



# Skerries Parish Bulletin

No 2466

March 29<sup>th</sup> - April 5<sup>th</sup> 2026

## ***Palm Sunday 2026***



***“I have come that you may have life and have it in abundance.”***

In Jerusalem, in the days before the feast of Passover, the narrow streets were jammed packed with locals and the huge influx of Jewish visitors, from all parts of the Roman empire, who had come to celebrate the Feast of Passover. Added to this were all the extra soldiers that Pilate had ordered from Caesarea. Pilate was nervous that there might be a revolt during the festive season, and he knew that if Rome got so much as a whiff of another revolt in Jerusalem his job was gone. The temple clergy and Sanhedrin were also anxious. Into this turmoil, Jesus, who like everyone else always walked everywhere, came riding on a donkey. The newly arrived soldiers would not have passed comment on this, but the local people, with the words of the prophet Zechariah (chapter 9:9) still thundering down 500 years, would have known clearly what it meant. “Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion,

Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem,  
Lo, your king comes to you;  
Triumphant and glorious is he,  
Humble and riding on a donkey,  
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.”

They responded by laying down their cloaks and waving palms. Jesus of Nazareth was proclaiming himself as their king. They believed him to be the messiah who would lead them out from under the yoke of Rome. Word of this would have gotten quickly to the Temple priests. This Jesus of Nazareth, from the hills of Galilee, was undermining their authority with his talk of a God who loved everybody. Jesus knew that the clergy were out to get him. He could have gone back North to Galilee, but he remained steadfast in his mission to bring the good news of God’s love to mankind.

We pray, that we who today call ourselves Christian, may have both the wisdom and the courage to act always in accordance with the teaching of the Way of life that Jesus taught to his followers.

**Bible Study Group**

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

- ✦ **Sat 28<sup>th</sup> 10am:** Margaret Lohan (RD), Matthew & Bridget Graham
- ✦ **Sat 28<sup>th</sup> 6pm:** Theresa Phelan, Sr. Immaculata Phelan, Cecelia Bohan, John & Mary Rogan and family, Seán Farrell, Ronan Browne
- ✦ **Sun 29<sup>th</sup> 9.30am:** Brian O’Loughlin, Margaret & David Noonan, Margaret & James Clerkin, Noeline Hess, Theresa McCluskey, James Hoey
- ✦ **Sun 29<sup>th</sup> 11am:** Mary O’Rourke (MM), Tom & Peter O’Rourke, Josephine Flanagan, James & Kathleen Murtagh, Colm McMahon, James Flanagan, Rosemary Malone.
- ✦ **Mon 30<sup>th</sup> 10am:** Mass Card Intentions
- ✦ **Tues 31<sup>st</sup> 10am:** Maurice McAuley, Colm Sherlock, Michael & Sheila Flavin, May Walshe, J.C. Walshe, Pat & Lil O’Brien and family, Tom & Lily Doyle
- ✦ **Wed April 1<sup>st</sup> 10am:** Bartle Butterly, Stephen Butterly
- ✦ **Sun April 5<sup>th</sup> 9.30:** Abby & Michael Conlon. Mary Ingram, Seán D’Arcy, Phil Dowling and the Roddy Family, Michael Harford, Jim Gunning
- ✦ **Sun 5<sup>th</sup> 11am.** FORA Volunteer: Hand, Sherlock, McGowan and all deceased members of FORA

### **OUR SYMPATHY**

To Claireanne (Parish Secretary) on the death of her father, Des Cavanagh. Also, to the families of Ollie Fogarty (Holmpatrick), Frances Hanly (Church St.) and John O’Neill (The Maltings), who died recently. May they Rest in Peace.

### **EASTER TIMETABLE**

**Palm Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup>:** Blessing of Palms at all weekend Masses – Saturday Vigil **6pm**, Sunday **9.30am & 11am**. Palm available after Masses.

**Mon March 30<sup>th</sup>, Tues March 31<sup>st</sup> & Spy Wed April 1<sup>st</sup>:** Daily Mass at **10am**.

**Holy Thursday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>:** Mass of the Lord’s Supper at **8pm**, Adoration at Altar of Repose, concluding at **10pm**.

**Good Friday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>:** (Day of Fast & Abstinence), Passion Liturgy at **3pm**, Stations of the Cross:- **8pm**.

**Holy Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup>:** Morning Prayer (St. Patrick’s) at **10am**, Easter Vigil Mass at **8pm**.

**Easter Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup>:** Mass at **9.30am & 11am**.

**N.B.** Weekday Masses during week **6<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> April** (Sat. included) at **11am**.

**N.B. RECONCILIATION SERVICE FOR EASTER:**  
Skerries - **Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March** at **7.30pm**  
Rush – **Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March** at **7.30 pm**

Lusk – **Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April at 7.30pm**

#### WE WELCOME



Hallie Ria Price, Ellie Angela Grimes, Hugo Thomas Tolan, Patrick Ruairí Nugent into our Parish family.

**EASTER MASS CARDS** are available in the Parish Office – all proceeds go to TROCAIRE.

#### DUBLIN DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK

This will take place on Saturday April 25<sup>th</sup> 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)

#### ST THÉRÈSE OF LISIEUX

To mark the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the 2001 Visit of the Relics of St Thérèse of Lisieux to Ireland, a special Commemoration Day will take place on Sunday, **April 12<sup>th</sup>** in Whitefriar Street Church, Aungier St. Dublin, at **4pm**. There will be Veneration of the Relics and an Exhibition of memorabilia of the visit during the morning.

#### SKERRIES TOWN TWINNING



Many thanks to all who supported our Table Quiz in Skerries Harps last Friday. A special word to C&T's, Supervalu, McMeels, the Men's Shed and other individuals who donated items for our raffle.

The proceeds go towards the costs of the visit of our French visitors in July. If you would like to get involved with our visitors, please contact us at [skerriestwinning@gmail.com](mailto:skerriestwinning@gmail.com)

#### SUSTAINABLE SKERRIES:

Climate and biodiversity can so easily feel like one long stream of bad news. But what if, instead of switching off, we came together to hear real local stories of people doing something positive? Join us for one of our upcoming events. Join Charlie & Marion for our **Biodiversity Walk** at Hamilton Hill, **Today, March 29<sup>th</sup> at 3pm**. Meet at traffic lights, Skerries Educate together/Skerries Point.

**Sustainable Gardening**, with Charlie & Marion. Healthy vegetable growing-Ecology & Soil Health, at Skerries Allotments, **April 15<sup>th</sup> from 7-8.30pm**. Free event, but numbers limited. For more information on all events and sign up, go to [SustainableSkerries.com](http://SustainableSkerries.com)

#### SKERRIES LADIES' BOWLS

Our Spring competition has come to an end. Winners will be announced on tomorrow, Monday morning, when we will have our Easter Bonnet roll-up. Come in your finery and bring a plate please. Besides the prizes, we will be donating €250 to Skerries RNLI.

#### 30 YEARS AGO IN THE PARISH

- The Bulletin reflection was contributed by members of our local *Methodist Community*
- Newly baptised were Cormac Marrey, Stephen McMahon and Serena Macari
- Ecumenical prayer services were held in all three local churches on successive mornings in Holy Week
- All schools were asked to return their Trocaire boxes.
- Bernie Dowling thanked all who had contributed so generously to the Daffodil Day collections. £2000.70 had been collected
- Skerries Athletic club congratulated Michelle Lacey who came 3<sup>rd</sup> in the 1500m at the National Championships in Nenagh
- Congratulations to David Kenny from Skerries Bowls Club on winning the BLOI Indoor Singles championship.

#### CRICKET CLUB TEA DANCE

Today Sun 29<sup>th</sup> March 3.30-6pm. Last dance of the season. Refreshments provided. All welcome. Come and enjoy.

**SKERRIES SEA SCOUTS:** Special collection after all Masses this weekend for Skerries Sea Scouts.

#### SKERRIES HARPS GAA CLUB



Senior Footballers had a brilliant nine-point come-from-behind win over Castleknock away.

Registration for Term 2 of Academy is now open.

Term starts on **Sat. 11th April**. Sign-up

at [skerriesharps.clubzap.com/categories/fees/products](http://skerriesharps.clubzap.com/categories/fees/products). 2026 Membership now available on [skerriesharps.ie](http://skerriesharps.ie).

ZINGO: **22nd March** result - 16-18-19-26. No jackpot winner.

Jackpot now €3,100. Draw on Sunday at 6pm. Join online or on the night by envelope. See [www.skerriesharps.com/zingo](http://www.skerriesharps.com/zingo).

BINGO: We had a Bingo Jackpot winner who took home €1,050. Next Bingo is on Monday **13th April at 8pm**. Jackpot €500

#### A MESSAGE FROM THE BULLETIN TEAM

We would like to send our sympathy to the family of Frances Hanly, Church Street, who died this week. Always someone to be involved in local activities, for many years Frances was a valued member of our Bulletin team. May she Rest in Peace.

Parish Website: [www.stpatricksskerries.ie](http://www.stpatricksskerries.ie) Email: [info@stpatricksskerries.ie](mailto:info@stpatricksskerries.ie) Ph (01)8106771, RCN 20016166  
Fr Melvyn 01 9629662; Parish Mobile No - for out of normal hours, emergencies only - 089 2053460  
Parish Pastoral Council: [pcstpatricksskerries@gmail.com](mailto:pcstpatricksskerries@gmail.com) Bulletin Email: [skerriesbulletin@gmail.com](mailto:skerriesbulletin@gmail.com)