



Skerries Parish Bulletin

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Second Sunday of Easter

Acts 2: 42 - 47 Psalm 117:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 1 Peter: 1:3-9 John 20:19-31

On this the second Sunday of Easter, also known as Divine Mercy Sunday, our readings encourage us to reflect on our faith; on the meaning in our lives of the death and resurrection of Christ and on God's divine mercy.

The passage from John's Gospel recalls the first joyful encounter between Jesus and His disciples after His resurrection. The subsequent meeting to reassure the 'doubting' Thomas allows the evangelist to highlight our situation today. We are among those who have not seen but yet believe. Do we do enough to nourish our Faith; do we take it for granted? The reading from the first letter of St. Peter describes the new birth made possible for us following the death and resurrection of Christ.

The pathway to this inheritance, may, Peter tells us, be plagued with all sorts of trials. Peter also tells us that it is our faith which will sustain us through those trials.

Finally, we are reminded of the Lord's mercy and everlasting love in the opening prayer and the passage from Psalm 117 with which we can so easily identify.

The feast of Easter is celebrated in this wonderful spring season of new growth and enhanced daylight. Our annual church celebrations, which re-enact the life and death of Christ and proclaim the joy of the resurrection, prompt us to examine our faith and offer opportunities for renewal.


Church Readers

ANNIVERSARY / SPECIAL INTENTION MASSES

- ✦ **Sat 11th 6pm:** Laura Hennessy (MM), Dermot Mulholland, Barbara McGarry, Margaret Shandley, Kevin, Frances & Anne McDonough, Tom, Terence, Michael & Willie Ferguson
- ✦ **Sun 12th 9.30am:** Helen Gordon, Joseph Beggs, George O'Connor (BR), Sylvia Fox (Rem)
- ✦ **Sun 12th 11am:** Eileen Daly (MM), Joe Clinton, Michael & Margaret Dunne, Elena Casey, Hugh Marry, Anne Fagan, Michael Ferguson
- ✦ **Mon 13th 10am:** Mass Card Intentions
- ✦ **Tues 14th 10am:** Eileen Nugent
- ✦ **Fri 17th 10am:** Pat Connolly (MM)
- ✦ **Sat 18th 10am:** Bridie Sheils
- ✦ **Sat 18th 6pm:** Stevie Ryan, Mary Smyth, Michael McDonagh, Paddy Hughes, William & Bridget McKenna, Eileen O'Neill, Eamonn Lee.
- ✦ **Sun 19th 9.30am:** Bree Grimes, Tom McDonnell & Dec'd McDonnell Family Mbrs, Veronica Donnelly, Patrick & Sarah Dunne, Grace McGlynn, Michael, Annie & Hughie Hammond, Patrick Roe (Rem)

- ✦ **Sun 19th 11am:** Frances Hanly (MM), Eric O'Toole, Willie & Kitty Beggs, Helen Beggs Dunne, Denis & Marie Fox

OUR SYMPATHY

 To the family of John Murphy late of Shenick Avenue who died recently. May he Rest in Peace.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

The Monthly Collection for the St. Vincent de Paul Skerries will take place on **Sat 18th April and Sun 19th April.**

All contributions are very much appreciated.

CHANGE IN MASS TIME IN LUSK PARISH

Please note the following change in Mass time in Lusk parish. The Saturday evening Vigil Mass will be at **6.30 pm** commencing this Saturday 11th April.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK

This will take place on 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.

Email: knockpilgrimage@dublindiocese.ie

SKERRIES FORGET ME NOT CAFÉ



Our café is open this Wednesday **April 15th from 11am to 1pm** in Skerries Harps. The café is free of charge and open to people living with dementia, their families, carers and friends. Come for tea and biscuits, a chat, to meet others on a similar journey and to learn more about dementia services in the area.

For more information:

Please contact 083 1192972, or skerriesforgetmenotcafe@gmail.com

SKERRIES HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The next meeting of Skerries Historical Society will take place on Tuesday, April 14th at 8.00pm in Skerries Bowling Club.

Jean Harrison will present a paper on **Documents** held in the National Archives, Dublin, relating to **Skerries from 1816 - 1850**. She will focus on items of local interest covering the constabulary, smuggling, fishing, the Repeal movement and the Famine.

All welcome

Non members €5

SKERRIES HARPS GAA CLUB



Sun 12 April Div. 6 football v Na Fianna, away at 12.15; Minor hurling v Erins Isle, away at 11 a.m and Div. 9 football v Portobello in

Skerries at 3 p.m.

Mon 13 April Minor camogie v O'Dwyers in Skerries at 7 p.m **Sat 18 April** Div. 4 hurling v Lucan in Skerries at 6 p.m.

Juvenile Academy on Saturday mornings at 9.45 a.m for boys and girls.

Registration for Term 2 open. See skerriesharps.clubzap.com/categories/fees/products.

ZINGO Sunday 5 April: 4, 10, 22, 28. Match 3 winners E Taylor and T Dunne. Jackpot €3.300

Draw on Sunday at 6.30 Join Online – only €2 or 3 lines for €5. See

www.skerriesharps.ie/zingo

BINGO in Clubhouse on **Mon 13 April** at 8 p.m – doors open 7.30. New Jackpot will be €500. Membership fees for 2026 are now due and may be paid online. We encourage members to click on the Zingo Join up option when paying fees.

SKERRIES LADIES BOWLS

Hope all our ladies had an enjoyable Easter. The Easter Bonnet morning was a great success. Prize-winners for the Spring competition received their awards - Winner of the Ladies Trophy was Bernie Dease, runners-up were Nancy O'Rourke and Geraldine McQuillan.

Looking forward to our new green which is planned for be installed later this month. Well done to all who are working on the container update.

NATIONAL EPILEPSY WEEK

National Epilepsy Week 2026 takes place on **18th May - 25th May**. For further information, please visit www.epilepsy.ie/content/national-epilepsy-week-2026-epilepsyweek.

BACK TO SCHOOL



Best wishes to all students & staff returning to school and college on Monday after their Easter break.

30 YEARS AGO IN THE PARISH

- The Pioneer Association was organising a Coach Trip on Easter Monday
- Réalt na Mara 5th and 6th class pupils had raised £470 in a sponsored fast and cake sale and will sponsor two children from Chernobyl this summer
- Plans were being made for a Parish pilgrimage of peace to Fatima
- Well done to the u-12 pupils from St. Patrick's Sen. school who had won Silver medals in the Primary schools hockey tournament
- The Garda Band in concert was performing in the Community Centre in aid of the Chernobyl Children's Charity
- Congratulations to Eithne Laird, Sinéad Lee, Niall Mulligan and Elaine Halpin who won medals in Santry Stadium.

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