



Skerries Parish Bulletin

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FIFTH SUNDAY of EASTER

Acts 14:21-27 Apocalypse 21:1-5 Psalm 144:8-13 John 13:31-35

We remain this weekend in the season of Easter with readings which remind us of the Lord's power to work wonders and His emphasis on the importance of love and compassion in our lives.

The words of the entrance antiphon *O sing a new song to the Lord, for He has worked wonders* are given dramatic shape in the second reading from the Book of the Apocalypse. Here 'wonders' or the 'impossible' are recounted: *a new heaven and a new earth*, a city where tears are wiped away and where death, mourning and sadness no longer exist. We continue to pursue this goal in our lives today. The wonderful Psalm 144, beginning with the words *The Lord is kind and full of compassion* together with the short passage from John's Gospel, focus on God's love for us; His exhortation to us to love one another and the primacy of this single commandment in how we lead our lives. This love for our 'brother', that is everyone we encounter, should be our distinguishing feature as Christians continuing in the tradition of the disciples.

Despite the passage of time and, in some instances, metaphors and language used, we can recognise our own needs and aspirations in these readings. Perhaps we can also make some time to reflect on the role of love and compassion in our own lives.

Church Readers

LAY MINISTRY SUNDAY

The Special Collection for Lay Ministry will take place at all Masses this weekend and will replace the Share Collection.

This Sunday 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 up skill people who will continue 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

✦ **Sat 17th 6pm:** Luciana Iannucci, Angela Morris, Mary Fitzpatrick, Brendan Fitzpatrick (BR Dec) Kathleen Keevey, Rory Sheils, Maureen Gunning

- ✦ **Sun 18th 9.30am:** Charlie & Fran Grimes, Sr. Austin Briscoe, Clare Ann Minogue, Ann Moore, Joseph & Elizabeth Seaver (Rem), Peter & Margaret Conroy (Rem)
- ✦ **Sun 18th 11am:** Eileen Leonard, Derek Costello (BR), Stephanie Ryan, Mary Kinsella, Lucy & John Burke
- ✦ **Wed 21st 10am:** Dick Fanning
- ✦ **Fri 23rd 10am:** Oliver Grennon, Vincent Bissett
- ✦ **Sat 24th 10am:** Dolores Maguire
- ✦ **Sat 24th 6pm:** Breda McGloughlin, Jim & Lily Scanlan, John Thornton
- ✦ **Sun 25th 9.30am:** Malachy & Theresa Murray, Bishop Nicholas Grimley, Lily Grimley, Pat, Hannah & Noel McGuinness
- ✦ **Sun 25th 11am:** Kathleen Power, Matt & Marie Grimes, Vincent Sharpe.

FEAST DAYS

Tuesday 20th: St. Bernadine of Siena
Thursday 2nd: St. Rita of Cascia

CONGRATULATIONS to the paistí from rang a do Sc. Réalt na Mara who received their 1st Holy Communion Saturday 17th May and also to the children from Sc. Moibhi, Milverton and ETNS/Holmpatrick NS who received their 1st Holy Communion on Sunday 18th May.

BLESSING OF THE GRAVES 2025

Sunday 1st June: Holmpatrick at 2.30pm
Baldungan at 4pm

Sunday 8th June: Ardla at 2.30pm
Milverton at 4pm

WE WELCOME



Tom Joseph Dowling who was baptised recently into our Parish Family.

CONGRATULATIONS



Claire Connaughton & Magesh Nandikkara, Niamh Joyce & Brian Malone who were recently married in our Parish.

ALL IRELAND ROSARY RALLY- KNOCK 7TH JUNE

Over 10,000 pilgrims are expected at the 40th All-Ireland Rosary Rally on Saturday, **June 7th** at Knock Shrine. Events begin at 9:30am with a Marian Conference and conclude with a Pentecost Vigil and Healing Service from 8–10pm. Highlights include a Rosary making workshop, a 250-person Rosary formation for filming. Keynote at 1pm by Msgr Steve Rossetti, USA. Rosary Procession led by children follows the Stations of the Cross at 2:30pm, with Holy Mass at 3pm celebrated by Bishop Donal McKeown.

Music by Dana. A youth conference runs 6–7:30pm. Rosary Rally ends with a Croagh Patrick climb and Mass on Sunday at noon. Full schedule and bus info: www.allirelandrosaryrally.com.

🎵 HERITAGE SINGERS BALROTHERY

will present their Summer concert on Sunday evening next, **May 18th at 7.30pm** in the Heritage Centre, Balrothery. Light refreshments served afterwards.

SKERRIES COMMUNITY CHOIR & GUESTS

🎵 SUMMER CONCERT will be held on **Thursday 22nd May 2025 at 8.00 pm** in Holmpatrick Church. Admission €15, payable at the door, cash only. Donation will be made to the Irish Guide Dogs for the Blind. Conductor - Annalisa Monticelli, Accompanist - Noreen Gavin. All are welcome.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL COLLECTION

Monthly Collection is **Saturday 17th** and **Sunday 18th May** for St. Vincent De Paul. Any contribution, no matter how small, will be truly appreciated.

SKERRIES COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Skerries Community Association is inviting nominations for the annual Jim Quigley Volunteer of the Year award. Jim Quigley was a tireless local volunteer who was Chair of the then Skerries Development and Community Association which succeeded in building our wonderful Community Centre in 1982. We continue to rely very much on volunteers in our community.

Please send your nomination, with lots of information about your nominee for our Adjudicator, to [jqaward@gmail.com](mailto:jquaward@gmail.com) or by mail to the Community Centre. Deadline Wednesday **28th May**. The winner will be announced at our Annual General Meeting in The Little Theatre, on **Thursday 19th June at 8pm**.

SKERRIES HARPS GAA CLUB



Senior footballers won v Fionnbarra (Tues) & play again on **Tues 20th** (away) & **Sat 24th** (home).

Juvenile Academy every Saturday morning from 9.45 till 11am. Club Shop open. Annual Primary Schools football league continues on Monday evening with competition for Senior and Junior boys and for Senior and Junior girls - Finals on **2 June**.

Sun. 18 May. Minor football v O'Dwyers, home at 11am

Tues 20 May. Senior football v Na Fianna, away at 7.15pm

Wed 21 May. Ladies v Kilmacud, home at 7.30 p.m

Thurs 22 May. Adult camogie v Cuala, home at 7pm

Sat. 24 May. Senior football v Kilmacud, home at 6.30pm

Zingo **11 May.** 1, 6, 7, 2, 3, 5, 4. Dividend €200 won by Pat Sheehy. Jackpot is now €2,600.

Save the Date – **Sat 16 August** - the Bryan Cullen U16 football tourney for the Oliver Moore cup.