



Skerries Parish Bulletin

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Fifth Sunday in Lent

Ezekiel 37:12-14, Psalm 129(130), Romans 8:8-11, John 11:1-45

Jesus says, "I am the resurrection and the life."



In the gospel Jesus wept at the tomb of Lazarus. We all face the mystery of death, our own or that of those we love. All of today's readings help us to have trust in Jesus, the man and God, in the resurrection and in life everlasting.

In the first reading, possibly written over 500 years before the birth of Jesus, Ezekiel is trying to make sense of why Israel was exiled. This tragedy was like a death for all who lived through it. God offered salvation when he said, "I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live".

Writing after the resurrection of Jesus, Paul reassures the new Christians that salvation and a future afterlife is for all. But this is not an automatic right. How we live and move and our way of being in this world should acknowledge the gift of God, the father, son and holy spirit.

In his gospel, John gives us stories or signs of the power of Jesus. Jesus used these events to ensure that his followers knew exactly who he was and what they believed in, in ways that were both practical and relevant to their time. For example, he says "I am the Bread of life", "I am the light of the world", "I am the good shepherd". In today's gospel Jesus says, "I am the resurrection and the life."

Today our Christian commitment underpins our belief in the words of Jesus that, "those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die".

Church Readers

EASTER TIMETABLE ENVELOPES

Envelopes will be available for collection in the parish office after all Masses this weekend and on Monday 23rd March after 10am Mass. Your help in distributing the Easter Envelopes is very much appreciated. Thank You.

ANNIVERSARY / SPECIAL INTENTION MASSES

- ✦ **Sat 21st 10am:** Sylvia Fox (MM), Special Intention x 2
- ✦ **Sat 21st 6pm:** Jenny Hyland, Sarah & Margaret McGuinness, Patricia 'Patsy' & William Horrigan (rem), Patricia Henry, Brian Taylor & deceased members of Taylor & McKenna families, deceased members of McElligott & Smith families
- ✦ **Sun 22nd 9.30:** Michael McKenna, Joe Murray, Shelagh Douglas, Patrick Dunleavy, Annie Leonard, Eddie & Kay Colman
- ✦ **Sun 22nd 11am:** Noel Russell, Mona Wall, Mike Flannery (BR), John & Stella McAllister, Joe & Bridie Conroy, Terry Lalor
- ✦ **Mon 23rd 10am:** Mass Card Intentions
- ✦ **Wed 25th 10am:** John & Molly Byrne
- ✦ **Fri 27th 10am:** Breeda Fitzgerald
- ✦ **Sat 28th 10am:** Margaret Lohan (RD), Matthew & Bridget Graham

- ✦ **Sat 28th 6pm:** Theresa Phelan, Sr Immaculata Phelan, Ceclia Bohan, John & Mary Rogan & family, Sean Farrell, Ronan Browne
- ✦ **Sun 29th 9.30am:** Brian O'Loughlin, Margaret & David Noonan, Margaret & James Clerkin, Noeline Hess, Theresa McCloskey, James Hoey
- ✦ **Sun 29th 11am:** Mary O'Rourke (MM), Tom & Peter O'Rourke, Josephine Flanagan, James & Kathleen Murtagh, Colm Flanagan, James McMahan, Rosemary Malone

OUR SYMPATHY

To the families of **Michael Burke**, Shenick Grove, and **Pat Connolly**, Townparks, who died recently. May they Rest in Peace.



FEASTDAYS

21st March – St Enda; 24th March – St Macartan
25th March – The Annunciation of the Lord
29th March – Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

SONGS OF HOPE

Easter Concert in St. Patrick's Church, Thursday 9th April at 7pm. Tickets cost €15 and are available through Barken Productions or available in the Parish Office.

THE SEASON OF LENT – EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will take place this Tuesday 24th March from 3-5pm. This time for quiet prayer might be something we would do for Lent.

PALM SUNDAY

Next Sunday 29th March is Palm Sunday which marks the start of our Holy Week celebrations. Palm crosses will be blessed at each Mass next weekend and can be collected after all Masses.

EASTER MASS CARDS are available in the Parish Office – all proceeds from the cards will go to TROCAIRE to assist them in their work.

CONGRATULATIONS to Maurice & Hilda Cussen who celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on St. Patrick's Day.

DUBLIN DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK

Dublin Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock will take place 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". For more information: email knockpilgrimage@dublindiocese.ie

30 YEARS AGO IN THE PARISH

- Newly baptised were Ciaran and Fionnan Simpson and Rachel Fagan
- Congratulations to the u-16 girls soccer team from HF/DLS College who became Leinster Champions and to the Minor and Inter Hockey teams who both won their finals
- Good Luck wishes were sent to Gina Bradshaw who was named captain of the Irish Girls Cross-Country team to run in Scotland
- A public meeting for all young people was to be held in the Community Centre to see how it could best meet the needs of this age group
- Skerries Harps were having problems with rubbish being dumped over the wall on the Dublin Road
- Skerries Rugby club congratulated Brian O'Connor selected on the Irish Youth International squad
- Organised by Spotlight on Skerries, the Garda Band were giving a concert in the Community Centre, proceeds to the Chernobyl Children's Charity

ST PATRICK'S DAY PARADE

Sincere thanks to the Chamber of Commerce and all the volunteers and parents who helped at the Parade! A great afternoon, and the weather was kind - it was dry!! It takes a lot of organising and the Parade went very well – thanks to all the different "clubs" and "groups", Brass Band, Tractors, Fire Engines etc etc who took part and of course St Patrick himself! (his 22nd year to dress up!) Well done to everyone - over for another year!! Go raibh maith agaibh go leir!

THANK YOU to all who supported the annual Daffodil collection around the town and to all who shook buckets!



SHARPEN YOUR WITS AND COME ALONG

To Skerries Town Twinning's Table Quiz on Friday 27th in Skerries Harps Clubhouse. Tables of 4: €40 (Tickets can be reserved at skerriestwinning@gmail.com). Funds raised will help finance a visit in July from some 30 French friends.

SKERRIES LADIES BOWLS

The last session of the Monday morning Spring competition will take place tomorrow, 23rd. It's all to play for at present. The usual Easter Bonnet morning will be held on Monday 30th when prize-winners will be announced. It was decided that any surplus monies raised would be donated to Skerries Lifeboat. Congrats to our Vets Div 2 North who won their league with a good win against Clontarf. Refurbishment of the container has started and the laying of the new rinks will take place mid-April.

SKERRIES HARPS GAA CLUB

Adult Hurlers lost to Kevins by 4 points. Senior Footballers play Castleknock away (Somerton Park) on Sunday at 10:30am. Congrats to Finn McGinnis, Paddy Copeland, & Cillian Emmett on selection for the Dublin U20 Football team. Congrats also to Cillian Wilde on selection for the Dublin Minor Footballers. Easter Hurling and Camogie Camp to run April 1st & 2nd. Entry €10. Limited spaces remain. 3rd - 6th class. Sign-up at skerriesharps.clubzapevents.com. 2026 Membership now available on skerriesharps.ie. ZINGO: 15th March: 1-6-10-18 No jackpot winner. Jackpot now €3,000. Draw on Sunday at 6pm. Join online or on the night by envelope. www.skerriesharps.com/zingo. BINGO: Next Bingo is on Monday 23rd March at 8pm. Jackpot €1,050.

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