



Skerries Parish Bulletin

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Pentecost Sunday

Acts 2:1-11 Psalm 103 1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13 John 20:19-23



This weekend, fifty days after Christ's resurrection on Easter Sunday, we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit as a permanent guiding presence for the Church. Christ's ascension into heaven, celebrated last Sunday, marked the end of his public life. The Holy Spirit would now inform and inspire not only the apostles and disciples gathered on that occasion but all believers into the future. Our annual commemoration of this feast is an opportunity to reflect on its importance and on the presence of the Holy Spirit in our lives.

The extraordinary events of Pentecost Day are described in the passage from the Acts of the Apostles, today's first reading. Strong wind and noise, unsettling conditions, heralded an ability to communicate. Language differences were no longer a barrier to preaching and spreading news *about the marvels of God*. This unifying theme is reinforced in St Paul's letter to the Corinthians. We were all *baptised in the one Spirit*, a Spirit which works in different ways in different people. We read *the particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose* - a powerful and reassuring concept which invites us to reflect on what our individual purpose is or could be.

Reminding us of the importance of this feast of Pentecost, today's opening prayer and the final prayer after communion invoke the power of the Holy Spirit to continue to fill the hearts of believers with divine grace and to act as spiritual food.

Church Readers

ANNIVERSARY / SPECIAL INTENTION MASSES

- ✦ Saturday 23rd 10am: Luarena O'Connor (1st A), Dick Fanning, James & Mary Slattery, John & Mary Dolan
- ✦ Saturday 23rd 6pm: Dolores O'Neill (MM), Mary Hughes (1st A), Seamus Hughes, Jim & Lily Scanlan, Hyacinth Maguire, Willie Mooney, Mary Mooney, Oliver Grennon
- ✦ Sunday 24th 9.30am: Linda & Michael Cusack, Matt & Marie Grimes, Declan O'Byrne (br), Dinah McGuinness, Michael Carron, Dolores Maguire
- ✦ Sunday 24th 11am: Kathleen Power, Vincent Sharpe, Malachy & Theresa Murray, Bishop Nicholas Grimley, Lily Grimley, Hannah, Pat & Noel McGuinness
- ✦ Monday 25th 10am: Mass Card Intentions
- ✦ Wednesday 27th 10am: Carmel McMahon
- ✦ Friday 29th 10am: Francie Ferguson, Jack McGuinness (rem)
- ✦ Saturday 30th 10am: Grainne Bowler (MM), Bernadette Murphy, John Conlan

- ✦ Saturday 30th 6pm: Joe McGarry, Dolores Burke, Richard Berwick, Tony Clarke, Patricia, Frank & Evelyn Flood, David Branagan
- ✦ Sunday 31st 9.30am: Brian Peters (br), Cecily Murray, Bridie & Michael Denis
- ✦ Sunday 31st 11am: Matt Davis (MM), Graham Quinn (1st A), Jean Treleaven (br), Patrick Kenny, Carmel Downey, Bridie & Johnny Shankey

OUR SYMPATHY



To the families of those who died recently:
Marion Graham, Balbriggan St.,
Margaret O'Reilly, The Rise and
Martin Grimes, Newtown Pks.
May they Rest in Peace.

FEASTDAYS

- 23rd May – Solemnity of Pentecost
- 24th May – Pentecost Sunday
- 26th May – St. Philip
- 31st May – The Most Holy Trinity

BLESSING OF THE GRAVES

June 7th @2.30pm Holmpatrick
Cemetery

@4pm Baldungan Cemetery

June 14th @ 2.30pm Ardla
Cemetery

@ 4pm Milverton Cemetery



Details are available on our
website www.stpatricksskerries.ie
and on our Facebook page

NATIONAL SYNODAL PATHWAY

The National Synodal Pathway has reached an important moment in its journey. Currently, the working groups are meeting periodically to explore more deeply the seven priorities identified by the Catholic Church in discerning what God is asking of the Church in Ireland today. To learn more about this journey, please follow the link. <https://theway.ie/julieann-moran-shares-update-as-national-synodal-pathway-reaches-important-phase/>

30 YEARS AGO IN THE PARISH

Newly baptised were Andrew Davis, Keith Kirby, Jason Plukett, Stephanie Peters, Simon Hyde, Peter O'Neill and Jack Boyd.

Skerries was chosen to represent Ireland in the Entente Florale competition this summer 1996 and the Parish has agreed to plant 600 geraniums along the sides of the church and the County Council has plans to floodlight the building.

Pupils from St. Patrick's JNS received their First Communion.

Fingal Association thanked all those who had supported their 10k sponsored walk.

Skerries Town Twinning was expecting a group of young people for a week of sporting activities and was looking for volunteers to help.

Congratulations to Skerries Tennis Clubs first team who won the Fingal League.

Well done to Declan Moore from the Hills Cricket Club on his selection to play for Ireland.

PIONEER ANNUAL COLLECTION



will take place after all Masses this weekend 23rd and 24th May 2026.

This will help to promote Pioneer Total Abstinence Society of the

Sacred Heart at home and abroad and your support would be very much appreciated.

SKERRIES COMMUNITY CHOIR



Summer concert will take place on
**Thursday 28th May in St Patrick's
Church at 8.00 p.m.** Tickets are
€15 cash at the door. A donation will
be made to Skerries Lifeboat. Please come
along to support this worthy cause.

SKERRIES TRAD WEEKEND



is celebrating 25 years this year. It's
running from 5-7 June with concerts,
recitals, sessions and workshops in
venues around the town. More
information on skerriestradiationmusic.com.

CONGRATULATIONS



To the girls and boys from Leaving
Certificate class 2026 who
celebrated their **graduation** from
Skerries Community College this
week. We will remember them all in our
prayers over the coming weeks as they head
into their final examinations.

SKERRIES HARPS GAA CLUB

Congrats to Hannah McGinnis who helped
Dublin Ladies win the Leinster final;
commiserations to Killian, Greg and Ethan who
saw the Dubs lose to a very good Westmeath
side in their final.

Sat 23rd May: Senior football Div.1 v St Marys,
home at 6 pm.

Sun 24th: Inter football Div.6 v St James Gaels,
home at 11 am.

The Senior footballers will play their back match
v St Judes, in Skerries on Tues 2nd June.

Primary Schools League for boys/girls every
Monday evening with finals on Monday 1st
June.

Next Society Golf outing is at Swords Open on
Friday 19th June. Contact Tony O'Brien on 087
6498177 for bookings.

Next BINGO is on Mon 25th May in Clubhouse
at 8 pm with Jackpot of €600.

Summer Camp bookings now live. Get your
spot now! skerriesharps.clubzapevents.com
ZINGO Sun. 17 May: 1, 7, 13, 15. - Match 3 for
€100 won by Ger O Mahony. Jackpot now
€3.900. Draw Sunday at 6:30 Play online for €2
or 3 lines for €5.

See ww.skerriesharps.ie/zingo

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