

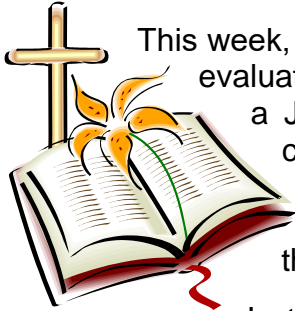


Skerries Parish Bulletin

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8TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



This week, on Ash Wednesday, we begin our Lenten Journey. It's the time of year when we evaluate our relationship with God and count our blessings. This year is a special year, a Jubilee Year. Its origin is in an ancient Biblical tradition. Every 50 years was celebrated as a time for setting slaves free, for forgiving debts, and for allowing the land to rest. In the Christian tradition the Jubilee is every 25 years and there is strong focus on reconciliation, renewal and reaching out to people on the margins.

In this Jubilee Year Pope Francis has called us to be Pilgrims of Hope. He says, "Everyone knows what it is to hope. In the heart of each person, hope dwells in the desires and expectations of good things to come, despite our not knowing what the future will bring."

As we journey as PILGRIMS OF HOPE this Lent:

May we remain faithful and forgive others from the heart.
May we welcome the stranger and support marginalised.
May we see God in every person.
May we protect and care for our common home.
May we renounce our own comfort for the sake of others.
May we be united in prayer and service with all Christians.
With God's grace may we be messengers of hope this Lent.


Holy Faith Sisters

ANNIVERSARY / SPECIAL INTENTIONS MASSES

- ✦ **Sat 1st March 10am:** Alf Coleman (BR), Bernie Kiernan (BR)
- ✦ **Sat 1st March 6pm:** Kevin Kelly (MM), Michael Buckley, Joe & Carmel Boylan, Margaret O'Grady, Jimmy & Eddie Coleman
- ✦ **Sun 2nd 9.30am:** Peter Keane (MM), Eughain McLeod, Frank O'Hara, Mary & Fanchea Rice
- ✦ **Sun 2nd 11am:** Betty Murphy, Maura McNally, Jeff Long, Denis Keogh, Greta Sweeney, Anthony Broderick & Broderick & Farrell Families.
- ✦ **Mon 3rd 10am:** Mass Card Intentions
- ✦ **Tue 4th 10am:** Rachel Jones, Angela Dixon (BR), Karl Mackle (Rem), Gerry Foran, Maureen Gallagher (Rem)
- ✦ **Fri 7th 10am:** First Friday – Altar List
- ✦ **Sat 8th 10am:** Ellen & Andrew Martin
- ✦ **Sat 8th 6pm:** Catherine 'Kay' Rooney (MM), James Byrne (1st A), Fr. Tony Hannick, Cyril Delaney, John Joe Donaghy, Binnie Lannon, May Llewelyn
- ✦ **Sun 9th 9.30am:** John & Marion Beggs, Jimmy Dillon

- ✦ **Sun 9th 11am:** Adrienne Kinsella (MM), Richard Lambe & dec'd family members.

OUR SYMPATHY

 To the family of Jacqueline Lynch who died recently. May she Rest in Peace.

FEASTDAYS

- 1st March – St. David
- 2nd March – Day of Prayer for Temperance
- 5th March – Ash Wednesday
- 7th March – Day of prayer for victims of Abuse
- 8th March – St. John of God & St. Senan.

WE WELCOME

Esther Nandikkara, Isabelle Whitney, Lilah Johnson, Marnie Lawlor & Bui Blossom Gannon who were recently baptised into our parish family.



DATE TO NOTE

7th March – First Friday, Altar List. Padre Pio Mass at 7.30.

ST. PATRICKS CHURCH SKERRIES

Congratulations to all the children who celebrated the sacrament of First Reconciliation this week.

The next Bridge Mass will take place on **Sunday 9th March at 11am** and those preparing for First Holy Communion are encouraged to attend.

LOOKING TO DO SOMETHING ACTIVE FOR LENT

To mark Jubilee Year 2025, a plenary indulgence can be obtained by visiting one of the Jubilee Churches in Dublin. They are all scattered in the heart of Dublin, so maybe a nice day's walk/pilgrimage might be an idea. The churches involved are St. Andrew's Westland Row, Church of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, City Quay - across the river to Our Lady of Lourdes Sean McDermott Street and finish up in the Pro-Cathedral, Marlborough Street. On another day you might like to visit St. Kevin's Parish in Glendalough. All details are in the leaflet at the entrance to the Church.

BEGINNERS BIBLE COURSE ON LINE

Opening the Bible: A free six-part video introduction to the Bible for those interested in Scripture, and those unsure where to begin. Available at: www.tarsusscriptureschool.ie

30 YEARS AGO IN THE PARISH

- Congratulations were sent to all the boys and girls from the Parish who celebrated First Penance this week
- Prayer Service and signing of Commitment Cards for all those to be confirmed took place
- The Lenten Garden has been planted on the altar and will feature in the Family Masses over the coming weeks
- Trocaire Boxes were being distributed to all families in the Parish, with a reminder of the Great Famine, the 150th Anniversary of which was taking place
- Skerries Town Twinning was planning their trip to the Canton of Guichen for the signing of the twinning charter there in July - musicians were being sought to accompany the group
- The restoration work on the Old School, Dublin Road was coming along well and all were invited to view the project each Saturday morning.

SKERRIES ALLOTMENT PUB QUIZ

Skerries Allotments Pub Quiz - Friday **28th March** in Skerries Harps at 8pm sharp. Teams of 4, € 40 per team. To book please contact Derek 0871654904 or Dominica 0877520506.

ST. FRANCIS HOSPICE

Walk your own 5k. Spring Memorial Walk. This is supported by our Hospice Therapy Dogs. Anytime, anyplace in the months of March/April. Raise funds for Hospice. Registration fee €25. To register call 01-8327535 or visit www.sfh.ie

SKERRIES LADIES BOWLS



Thursday last marked the end of the Winter League, and a group of members went for lunch to the Man-o-War. Although we won't finish among the prizewinners, it was an enjoyable season, despite several very cold and wet encounters. More social outings to be arranged. Monday mornings will continue and also casual roll-ups on Wednesday and Fridays.

SKERRIES HARPS GAA CLUB



Adult hurlers defeated Ballyboden, away, 2 – 11 to 0 – 12 in first AHL4 game.

Sun 2 March: Senior footballers v Sc. Ui Conail, away, in AFL2 at 10.15.

Inters v Nm Olaf, home at 12.00 in AFL5 and Juniors away to Shankill at 12.00 in AFL8
Minor hurlers v Sylvester's, away at 11.00. See Fixtures/Results at www.skerriesharps.ie

Juvenile Academy every Saturday at 9.45 a.m on Main pitch. Club Shop open till 11 a.m.

We were delighted to welcome Limerick legend and All Ireland winner Paul Browne to the club on Saturday last for a Coaching Skills Hurling/Camogie workshop

Ladies - looking for belly laughs, crazy camaraderie, and a twist on a midweek girls night out - all in the friendliest atmosphere?

GAA 4 MAs is back training on Tuesdays on the Comm. Centre All Weather pitch at 8 p.m. New and former members welcome.

Zingo **Sun. 23 Feb.** 3, 7, 1, 5, 2, 4, 6. No winners. Jackpot now €1,500. Zingo draw in Club on Sunday at 6.30 p.m – after the TV sport. Join online or buy entry on the day.

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