



# Skerries Parish Bulletin

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## Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 8:5-8, 14-17; Psalm 66; 1Peter 3:15-8 ; John 14:15-21.

This Sunday, our Gospel continues with a reading from John's Gospel, Chapter 14. Within this Chapter Jesus stresses the theme of departure at the same time comforting his disciples with the promise of a return at which he will gather them to himself. Now that Jesus is departing from the world he will ask the Father to send another Advocate to be in the world always. The condition of the gift of the Spirit is our keeping of the commandments, which is after all the test of our love for Jesus. The Spirit, the Advocate, the Paraclete, reveals to the world the truth about Jesus, just as Jesus revealed to the world the truth about the Father. Jesus again consoles his disciples and predicts his return only now in a spiritual way of divine indwelling which will enable Christians to understand that Jesus and the Father are one. Once again the observance of the commandments is the condition of this coming.



***'Whoever loves me will keep my word and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our dwelling with him' - John 14:23.***

***Bible Study Group***

Our **Parish Pastoral Council** warmly invites parishioners to consider volunteering within the life of our parish. We have a variety of ministry groups where your time, skills, and presence can make a meaningful difference. We would be delighted to welcome you into any area of parish life where you feel called to serve.

If you are interested in getting involved, or would simply like to learn more, please contact the Parish Pastoral Council at [ppc@stpatricksskerries.ie](mailto:ppc@stpatricksskerries.ie).

Your willingness to help strengthen our parish is greatly appreciated.

### ANNIVERSARY / SPECIAL INTENTION MASSES

- ✦ **Sat 9<sup>th</sup> 10am:** No Morning Mass
- ✦ **Sat 9<sup>th</sup> 11am:** First Communion Mass
- ✦ **Sat 9<sup>th</sup> 6pm:** Bobby Beggs, Liam McGavisk, Paddy & Elizabeth 'Lil' Oakes, Carrie Dobbs, Emily Grimes, Jackie & David Gilsean
- ✦ **Sun 10<sup>th</sup> 9.30am:** Joseph Bragley, Gillian Cantwell (BR), Mary Barnett, Sean Murtagh (BR), Edward 'Eddie' McGrath (BR), Peadar Clerkin, Cora Cannon (BR)
- ✦ **Sun 10<sup>th</sup> 11am:** Mary Lambe, Kevin, Sarah, Jane, Kay & Helen Branagan, Derek Costello, Mary Lunny & Philomena Lee née Lunny, Jack & Kathleen Toner, Tony & Tilly Noone, Fr Anthony Bannon (BR)
- ✦ **Mon 11<sup>th</sup> 10am:** Mass Card Intentions
- ✦ **Tues 12<sup>th</sup> 10am:** Jim & Rita Boylan

- ✦ **Wed 13<sup>th</sup> 10am:** Noeleen Beggs Taaffe, Matt Davis (Rem)
- ✦ **Fri 15<sup>th</sup> 10am:** Sr Austin Briscoe, Margaret McDonnell, Mary Kinsella, Nancy Gavin
- ✦ **Sat 16<sup>th</sup> 10am:** No Morning Mass
- ✦ **Sat 16<sup>th</sup> 11am:** First Communion Mass
- ✦ **Sat 16<sup>th</sup> 6pm:** Clare Ann Minogue, Maureen Gunning, Nancy Jordan, Breda, Leonard & Francis McGloughlin, Thomas & Mary Hughes, Mick Garrett
- ✦ **Sun 17<sup>th</sup> 9.30am:** Edmund & Rose Rogan, Charlie & Fran Grimes, Eileen Leonard, Anne Moore, Luciana Lannucci, Juanito Abano Sr (Rem), Elizabeth Kingston (Rem)

### NOTICE

There will be no morning Mass on Saturdays 9<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> May to allow for First Communions to be held at 11am on both mornings.

## FEASTDAYS

14 May – St Matthias, Apostle;  
15 May – St Carthage; 16 May – St Brendan;  
17 May – The Ascension of the Lord, Solemnity

## CONGRATULATIONS - FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Congratulations to the girls and boys from St. Patrick's JNS who celebrated their First Holy Communion on Saturday. The children from 2<sup>nd</sup> class in Scoil Réalt na Mara will celebrate their First Communion on Saturday next 16<sup>th</sup> May at 11am. Please note there will be **no 10am Mass next Saturday**. Children in Scoil Moibhi, Milverton, ETNS and Holmpatrick will receive their First Holy Communion during 11am Mass on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May.

## NOVENA TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

You are warmly invited to join once again with every parish in the diocese in the annual **Novena to the Holy Spirit – our dedicated period of prayer, reflection and planning for the renewal of the Church in the Archdiocese of Dublin**. The *Building Hope* Novena will take place in the nine days from 17<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> May beginning on the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord, through Pentecost and continuing to the Feast of Mary, Mother of the Church on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May.

## 30 YEARS AGO IN THE PARISH

- The national clothes appeal for St. Vincent de Paul was taking place this weekend
- Parish Pilgrimage to Fatima will take place 26<sup>th</sup> Sept-3<sup>rd</sup> October, deposits taken now
- Tidy Towns asked everybody to contribute by tidying outside their premises. Painting and planting was taking place
- Congratulations to the boys from St. Patrick's NS who qualified for the GAA finals in Croke Park
- Congratulations to teams 1, 4 and 6 from Rockabill Badminton Club who won their Leinster League matches

**TIDY TOWNS** are again giving away Pollinator friendly plants (2 per household) at the end of May/June. If you would like to be included please send your name and phone number to [tidytownsskerries@gmail.com](mailto:tidytownsskerries@gmail.com).

## SKERRIES HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The next meeting of Skerries Historical Society will take place on Tuesday, 12<sup>th</sup> May at 8pm in Skerries Bowling Club. Pat Griffith's presentation is called **'Skerries: my kind of town. My journey from visitor to resident.'** Pat will describe his memories of Skerries when he first came as a visitor and illustrate the changes he has seen over the years since he became a resident.

## JIM QUIGLEY VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD 2026

Do you know a Local Hero? Skerries Community Association is putting out our annual call for nominations for our Volunteer of the Year award. All communities depend on volunteers. This award is to recognise a local hero/heroine who goes above and beyond in their volunteering. The award is in memory of the late Jim Quigley who was one of the dynamic founding members of the original Skerries Development and Community Association, thanks to whose efforts we have a thriving Community Centre at the heart of our town. To aid our Judges in their decision, please give as much information as you can about the great work done by your chosen nominee. Please send your nomination by email to [jqaward@gmail.com](mailto:jqaward@gmail.com) before the closing date of 31<sup>st</sup> May. The winner will be announced at the Annual General Meeting of the SCA which will take place in the Little Theatre at 8pm on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June.

## SKERRIES LADIES BOWLS

Everybody is enjoying playing on the new carpet. Well done to those who have won their first round matches in the Leinster League. Monday morning sessions for ladies takes place at 10.30am. Sincere sympathy to our club member Ann Power on the death of Paddy.

## SKERRIES FORGET ME NOT CAFÉ



Our café is open this Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> May 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. Information from: 083 1192972, or [skerriesforgetmenotcafe@gmail.com](mailto:skerriesforgetmenotcafe@gmail.com)

## SKERRIES HARPS GAA CLUB

Senior footballers defeated St Vincents, away 2 -15 to 1 -16 in Division 1 league on Tuesday.

**Sun 10 May:** Div 6 football v Wanderers H 11am.

**Mon 11 May:** Div 9 football v St Vincents, A 7.30pm

**Wed 13 May:** Ladies v Croi Ro Naofa, H 7.30pm

Juvenile Academy for boys/girls on Saturday

mornings at 9.45 am. Club Shop open.

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

ZINGO Sunday 3 May: 21, 23, 26, 28. Match 3

winner Tara Coleman €100. Jackpot now €3.700.

Draw Sunday at 6:30 Join Online – only €2 or 3 lines for €5. See [www.skerriesharps.ie/zingo](http://www.skerriesharps.ie/zingo).

Summer Camps: Cul Camps on weeks 6 July and 20

July and Club Camps on weeks 4 August and 10

August– registration for the Cul camps is only via the Kelloggsulcamp website.

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