



# Skerries Parish Bulletin

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## FIFTH SUNDAY of LENT

**Isaiah 43:16-21    Philippians 3:8-14    John 8:1-11**



The Lenten theme of 'forgiveness' is to the fore in this passage from John's Gospel. Last week, the returning or prodigal son was forgiven and welcomed by his father. Today, we read about Jesus forgiving a woman accused of adultery while also dealing with his detractors, Pharisees and scribes who were trying to undermine him. This was a radical approach heralded in the Old Testament as in the first reading from Isaiah which depicts in dramatic terms the new way which would be used by the Lord: I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.

This 'new way' is present in the compassion and tenderness shown by Jesus to the woman condemned by the Pharisees and in how the young man who had squandered his fortune was forgiven by his father. Jesus challenged the Pharisees to account for their own behaviour and in so doing he was teaching them and us to focus on our own faults and to allow His Way to inform our lives. His parting words to the woman in today's Gospel: from now on do not sin again, remind us of our responsibility and participation in his forgiveness.

Paul writing to the Philippians, today's second reading, describes how he has come to believe and depend on Christ's faithfulness as the guiding light for his actions. Paul's journey is also ours.

**Church Readers**

### ANNIVERSARY / SPECIAL INTENTION MASSES

- ✦ **Sat 5<sup>th</sup> 10am:** Declan Walsh
- ✦ **Sat 5<sup>th</sup> 6pm:** Barbara McGarry, Dermot Mullholland, Bridget Graham, Michael Ferguson, Helen Motherway (RD)
- ✦ **Sun 6<sup>th</sup> 9.30am:** Mary Ingram, Abby & Michael Conlon, David Moloney, Gabrielle Pratt
- ✦ **Sun 6<sup>th</sup> 11am: Confirmation for Scoil Moibhi, Skerries Educate Together & Holmpatrick NS.**  
Michael Woodlock (MM), Sean D'Arcy, Joe Clinton, Richard & Margaret Dunne, Packie Markey (BR), Hugh Marry
- ✦ **Mon 7<sup>th</sup> 10am:** Mass Card Intentions
- ✦ **Tues 8<sup>th</sup> 10am:** Paddy Murray, James Fanning
- ✦ **Wed 9<sup>th</sup>:** No 10am Mass.  
**Confirmation for Scoil Réalt na Mara students at 11am.**
- ✦ **Fri 11<sup>th</sup> 10am:** Hilda & Peter McMahon
- ✦ **Sat 12<sup>th</sup> 10am:** Eamonn Lee
- ✦ **Sat 12<sup>th</sup> 6pm:** Lochlainn Treacy (MM), Cecilia Bohan, May Smyth, Danny Croke
- ✦ **Sun 13<sup>th</sup> 9.30am:** Joseph Beggs
- ✦ **Sun 13<sup>th</sup> 11am:** Vinny McGirl (MM), James & Kathleen Murtagh, Helen Gordon, Sonny Rooney, Ellen Nugent

### FEASTDAYS

7<sup>th</sup> April: St John the Baptist de la Salle

### EASTER TIMETABLE ENVELOPES

Envelopes will be available for collection in the Parish Office after all Masses this 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 much appreciated.

### EASTER MASS CARDS

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

### CELEBRATION OF CONFIRMATION

It was a pleasure to welcome Archbishop Dermot Farrell to our parish to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April last. We were blessed not only to have the Archbishop visit with us but also blessed with the beautiful weather as well. Congratulations to the girls and boys in 6<sup>th</sup> class St. Patrick's SNS who participated fully in this celebration. A big thank you to Mr McGinty (Principal) and the 6<sup>th</sup> class teachers and SNA and to all the children who sang in the choir under the direction of Ms Kelly.



### **MORE CONFIRMATION CELEBRATIONS TO COME!**

We will celebrate the sacrament with the 6<sup>th</sup> class children in Sc. Moibhi, Milverton, ETNS & Holmpatrick NS this Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> April during 11am Mass. The páistí from 6<sup>th</sup> class in Sc. Réalt na Mara will celebrate their confirmation this Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> April at 11am. NB there will be **NO 10am Mass on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> April** as a result.

### **PALM SUNDAY**

Next Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> April is Palm Sunday which marks the start of our Holy Week celebrations for Easter. Palm crosses will be blessed at all Masses and can be collected after all Masses.

### **GETTING BACK TO NORMAL**

You may have noticed the side passageway between the church and the new library is now open marking another step to the return to normality for our community. Thanks to those involved in this work for the help and cooperation.

### **HOLY COMMUNION BRIDGE MASS**

The children who are making First Holy Communion next month, are encouraged to attend the next Bridge Mass on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> April at 11am.

### **GOOD WISHES**

to John Kingston, a familiar face around the town, who was conferred with a special medal at Mass last Saturday evening to mark his over 80 years membership of the Pioneer Total Abstinence Association. What a wonderful record! Well done, John on this outstanding achievement.

### **CYCLING WITHOUT AGE IN SKERRIES**



Cycling Without Age is a volunteer led project that aims to replace a walk for people with reduced mobility.

Trishaws are power assisted bikes that carry two passengers and are

cycled by a trained volunteer. The meeting point is on South Strand beside the public toilets.

For more information or to book just email [cyclingwithoutage@fingal.ie](mailto:cyclingwithoutage@fingal.ie).

### **SKERRIES FORGET ME NOT CAFÉ**

Our next Coffee Morning is Wednesday, 9<sup>th</sup> April, 11am-1pm, in Skerries Harps GAA Clubhouse. The café is free of charge and open to people living with dementia, their families, carers and friends. More info from [skerriesforgetmenotcafe@gmail.com](mailto:skerriesforgetmenotcafe@gmail.com).

### **BARNARDOS – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

We are looking for people who are interested in volunteering with Barnardos for specific events: June 19<sup>th</sup> Riverdance; July 5<sup>th</sup> Ring of Kerry Charity Cycle; 19<sup>th</sup> September Barnardos Giving Day. If you would like to volunteer please contact [lisa.tobin@barnardos.ie](mailto:lisa.tobin@barnardos.ie).

### **30 YEARS AGO IN THE PARISH**

- The annual collection for St Vincent de Paul's holiday home, the Sunshine Home, was taking place
- The Lenten Monday evening retreat was continuing
- Lenten Soup was available each Friday morning in the Methodist Church - proceeds to Trocaire
- Thank you from Bernie Dowling whose annual Daffodil Coffee morning had raised £2,325
- Tickets for the Marian Musical and Dramatic Society's production of Finian's Rainbow were going on sale
- Skerries Community Games Hockey Tournament for Boys and Girls was taking place this weekend

### **SKERRIES HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

The next meeting of Skerries Historical Society takes place on April 8<sup>th</sup> at 8.15pm in the Bowling Club. Jim Walsh will speak about Balcaddan Past and Present. He references control of the fishing industry and land ownership from the 1100s. Historical records on Balcaddan mention St Laurence O'Toole and Oliver Cromwell. All welcome.

### **CAMINO FRANCÉS**

Have you ever dreamed of walking the Camino? This September join the MSC Missions as we walk the shaded lanes and valleys of the **Camino Francés** walking from Saria to Santiago in Spain. We will then visit Fatima for a short pilgrimage. We are being led on this spiritual journey by Fr Tony Horgan MSC. For more details of this fundraising pilgrimage ring Valerie at 021 454 3988 or email [valerie.buckley@msscmissions.ie](mailto:valerie.buckley@msscmissions.ie)

### **SKERRIES HARPS GAA CLUB**

Paddy Kelly and Cillian Emmett continue to represent Skerries Harps with Dublin Under 20 team. Good Luck to Will McMahon who has joined the Dublin Under 14 hurling panel for 2025.

Sun 6 Apr: Inter football v Cr Ciaran and Junior football v Whitehall – both in Skerries at 11.00.

Mon: Ladies v Ballyboden, home at 8.30 pm.

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

Zingo 30 March: 7, 2, 3, 5, 1, 4, 6. Jackpot now €2,000. Entry is €2 for one line and €5 for three.

Juvenile Academy for boys and girls on main pitch every Saturday at 9.45 am. Club Shop open for playing equipment and leisure wear.

Easter Hurling/Camogie camp on 16<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup> April, 10 am-1 pm for 3<sup>rd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> class children. Friday 11<sup>th</sup> April – Annual Fashion Show at 8 pm – doors open at 7.30pm. A few tickets left.

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