



Skerries Parish Bulletin

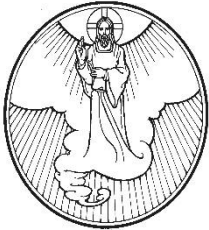
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1st – 8th June, 2025

Acts 1:1-11, Ps 46, Eph 1:17-23, Lk 24:46-53

The Ascension of The Lord – an everyday reality.

The feast of the Ascension assures us the longing for happiness and fullness of life which lies within each of us can ultimately come to pass. It speaks to us in no uncertain terms and reminds us that our homeland is in heaven. Where the Risen Lord has gone, we hope to follow once our earthly journey is over. This feast is also about our mission. We are sent, just as the disciples were sent, going forward, expecting the promised gift of the Holy Spirit to lead us. The Risen Lord invites us to spread his message of reconciliation and forgiveness, most especially to those closest to us – family, friends and colleagues in all spheres of our lives.



The scriptures clearly remind us that Jesus returns to the disciples as a physical human person. After the resurrection he appeared to them many times. Now he ascends in all of his human form before their eyes. As they stand looking up into the sky two men in white ask them why are they staring into the sky? It is then they are reminded that Jesus will return to them just as they have seen him ascend and that he will send them the Holy Spirit to help them.

This is not an event that took place a while ago and is over. The reality of the ascension is a daily occurrence in our lives. The ascended and risen Jesus is present among us in the mix of our daily lives. The Spirit helps us to see him and moves us to respond to him in all we come across each day. On this feast, may we not only experience a joy like the one that filled the disciples as they returned to Jerusalem after the Ascension, but may that same joy move us to seek the risen Lord each day.

Fr. Melvyn

OUR SYMPATHY



To the family and friends of Luarena O'Connor (née Hilliard), Golf Links Road, whose death occurred during the week. May she rest in Peace.



WE WELCOME Aoibhín Crombie, Darragh Mooney, Kate Ruigrok, all of whom were baptised into our Parish family recently



To Parish students

our good wishes and prayers go to the Parish students who will be starting the Junior and Leaving Certificate exams next Wednesday. Lots of candles for you as you navigate the papers each day

Blessing of the Graves

Blessing of the Graves will take place this Sunday 1st in Holmpatrick (2.30 p.m.) and Baldungan (4 p.m.). On Sunday 8th, the blessing will take place in Ardla (2.30 p.m.) and St. Moibhi's (4 p.m.). If you do not have holy water, please bring a bottle of water along which will be blessed during the ceremony so you can then bless your loved ones' graves

First Friday & Padre Pio Mass

Friday 6th is the 1st Friday of the month. The 10am Mass will be offered for the Altar List of the Dead. The Padre Pio Mass will be celebrated on Friday evening @ 7.30pm and concludes with the blessing of the Padre Pio relic

As Monday 2nd is a Bank Holiday, Mass will be celebrated at 11 a.m..

Sunday next, 8th is Pentecost Sunday – a day to remember the blessings of the Holy Spirit

Building Hope - Diocesan Novena to the Holy Spirit

The Annual Diocesan Novena for Renewal of the Church in the Archdiocese of Dublin begins Sunday 1st (Feast of the Ascension of The Lord) and ends on Monday 9th June (Feast of St Columba - St. Colmcille)

Would you like to know more about your Faith?

The Archdiocese of Dublin is offering two courses that you might be interested in. One called 'Pathways' and the other is a 'Certificate in Catechesis'. More info available from the posters in the church and on the diocesan website.

ANNIVERSARY AND SPECIAL INTENTIONS

Sat. 31st: 10am Ann McGee (1st A), Philip Matthews, John Wiley, Bridget & William McDonough
6pm Gerald Boland (MM), Joe McGarry, Dolores Burke, May & Tom Redmond, Philip Matthews, Frank Power

Sun 1st: .30am Pam Dempsey (1st A), Cecily Murray, Brian Peters, Mary McDonough, Michael & Margaret Lynch) & decd family members Donal J. Cotter

11am: Patrick Kenny (1st A), Eugene McCarthy (1st A), Jean Treleaven & decd mbrs of the McMorro Family, Joe & Kathleen Tyndall, Oonagh Whittle Bridie & Michael Dennis

Monday 2nd: 11am Mass intentions

Tues. 3rd: 10am Maureen & Austin Palmer, Special Intention, Una Doyle

Wed. 4th: 10am John Green, John Costello, May Duggan, Mary & Edmund Noonan

Fri. 6th: 10am First Friday – Altar List

Sat 7th: 10am: Margaret 'Granny' Clarke (50th anniv) Roisin Donnelly, 6pm Noel Wilde (1st anniv.), Mary Ryan, Sr. Caitriona 'Triona' McGinty, Dick Rankin, Seamus Murphy, Pauline Keane

Sun. 8th: 9.30am, Joan Woodlock, Nancy & Joe Harford, Kathleen, Jack & Roisin Finnigan, John Clinton

11am David Kelly, Derek Brien, Anthony O'Reilly

Skerries Community Association

is inviting nominations for the annual Jim Quigley Volunteer of the Year award. Jim Quigley was a tireless local volunteer who was Chair of the then Skerries Development and Community Association which succeeded in building our wonderful Community Centre in 1982. We continue to rely very much on volunteers in our community. Please send your nomination, with lots of information about your nominee for our Adjudicator, to jqaward@gmail.com. Or by mail to the Community Centre. Deadline Wednesday 4th June. The winner will be announced at our Annual General Meeting, in the Little Theatre, on Thursday 19th June at 8pm.

Skerries Ladies Bowls Club

Many thanks to all who helped with the 4th and 5th classes from St. Patrick's and Réalt na Mara schools, who visited the club this week as part of their Active Schools week. Leinster League matches continue as well as the Club championships. Good home wins this past week.

Skerries Tidy Towns: The beginning of June sees the start of Tidy Towns judging season



We are asking all residents and businesses in the town to take on board one small task to help present Skerries well for the adjudicators.

These include picking up 3 pieces of litter when out and about ; removing weeds from the kerb; adopt an area; pick up after your dog; businesses to remove advertising posters to make their shopfronts more attractive, touch up paintwork, join us on one of our work parties Below is a short list to choose from: donate to our annual fundraiser to help us continue our work for Skerries. Contact us at any time to offer help or comments at tidytownskerrries@gmail.com. We thank all our supporters in Skerries without your help we could not achieve so much.

Skerries Harps GFC

Congrats to Skerries Community College Senior boy's footballers who won the Dublin Colleges Shield final during the week and to Under 14 players Tiernan Butler and Will McMahon selected on the Dublin Football Academy panel 2025.

Senior footballers defeated Na Fianna to remain in second place in AFL Div.2.

Juvenile Academy for boys and girls continues each Saturday morning at 9.45 a.m. Club Shop open.

Mon. 2 June. Annual Primary Schools football league finals at 4 p.m.

Tue. 3 June. Senior football league v N. Mearnog, in Portmarnock at 7.30 p.m

Wed. 4 June. Inter and Junior footballers both play home games at 7.30 p.m

Sat. 7 June. Senior football league v Raheny, in Skerries at 6.30 p.m

Acknowledgement: Kevin Kelly

The family of the late Kevin Kelly acknowledge and sincerely appreciate your kind and considerate expression of sympathy on their recent sad loss. Thank you to friends, family and neighbours for their kindness and support, to those who sent mass cards, condolences and flowers and to all those who attended the removal and funeral.

A special word of thanks to Fr Melvin, and Joey Lannon and his team for their excellent and professional services.