



Skerries Parish Bulletin

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God intervenes for good in our lives.

The first reading today from the book of Genesis tells us how God responded to Abraham's complaint that he was still childless many years after God's promise. God brought him out of the tent so that he could see the desert sky and showed him the stars and promised him. "Such shall be your descendants." This God of ours is always faithful and true to his word.

In the gospel Jesus brings Peter, James and John up the mountain with him to pray, and whilst Jesus was praying, his face and clothing were transformed and the apostles saw Moses (representing the law) and Elijah (representing the prophets) of the Old Testament. They were talking to Jesus. Peter would have liked to stay there and suggested that they build three tents for them. But a cloud came and covered them, and a voice came from the cloud "This is my Son, the Chosen one. Listen to him."

Those apostles were never the same again. God had intervened in their lives to strengthen them for the future. So it is that sometimes we have a moment of grace, when the border between heaven and earth appears to fade for a moment. It is a moment when, for a split second of time God's presence touches our lives deeply. We know we have been blessed, and it strengthens us as we continue to make our way through daily life seeking to be closer and closer to God.

The author of Psalm 26 knew this very well:-

The Lord is my light and my help: whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life: before whom shall I shrink?

I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness in the land of the living.

Hope in him, hold firm and take heart. Hope in the Lord.

Lydia Gillen (Bible Study Group)

Lá Fhéile Pádraig shona daoibh go léir



OUR SYMPATHY



To the family and friends of Lochlainn Treacy, Kelly's Bay View, and Vincent 'Vinny' McGirl, Rush Rd and Bartra Nursing Home, whose deaths occurred in the Parish last week. May their souls rest in Peace.



WE WELCOME

Stevie Wilkinson, Fiadh Ayton, Darragh Joe McKenna and Eoghan Roughan who were recently baptised into our Parish family.

St. Patrick's Day, Mon. 17th : Patron of our country and our Parish, Mass at **10 a.m.**

LECTIO DIVINA, will **not** be held on Monday 17th because of the Feast day of St. Patrick. It will be held on Monday 24th at 11.00 am. in number 42A Strand St., across the road from the Church.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

During the season of Lent, Exposition will take place each Tuesday from 3 – 5 p.m.

Congratulations

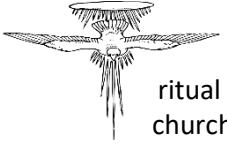
To our second-level students who took part last week in Emmanuel 2025 – great singing !

Trocaire 2025

Trocaire Boxes are available throughout the Church. The focus of this year's appeal is for the people of Guatemala where one in every two children suffers from malnutrition. Easter Cards are now available in the Parish Shop – proceeds to Trocaire.

St. Vincent de Paul Society

The monthly churchgate collection takes place this weekend. Please support the work we do in our community



A last step towards Confirmation

The third and final Confirmation ritual took place last Wednesday in the church for our 6th class participants. Not long now til the big day !

ANNIVERSARY AND SPECIAL INTENTIONS

Sat. 15th, 10am: Peter Doyle

6pm: Frank Ryan & Francis Ryan Jnr., Mary McDonagh & Helen Ward, Leo & Kathleen Tolan, Kay & Eddie Coleman

Sun. 16th, 9.30am Oliver Moore, Anne Smith

11am: Loretta Mellows (MM), Mary Burke, Leo Heffernan, Kevin Earley, Paddy O'Brien, Maurice & Margaret Wynne

Mon. 17th, 10 am. Mass Card Intentions

Tues. 18th, 10am: Margaret Martin (1st A), Hannah Martin, Eddie O'Hanlon

Wed. 19th, 10am: Tom & Lily Doyle & decd mbrs of the Doyle family, Special Intention

Fri. 21st, 10am: Brian Taylor & decd mbrs of the Taylor and McKenna families

Sat. 22nd, 10am: Teresa Lalor,

6pm: Jenny Hyland, Michael McKenna, Rosemary Malone, Richard & Mary Maguire, Patricia 'Patsy' & Willie Horrigan, Joe Murray, Mike Flannery (BR)

Sun. 23rd, 9.30am: Shelagh Douglas,

11am: Maureen Byrne (MM) & Gerry Byrne, Michael, Meta & Jean Rice, Mary Rice, Rory Ward, James McMahon, John & Valerie Fitzsimons & decd mbrs of the Fitzsimons & Roche families

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



Skerries Tidy Towns

Work parties will start again on Tuesday 18th. Meet at the Shed (old Fire Station, Quay Street) at 1.50 p.m.. Over 18's please – all welcome.

Give Blood – Save Lives

Calling on all previous donors and new participants – come along to Skerries Community Centre, on Thursday 20th March, 2025, 3.45 – 8 p.m.. – you never know when you'll need us – so we need you now !

Skerries Ladies Bowls

Another lovely sunny morning with 28 ladies bowling last Monday. As next Monday is St. Patrick's Day, there will be no competition.

Skerries Harps GFC

Lá Fhéile Pádraig shona daoibh go léir! – Happy St Patricks Day to all!

Adult hurlers won v Clan na Gael, to remain unbeaten in AHL4 league.

Next Senior football game is on Sunday 23 March v N. Barrog, in Skerries at 10.15 a.m

Our Juvenile teams will be marching in the St Patrick's Day parade. Clubhouse open after the parade for a bit of Ceol agus Craic !!

GA 4 MAs training on Tuesdays on the Comm Centre all weather pitch at 8 p.m – a great night out!

Contact Clodagh 085 8087494. Dads & Lads training on Fridays 8 pm on Harps all weather. New members welcome. Contact Ronan 086 8311166 for details.

Zingo 9 Mar. 5, 6, 4, 1, 3, 7, 2. Dividend €350 won by B. Walsh on 2 Mar. Jackpot now €1,700.

Next BINGO is on Monday 24 March at 8 p.m sharp. Doors open at 7.30 p.m

Membership Fees can be paid online - preferably before 31 March per GAA rule. See link on www.skerriesharps.ie

Save the date – Friday 11 April – Skerries Harps Annual Fashion Show.

Come out and support your local Parade

Skerries Parade for St. Patrick's Day will start at 3 p.m. Come out and support all our local



clubs and voluntary groups who are taking part – be aware of some street closures for the duration of the Parade.

Balbriggan Cancer Support Group is having a coffee morning on Thursday 20th March, at 11 a.m. This is an information morning where you can drop in and see our centre and find out more information about our services. Our address is Unit 23 Balbriggan Business Park, K32 WV12.

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