



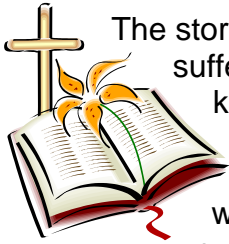
# Skerries Parish Bulletin

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23 -30<sup>th</sup> March 2025

## ***Here I Am all the time, God of the second chances and new beginnings***

Exodus 3:1-8, 13-15, Psalm 102:1-4, 6-8, 11, Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12, Luke 13:1-9.



The story of the burning bush from Exodus reminds us that God is always present even in suffering. He entrusted Moses to lead the Israelites to safety. On their journey they got to know who God really is. He forgives sin and gives grace.

The reading from Corinthians tells us that the life of the people with Moses in the desert was written down to instruct us. Many of the people failed to love God even when he provided them with food and drink. Paul warned the people in Corinth that putting the pleasures of this world ahead of God, as occurred on that journey to

freedom, is idolatry.

Luke begins the gospel with two tragic incidents: Pilate killing a group of Galileans as they were offering sacrifice in the temple and a tower falling and killing eighteen people.

How do we react when we hear of disasters in our world today?

Do we blame others? Or do we do as Jesus tells us, to consider any experience of hardship as a reminder of the need to repent and change. In the Old Testament the fig tree was a sign of God's blessing. The parable tells us that God is the God of the second chances. God is at work in our lives. Just as in the Sacrament of Penance, recognising this is a new beginning and responding to Him can help renew our faith. The story of the fig tree invites us to respond to God's care. We must nurture our faith through prayer, reflection and action, allowing the grace of God to shape us in a special way this Lent.

**Church Readers**

### **ANNIVERSARY / SPECIAL INTENTION MASSES**

- ✦ **Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> 10am:** Teresa Lalor
- ✦ **Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> 6pm:** Jenny Hyland, Michael McKenna, Rosemary Malone, Richard & Mary Maguire, Patricia 'Patsy' & Willie Horrigan, Joe Murray, Mike Flannery (BR)
- ✦ **Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> 9.30am:** Shelagh Douglas, Terry O'Reilly, Stella McAllister, Margaret Tully, Michael Harford
- ✦ **Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> 11am:** Maureen Byrne (MM) & Gerry Byrne (A), Michael, Meta & Jean Rice, Mary Rice, Rory Ward, James McMahon & Colm Flanagan, John & Valerie Fitzsimons & decd mbrs of the Fitzsimons & Roche families
- ✦ **Monday 24<sup>th</sup> 10am:** Mass Card Intentions
- ✦ **Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> 10am:** Breeda Fitzgerald, Tom & Peter O'Rourke

- ✦ **Friday 28<sup>th</sup> 10am:** May Walshe (A) & J.C. Walshe (rem)
- ✦ **Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> 6pm:** Sean Farrell, Sheena & Michael Flavin, Mike Flannery (BR), Patrick 'Paddy' Manson
- ✦ **Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> 9.30am:** Patty Derham (1<sup>st</sup> A), Esther Kelly (rem), Phil & Jack Dowling, The Roddy Family (rem), James Hoey, Cormac O'Reilly & decd mbrs of the Smith & O'Reilly families
- ✦ **Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> 11am:** Josephine Flanagan, Mona Wall, Maurice McAuley, Noel Russell, Christopher Grimes, Colm Sherlock

### **FEASTDAYS**

- 24<sup>th</sup> Mar – St. Macartan
- 25<sup>th</sup> Mar – The Annunciation of the Lord

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## LECTIO DIVINA



A Meditative Way of Reading the Bible. If you would like to participate in 40-minute Lectio Divina with others, please come to No. 42A, Strand Street, Skerries on Monday 24th March at 11am.

## SKERRIES ALLOTMENTS

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

## WELL DONE

to the organisers of our local St. Patrick's Day Parade and a special word to all those clubs, organisations and commercial groups who braved the chilly conditions to take part. Many thanks to all who volunteered and celebrated St. Patrick's day Mass/ Aifreann as Gaeilge.

## SKERRIES THEATRE GROUP



The next production will be Same Old Moon, a comedy by Geraldine Aron, which will run in the Little Theatre from April 2nd to 12th, Wed to Sat, at

8:15 pm.

This charming autobiographical play creates scenes from the life of aspiring writer Brenda Barnes, from age 9 into her 40s. It has a cast of 17 actors.

Tickets €20/€15 available online at <https://www.ticketsource.eu/skerries-theatre-group> or from Greg Reddin's shop or by ringing (or texting) 085 1342 999.

All proceeds of Opening Night (Wed. 2nd April) go to Skerries Educate Together N.S..

## SKERRIES ATHLETIC CLUB

To all the members and volunteers many thanks for a great Event 10K on March 16th 2025. A lovely morning enjoyed by everyone.

## BARNARDOS NEED YOUR HELP!

Administration Volunteer in our Head Office, Christchurch Square – 1/2 day per week – 9-1pm – preferably Wednesday – but that is negotiable. Additional information on application.

Would suit a volunteer with previous office/admin experience.

Full training given.

Apply with your CV to Lisa Tobin – Volunteer Co-ordinator – [lisa.tobin@barnardos.ie](mailto:lisa.tobin@barnardos.ie)

## 30 YEARS AGO IN THE PARISH

Among the plans for Lent was morning Mass in the secondary college at 8.30, Praying the Scripture, each Tuesday in the Holy Faith Convent, Lenten Soup lunch each Friday and a Parish Retreat for the Monday's of Lent  
Congratulations to all our swimmers from the Fingal Association for the Handicapped who took part in the Special Olympics heats and brought home 5 Gold, 12 Silver and 14 bronze medals  
More congratulations to the Minor Girls team from Holy Faith/de la Salle College who won the Leinster Schools Cross country finals and to Gina Bradshaw who won the individual title.  
Skerries Chernobyl Children Group was looking for runners to raise funds for them in the June mini-Marathon  
Good luck to the boys from St. Patrick's and Réalt na Mara schools taking part in the Primary Schools League

## SKERRIES HARPS GAA CLUB



Well done to all our Juvenile Players who participated in the St Patricks Day Parade and enjoyed fun & games at the club before & after. Thanks to all who helped out to make the day a success.

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

U15 Boys Football Feile Semi/Finals Day Sun 23 March – Div 3 compete in Cup @ Ballyboden & Div 9 compete in Shield @ O'Tooles. Best of luck to both teams. Fixture details on

[www.skerriesharps.ie/fixtures-results](http://www.skerriesharps.ie/fixtures-results)

GA 4 MAs training on Tuesdays on the Comm Centre All Weather 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. 2465713. No Winners, Jackpot €1800

BINGO 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](http://www.skerriesharps.ie)

Save the date – Friday 11 April – Skerries Harps Annual Fashion Show. Tickets now available via the club website.

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