



Skerries Parish Bulletin

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First Sunday of Lent - 'In the Desert'

This Sunday the scriptures once again recall Jesus being tempted while on his journey in the desert. The three temptations that he endures of wealth, vanity and pride we might dismiss as something that does not or will not happen to us. They might not present themselves in the same radical way, but they are part of the humanity that we share. For all of us we deal with moments of light and dark or good and evil. We all make discernments and decisions that are shaded with these same influences. Even in his own despair, Jesus during this time, never moved away from trusting and knowing God's presence and care for him. We might say – *but he was God and man*. In this experience though, he shared fully our experience of being human. He could have given up but his belief and trust in the Father's love for him never waned.

The season of Lent offers us an opportunity to reflect and maybe make a choice or decision that will bring us closer in our relationship with God and each other. It might be easier to 'give up' rather than to reflect and 'take on' something. These kind of commitments ask of us to change at what and how we spend our time. The old cornerstones of prayer, fasting and almsgiving offer us signposts for this journey we share in Lent. As we give time to these, we have our own desert experience. The following might be of help:

Fasts and Feasts for Lent

Fast from judging others. Feast on Christ living in them.

Fast from Darkness. Feast on the reality of light.

Fast from anger. Feast on patience.

Fast from bitterness. Feast on the unity of life.

Fast from thoughts of sickness. Feast on the healing hand of God.

Fast from worry. Feast on the providence of God.

Fast from pessimism. Feast on optimism.

Fast from negatives. Feast on the affirmation.

Fast from complaining. Feast on appreciation.

(Redemptorist Publications)

Fr. Melvyn



Your continuing prayers are asked for Pope Francis as he struggles with his ongoing illness.

Trócaire 2025

It's that time of year again when we ask parishioners to support Trócaire. Boxes are available throughout the church. This year's focus is on the people of Guatemala, where 1 in every 2 children suffers malnutrition.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL

The monthly Church Collection for the St Vincent de Paul Skerries will take place next weekend on Sat. 15th/Sun 16th March.

We send our sympathy to



the family and friends of Dr. Bill Mulcahy, Townparks, whose death occurred during the past week. May he rest in Peace.

Anniversaries and special Mass Intentions

Sat. 8th: 10am: Ellen & Andrew Martin, Anne Sarsfield née Derham, David Clarke (S.I.), Special Intention

6 pm 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, Paddy, Nancy & Tom Hand, Annie Leonard

11am: Adrienne Kinsella (MM), Breda Ferguson (MM), Richard Lambe & decd family mbrs, Anna Hand, Special Intention

Mon. 10th 10am: Mass Card Intentions

Wed. 12th 10am: Margaret & Anna Lynch & decd mbrs of the Lynch family, Maureen Walls, Nora & Peter Kelly

Fri. 14th 10am: Annie Cogavin, Melia Halpin, Sarah & Margaret McGuinness, Don McBrien & family, Eamon, Margaret & Brendan Branagan

Sat. 15th 10am: Peter Doyle,

6pm Frank Ryan & Francis Ryan Jnr (A) Mary

McDonagh & Helen Ward, Leo & Kathleen Tolan, Sun. 16th

9.30am: Oliver Moore, Anne Smith,

11am Mary Burke, Leo Heffernan, Kevin Earley, Paddy O'Brien

Congratulations



To all the 6th class boys and girls from our Parish who participated in their Service of Light last Wednesday. The 3rd Confirmation Ritual will take place this **Wednesday evening**

12th March @ 7.30 pm here in the church. It is very important that children along with their parents/guardians attend and participate in these Rituals as an active preparation for the celebration of the sacrament later this year.

The Season of Lent – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

During the season of Lent, the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed in the church on Tuesdays from 3 pm to 5 pm beginning this Tuesday 11th February.

Emmanuel 2025



will take place in The Helix from Tues. 11th – Thurs.13th March. Over 2,500 young people from 54 schools – including some from our own Skerries Community College will gather over 3

nights for this festival of uplifting liturgical music and song. Come along and support them – tickets €15 from The Helix.

Lectio Divina - A Meditative Way of reading the Bible

If you would like to engage in 40 minute Lectio Divina with others, please come to No 42A Strand St. (opp. The Church), tomorrow, Mon. 10th at 11am. There will be five meetings on Monday mornings concluding on 14th April.

Forget-me-not Café



Do come along to our next Café morning in Skerries Harps Club on Wednesday next, 12th from 11-1. All those living with dementia – families, carers and friends are most

welcome. The café is free of charge - come for a chat with others like you. Please let us know if you are coming by phoning or texting 083 119 2972

Skerries Tidy Towns – caring for our environment



Skerries Tidy Towns work parties will start again on Tuesday 18th March. We meet at the Shed (old Fire Station) on Quay St at 1.50pm. Over 18s please. All

welcome!

Skerries Historical Society

The March presentation takes place next Tuesday, 11th at 8.15 p.m. in Skerries Bowls Club. Four contributors have each chosen an item from the local archive. Brendan Grimes will browse through an old Minute Book; Jean Harrison will display advertisements for the Pavilion Ballroom; Oona Roycroft looks at an account book of an 1870s coastal trader Smack Ariel and Bernie McKenna reviews data from old Roll Books.

Skerries Allotment Pub Quiz

When: Friday 28th March at 8 p.m. **Where:** Skerries Harps GFC. Teams of 4, €40 per team. To book a table please contact Derek 087 1654 904 or Domenica 087 7520 506

Skerries Ladies Bowls

The sunshine brought out 30 ladies last Monday morning for the Monday competition. Our sympathy to Christine and the Mulcahy family on the death of Dr. Bill. Sign up now for the pre-season fun match of the ladies against the men on Sat. 22nd at 11a.m., €2 – light refreshments afterwards

Skerries Harps GFC

Senior footballers won v Sc. Ui Conail, Inters drew v N. Olaf, and Juniors lost to Shankill, Minor hurlers won v Sylvesters and U15 boys qualified for Football Féile semi-final on Sun 23rd. Adult Ladies defeated Clontarf in their first game of the season.

Sun. Adult hurlers v Clan na Gael, home at 10.15; Minor football v Thos Ashe, home 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.

GAA 4 MAs training on Tuesdays on the Comm Centre All Weather pitch at 8 p.m.

Dads & Lads also back training on Fridays 8 pm on Harps All Weather. New members welcome. Fitness or footballing talent not required. Good craic essential.

Mon. 10 March: BINGO at 8 p.m sharp. Jackpot is €600. Doors open at 7.30 p.m

Give Blood.ie

The Service will be in Skerries Comm.Centre, , Thurs.20th, 3.45 – 8 p.m.. Remember giving blood saves lives