ✦ **6.00pm:** Bobby Beggs, Liam McGavisk, Paddy and Elizabeth 'Lil' Oakes, Carrie Dobbs, Emily Grimes, Jackie and David Gilsenan.
- ✦ **Sunday 10th 9.30am:** Joseph Bragley, Gillian Cantwell (BR), Mary Barnett, Sean Murtagh (BR), Edward 'Eddie' McGrath (BR), Peadar Clerkin
- ✦ **11.00am:** Mary Lambe, Kevin, Sarah Jane, Kay and Helen Branagan, Derek Costello, Mary Lunny and Philomena Lee (née Lunny), Jack and Kathleen Toner, Tony and Tilly Noone, Fr. Anthony Bannon (BR).

Lay Ministry Sunday

This weekend **2nd / 3rd May is Lay Ministry Sunday** in our diocese. The second collection will be taken up to promote and support lay ministry in the diocese. This collection will replace the Share collection.

Bank Holiday - this Monday 4th May is a bank holiday - morning Mass will be offered at 11.00am **NOT** 10.00am as usual.

Our Sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Matt Davis, Rush Rd., who died recently. May he Rest in Peace.



Feast Days

2nd May – St. Athanasius,

4th May – St. Conleth,

5th May – Bl. Edmund Rice

Congratulations to Sean Marry and Andrea



Picardo who were married recently in our parish.



We Welcome Fiachra Rory Cumisky who was recently baptised into our parish family.

Congratulations to the children of 6th class in Sc. Mobhi Milverton, Holmpatrick NS, ETNS and Scoil Réalt na Mara who celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation during the past week.

Skerries Lifeboat Shop will be open at the harbour this Sunday from 11.00am to 1.00pm, offering a great range of lifeboat gifts and souvenirs including our exclusive, limited-edition Skerries gift packs.



Help clear our new magnet board to fund an hour of fuel!

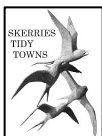
And, this Sunday only, get a FREE GIFT with every purchase or donation.

Every purchase makes a difference, with **100% of profits going directly towards saving lives at sea**. Your support helps Skerries lifeboat volunteers continue their vital, lifesaving work. Call in and support the Skerries Mayday fundraisers.

National Epilepsy Week

National Epilepsy Week 2026 takes place from **18th to 25th May**. For further information, please visit www.epilepsy.ie/content/national-epilepsy-week-2026-epilepsyweek.

Skerries Tidy Towns



We were delighted to attend the Tidy Towns Regional Awards last week in Dun Laoghaire where we received our 26th Gold Medal and a Highly Commended award.

None of this would be possible without the hard work of our many volunteers, either in weekly work parties or by adopting a street area or section of beach. Thank you!

We are now launching our annual iDonate appeal to support our work.

Please give what you can to

<https://www.idonate.ie/fundraiser/skerries2026> or to any STT Committee member.

Balbriggan Cancer Support Group - Providing free confidential support for anyone affected by cancer in Balbriggan and North County Dublin. Ph: 01 8410116 or 0873532872. Email balbriggancancersupportgroup@hotmail.com

Skerries Harps GAA Club



Senior footballers played a draw with Lucan and defeated St Pats Donabate in Division 1 League. Inter and Junior teams also won v St Annes and Raheny.

Tuesday 5th May Senior football v St Vincents, away at 7.00pm.

Wednesday 6th May Inter football v St Monicas, home at 7.00pm.

Thursday 7th May Junior football v Lucan, home at 7.00pm.

Saturday 9th May Senior football v Ballyboden, away at 6.00pm.

Annual Primary Schools League for boys/girls starts on Bank Holiday Monday 4th May and will run each Monday until finals on June Bank Holiday. 6 schools, 5 weeks of fun. Open to non-members.

ZINGO Sunday 26th April: 17, 21, 23, 26. No winners. Jackpot now €3.600. Draw Sunday at 6:30 Join Online – only €2 or 3 lines for €5. See www.skerriesharps.ie/zingo

Cul Camps – please note that registration for the camps is only via the Kelloggsculcamp website.

Acknowledgement: Grainne Bowler

We, Grainne's sons Greg and Tim, are very grateful for and really appreciate all the support, kindness and sympathy shown to us following the recent death of our mother. Thank you to Lannon's Funeral Directors for their wonderful care and to Fr. Melvyn for his support, guidance, and lovely funeral Mass.