



# Skerries Parish Bulletin

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## Sorry

Saying sorry can be such a big deal, can't it? What stops us? Probably pride more than anything. "Why should I?" seeks to preserve our sense of righteousness, maybe even outrage. Fear of humiliation too can get in the way. Saying sorry acknowledges a fault in me; and what if my 'sorry' is not accepted? Well, that's a risk we simply have to take. Just like a gift, 'sorry' can only be offered; there's always the risk that it might be declined. We must accept that too..... but not give up. Time can work wonders.

Lent is a time for saying 'sorry', for reconciling or 'making it up' with God. With very few exceptions, this actually involves making it up with people. If we are at odds or on bad terms with our family, our friends, our neighbours or anyone else we encounter, getting back on good terms with them leads to getting back on good terms with God. That is what Lent is all about - and there are no short-cuts! Swallowing our pride can all but choke us at times but we have to do it. This is humility. It is good for every sort of health! 'Sorry' is essential to life, it really is, and we should never underestimate its importance. How much more peace there would be, privately and publicly, if 'sorry' featured more often! This is the sort of 'Holiness' that makes sense.



Look at The Prodigal Son in today's Gospel. No high-minded idea made him seek reconciliation at home. He missed his comfortable bed and a square meal – but amazingly, it wasn't held against him. That should encourage us! Simply calling out "Help!" is enough; God is always listening, watching and waiting. Be reconciled! Be loving! Be holy! Lent will then have been well spent. "Do not be afraid, I am with you; I have called you each by name.

Come and follow me, I will bring you home; I love you and you are mine".

*Skerries Church Choir*

### ANNIVERSARY / SPECIAL INTENTION MASSES

- ✦ **Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> 10am:** Frank, Maurice & Edith Walshe
- ✦ **6pm:** Sean Farrell, Sheena & Michael Flavin, Mike Flannery (BR), Patrick 'Paddy' Manson, Ronan Browne, Ray McAnally (BR), Ronnie Masterson (BR)
- ✦ **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
- ✦ **Monday 31<sup>st</sup> 10am:** Mass Card Intentions

- ✦ **Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> April 10am:** Bartle Butterly (A) & Stephen Butterly (rem), Elizabeth Griffin (br)
- ✦ **Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> 11am:** Confirmation St. Patrick's SNS **No Morning Mass**
- ✦ **Friday 4<sup>th</sup> 10am:** First Friday – Altar List
- ✦ **Friday 4<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm:** Padre Pio Mass
- ✦ **Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> 10am:** Declan Walsh
- ✦ **Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> 6pm:** Barbara McGarry, Dermot Mulholland, Bridget Graham, Michael Ferguson
- ✦ **Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> 9.30am:** Mary Ingram, Abby & Michael Conlon, David Moloney
- ✦ **Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> 11am:** Confirmations. Sean D'Arcy, Joe Clinton, Richard & Margaret Dunne, Packie Markey (BR), Hugh Marry

### FEASTDAYS

1<sup>st</sup> April – St. Ceallach

## DATES TO NOTE

**Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April:** No morning Mass.

Confirmation St. Pat's SNS

**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> 11am** Confirmation – Scoil Moibhi, Skerries Educate Together & Holmpatrick NSs.

## EASTER TIMETABLE ENVELOPES

Envelopes will be available for collection in the parish office on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2025 between 3 – 4.30pm and after all Masses weekend 5/6<sup>th</sup> April and on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> after 10am Mass. Your help in distributing the Easter Envelopes will be very much appreciated.

## EASTER MASS CARDS

are available in the Parish Office – all proceeds from the cards will go to TRÓCAIRE to assist them in their work.

## WE WELCOME



Tadhg Angelo Thomas Calicchio, Fionn Joseph Clarke & Maya Jackson Fernandes who were recently baptised into our parish family.

## SKERRIES LADIES BOWLS

The Club celebrated the opening of the season with a "fun" match between the ladies and men on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup>, followed by a sit down lunch for all in the Clubhouse. Many thanks to all who took part ( over 50 players) and those who organised the meal. This will, we hope, become an annual event. This time the men won in a very sporting contest.

## BALROTHERY CÉILÍ CLUB



presents Draiocht Drama Group with **Sharon's Grave** by John B. Keane in Sunshine House, Balbriggan on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> April at 8pm. Tickets

€10 @ door or for reservations contact Jennie on 086 0514765.

Proceeds in aid of Balbriggan Lourdes Pilgrimage Fund.

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## 30 YEARS AGO IN THE PARISH

Lenten Soup lunch took place each Friday in the Methodist Church - in aid of Trócaire.

There were Stations of the Cross each Friday at 8 p.m. in the Church.

A meeting for all those travelling on the Parish Pilgrimage to Lourdes and the Shrines of France was arranged - to confirm bookings and pay deposits.

Tidy Towns committee was holding its annual door-to-door collection.

Well done to the Gaelic football teams from St. Patrick's and Réalt na Mara on their first round successes in the Primary Schools League.

Congratulations to the winners from Skerries in the All Ireland Indoor Athletics Championships in Nenagh - Gold: 60m Hurdles, Elaine Halpin; Silver, 60m. Hurdles, Deirdre O'Halloran; Silver, Long Jump, Siobhan Roy. Other finalists were Kevin Johnston, Pamela Farrell and Suzy O'Leary.

## SKERRIES HARPS GAA CLUB



Senior footballers defeated N. Barrog 2 – 9 to 1 – 11 in AFL2.

Our Under 15 footballers are Dublin Div3 Feile Champions – congrats lads. Congrats to

Hannah McGinnis and DCU on

their O'Connor Cup final win v UCC in Belfast and also to Finn McGinnis who was named captain of the Dublin Minor Football squad for 2025.

Sun 30 March: Minor football B v Castleknock, home at 11 a.m and Under 15 hurling v Erins Isle.

in Dublin Feile group game, home at 11.30.

Adult hurlers are away to Good Counsel at 10.15

Saturday 5 April. Senior football v Whitehall, away at 6.15 in AFL2.

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

Zingo 23 March: 5, 3, 7, 1, 6, 4, 2.

Congratulations to Elizabeth Harmer and Orla Thorne who each win €100. The Jackpot is now €1,900. Entry is €2 for one line and €5 for three.

Buy your tickets here: <http://www.skerriesharps.com/zingo>

You can opt for auto-renewal and ensure you never have to worry about missing a draw again!

Friday 11 April – Annual Fashion Show at 8 p.m. Tickets now available via the club website.

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