



Skerries Parish Bulletin

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PETER.

Acts 6: 1-7; Psalm 22: 1-6; First Letter of Peter 2: 20-25; John 10: 1-10

This is the fourth Sunday of Easter, designated "Good Shepherd Sunday". Once again Peter - personally appointed by Jesus as the first "Shepherd" of the new Church - is given free rein in the Scripture passages. He is the central figure in the First Reading from Acts and the Second Reading is from his own letter.



Certainty and conviction underpin everything about Peter, stated and implied; so does humility, more implied than stated. The crushing realization of his weakness in betraying Jesus during his Passion would have destroyed many. It destroyed Judas. Peter, however, was so certain of his faith in Jesus and so humble in his self-knowledge that he hung on, got up, dusted himself down and clinging for dear life to this faith, set off to do a great deal better next time. This is the essence of humility. It is surely the bedrock of Faith.

Peter's example poses important questions for us. For instance, when I read in today's Psalm "... there is nothing I shall want", how CERTAIN am I of that? How ABSOLUTELY SURE am I that "He guides me along the right path, he is true to his name"? Easter challenges us to be good shepherds to everyone in our lives, known and unknown, to communicate hope, safety and wellbeing, rooted in the absolute love of God, as acted out by Jesus. So we must be able to answer 'Completely' to both those questions. We must also pray that some will volunteer as totally convinced, dedicated, full-time 'Shepherds', living proof of this humility.

"Passionate" is a buzz-word these days. From the four-star chef, passionate about the perfect boiled egg (not a joke – read the papers!) to the life-long environmentalist and broadcaster, ("100 years young" on May 8th!) passionate about the future of the Earth, it is essential for success. Peter was passionate about Jesus. We must be too.

"We are pilgrims on a journey and companions on the road;
we are here to help each other walk the mile and bear the load".

Skerries Church Choir.

Anniversary / Special Intention Masses

- ✦ **Sat 25th 6.00pm:** Barry Morris, Robert McMahon, Alice Farrell and deceased members of the McMahon family, Peter and Bridget Teeling, Louise Casey, Maureen Dawson.
- ✦ **Sun 26th 9.30am:** Walter Ruigrok, Kieran Birchall, Margaret Leonard, Joseph and Elizabeth Seaver (Rem), Margaret and Peter Conroy (Rem), Des Downes (Rem)
- ✦ **11.00am:** Owen Smullen, Tommy Power, Brendan O'Brien, Patrick 'Jack' Guildea.
- ✦ **Monday 27th 10.00am:** Mass Card intentions.
- ✦ **Tuesday 28th 10.00am:** Brigid Lee, Gerry Fitzgerald, Rory Sheils.
- ✦ **Wednesday 29th:** **NO 10.00am** Mass. Confirmation Réalt Na Mara 11.00am.

- ✦ **Friday 1st May 10.00am:** First Friday – Altar List.
- ✦ **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.
- ✦ **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.
- ✦ **11.00am:** Gerald Boland (1st A), Mary Curley, Paddy and Carmel Lawlor, Dessie and Brigid Derwin (Rem), Kathleen Ruth (Rem), Denis and Raymond O'Farrell.

First Friday

This Friday 1st May is the 1st Friday of the month. 10.00am Mass will be offered for all those whose names are on the Altar List of the Dead.

The **Padre Pio Mass** will be celebrated on Friday evening at 7.30pm concluding with a blessing with Padre Pio relic.

Our Sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Grainne Bowler, Foxgrove, who died recently. May she Rest in Peace.

Feast Days

25th April – St. Mark, Evangelist,

27th April – St. Asicus,

29th April – St. Catherine of Siena,

2nd May – St. Athanasius

We Welcome Ronan Patrick José O'Brien



Wright, Milly Rose O'Brien Keller, Rocco Jasper Weir, Charlie Luke Mullen, Jokubas Navaruskaw and Skaya Navarускаite to our parish family.

Sacrament of Confirmation

The children in 6th class in Sc. Mobhi Milverton, Holmpatrick and ETNS will celebrate the sacrament of Confirmation during 11.00am Mass this Sunday 26th April.

The paistí from 6th class in Sc. Realt na Mara will celebrate their Confirmation at 11.00am next Wednesday 29th April. Bishop Paul Dempsey will be the celebrant. As this is the case, please note **there will be NO 10am Mass this Wednesday 29th April.**

Congratulations to the girls and boys of 6th class in St. Patrick's SNS who celebrated the sacrament of Confirmation on Wednesday last, 22nd April.

Congratulations

We extend our congratulations to Orlagh Bowers who was presented with her Certificate in Catechesis by His Grace Archbishop Dermot Farrell last Sunday. If you feel called or are interested in this course please look it up on the Dublin Archdiocese website.

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

30 Years Ago in the Parish

- The "Response" box was still available inside the church door for parishioners to place their suggestions and views on all aspects of our parish life.
- An information night on the Community Alert project was being held in the Community Centre.
- Skerries Community Choir were starting rehearsals for Fauré's Requiem to be performed during Skerries Arts Week later in the year
- Skerries Town Twinning was seeking host families for the 45 teenagers and their leaders who would be coming to Skerries for a Sports Week in June.
- The Youth Centre at the Community Centre was now open to 12 - 14+ year olds.
- Skerries Athletic Club members Ciaran Tracey, Gina Bradshaw, Niall Mulligan, Clodagh Bolger, Karen Ferguson, Kate Coleman, Eithne Laird and Sinéad Lee all came home with medals from the Santry stadium championships.

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 Ladies Bowls

Good headway is being made on the new rink, due to be delivered on time. Meantime all matches are being played at away venues.

Skerries Harps GAA Club



Congrats to Killian McGinnis, Greg McEaney, Ethan Dunne, Tim Deering - all on the panel for Dublin Senior football team v Wicklow in the Leinster

Championship last week.

Sunday 26 Apr Minor Hurling v Clanna Gael at 11.00am; Junior football v Raheny at 3.00pm – both home.

Tuesday 28 Apr Senior football v St Pats Donabate in Skerries at 7.00pm.

Wednesday 29 Apr Inter football v St Maurs in Rush at 7.00pm

Thursday 20 Apr Junior football v Ballyboughal in Skerries at 7.00pm.

Annual Primary Schools League will commence on Bank Hol Monday 4 May.

ZINGO Sunday 19 April: 11, 16, 17, 20. Match 3 winner J. Dillon €100. Jackpot now €3.500 Draw on Sunday at 6:30pm. Join Online – only €2 or 3 lines for €5. See www.skerriesharps.ie/zingo
BINGO in Clubhouse on Monday 27 April at 8.00pm – doors open 7.30pm. Jackpot is €550.