



Skerries Parish Bulletin

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The Ascension of the Lord

Jesus still with us and we will be with him.

Acts 1:1-11; PS 46; Eph 1:17-23 ; Mt 28:16-20



Jesus' return to the Father – his Ascension – does not mean he is no longer with us, that he is gone. St Matthew wrote his gospel to reassure us he is still with us. At the beginning of his gospel, he wrote that Jesus will be called Emmanuel – 'God is with us.'

In the passage we read today Jesus says, 'And know I am with you always; yes, to the end of time. 'You and I are living witnesses to this presence of Jesus. He told his followers to make disciples of all nations. We are the fulfilment of this commandment today and tomorrow. We are the living result of this commandment. Our witness starts with our hearts being drawn and opened to Him. The unique relationship we each and collectively have with Jesus is the living out of this. We are Church today. We are the living 'God is with us.' We are now His hands and feet. The heart of Christ in our world wherever we might find ourselves.

For us to continue living this commandment today and into the future – all we need to do is open our hearts to His grace and respond by listening and acting in his grace. We cannot do this just on our own – only with Him acting and moving within us. We are the Risen and Ascended Christ to and in our world this day and every day. ... you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses...' (Acts 1:8)

Fr. Melvyn

Anniversary / Special Intention Masses

Sat. 16th 6 p.m.: Clare Ann Minogue, Maureen Gunning, Nancy Jordan, Breda, Leonard & Francis McGloughlin, Thomas & Mary Hughes, Mick Garrett, May Andrews (BR)

Sun. 17th 9.30a.m.: Edmund & Rose Rogers, Charlie & Fran Grimes, Eileen Leonard, Anne Moore, Luciana Lannucci, Juanito Abano Sr.(rem)., Elizabeth Kingston (rem)

Mon. 18th 10a.m.: Mass Card Intentions

Tues. 19th 10a.m.: Josephine Egan

Wed. 20th 10a.m.: Anne Tyndall (1st A), Kitty Tyndall (rem)

Sat. 23rd 10a.m.: Laurena O'Connor (1st A), Dick Fanning, James & Mary Slattery, John & Mary Dolan

6p.m.: Mary Hughes (1st A), Seamus Hughes, Jim & Lily Scanlan, Hyacinth Maguire, Willie & Mary Mooney,

Sun. 24th 9.30a.m.: Linda & Michael Cusack, Matt & Marie Grimes, Declan O'Byrne (br), Dinah McGuinness, Michael Carron, Dolores Maguire

11a.m.: Kathleen Power, Vincent Sharpe, Malachy & Theresa Murray, Bishop Nicholas Grimley, Lily Grimley, Hannah, Pat & Noel McGuinness.

Our Sympathy



Is offered to the family and friends of Paddy (Patrick) Power, Churchfield and Liam O'Driscoll, Hoar Rock Hill, whose deaths occurred recently. May they rest in Peace

Congratulations



to the second-class pupils from Scoil Réalt na Mara who received their First Holy Communion on Saturday and to the pupils from Holmpatrick, Scoil Mobhi, Milverton, and Educate Together NS who received their First Holy Communion today Sunday. Many thanks to all those who helped in the preparation of the children and in our celebration of the sacrament.

Feast Days:

16th May – St. Brendan,

17th May – The Ascension of the Lord

23rd May – Solemnity of Pentecost

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St. Vincent de Paul Society

The monthly Church gate collection for the Society takes place this weekend before and after all Masses. Your contributions are really appreciated.



BUILDING HOPE NOVENA TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

You are warmly invited to join once again this year with every parish in the diocese in a **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 Novena will take place on the nine days from 17th – 25th May beginning on the Feast of the Ascension of the Lord, through Pentecost and continuing to the Feast of Mary, Mother of the Church. Copies of the novena prayer are available in the church which will be prayed at all Masses during this time.

Movie Matinée in the Library



If you like old movies and would like to see some of the old classics, Skerries Age Friendly in collaboration with Skerries Public Library is pleased to announce the introduction of “Movie Matinée in the Library”, on the last Wednesday of each month, starting on Wednesday 27th May from 2-4 p.m. Booking is essential! You can book a place by contacting SkerriesLibrary.Library@Fingal.ie

Worried about your domestic heating costs?

SSECI (Skerries Sustainable Energy Community Initiative) invites you to an open Session on new SEAI retrofit grants for domestic dwellings, Thursday 25th June, with Eric Dennis in the Little Theatre. This will be followed by the AGM of Skerries Community Association at 8 p.m. Mark your diaries! Fáilte roimh chách!

Skerries Ladies Bowls

The next meeting for Ladies will take place on Monday 18th at 12.15 in the Clubhouse. We send our sympathy to our fellow member Ann Power and her family on the recent death of Paddy. May he rest in peace.

No 10 a.m. Mass on Saturday 16th because of First Communion celebrations

Céad mile fáilte !



Did you know that local communities in Ireland can come together to welcome refugee families and help them start a new life? Through Community Sponsorship Ireland, groups of friends, neighbours, clubs, or colleagues can provide practical support, friendship, and a sense of belonging to families arriving in Ireland. Whether it's helping with everyday tasks, creating a welcoming home, or simply being a friendly face, every contribution makes a huge difference. It's a chance to connect and make new friends and positively change lives in your community. If you'd like to help or want to find out more about getting involved, please get in touch today! Contact Kevin O'Leary (kevin@irishrefugeecouncil.ie)

JIM QUIGLEY VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD

Do you know a Local Hero? Skerries Community Association is putting out our annual call for nominations for our Volunteer of the Year award. 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. Send your nomination by email to jqaward@gmail.com before 31st May. The winner will be announced at the AGM of the SCA which will take place in the Little Theatre at 8pm on Thurs. 25th June.

Skerries Harps GFC

Senior footballers lost v Ballyboden, away, on Tuesday by 4 points; Hurlers won v Raheny by 3 points and Minor hurlers won away v Crumlin by 1 point; Minor camogie won v Trinity Gaels. **Sun 17th** Minor football v St Pats., home at 11a.m. **Tues 19th** Senior football v Clontarf, away at 7.30 p.m. **Wed 20th** Inter football v St Pats, home at 7.30p.m. **Sat 23rd** Senior football v St Marys, home at 6p.m.

Good Luck to our club reps with Dublin in the Ladies and Men's Leinster Finals on Sunday. 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 1st June

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