



Skerries Parish Bulletin

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13th – 20th April 2025

PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

Holy Week begins with a dual focus - the events of Palm Sunday and St Luke's account of the Passion and death of Jesus. Palm Sunday gives us a vision of shouts of welcome and joyful procession and people celebrating together.

In stark contrast St Luke in the Gospel stresses the themes of forgiveness and prayer. Jesus prays for his executioners and asks forgiveness for them. He dies with a prayer on his lips, "Father forgive them, they know not what they do".

The Readings today teach us to change our outlook on suffering. Jesus was a model of patient endurance and faithfulness. The Centurian who witnessed Jesus die exclaimed, "Certainly this Man was the Son of God".

May we, too, know this of Jesus. Let us this week reread the story of the Passion and strive to imitate Jesus in his selflessness. He calls us to imitate him in his poverty and to love and service of our neighbour.

The only thing Jesus wanted in his life was to do His Father's will, may that be what we want too.



Holy Faith Sisters

ANNIVERSARY / SPECIAL INTENTION MASSES

- ✦ **Sat 12th 10am:** Eamonn Lee, Bridie Sheils, Lesley & Eva Boylan
- ✦ **Sat 12th 6pm:** Lochlainn Treacy (MM), Cecilia Bohan, May Smyth
- ✦ **Sun 13th 9.30am:** Joseph Beggs, Rose Murray
- ✦ **Sun 13th 11am:** Vinny McGirl (MM), Monica Gilligan (MM), James & Kathleen Murtagh, Helen Gordon, Sonny Rooney, Ellen Nugent
- ✦ **Mon 14th 10am:** Mass Card Intentions
- ✦ **Tues 15th 10am:** Harry & Amy Boylan, Essie & Damian Boylan (Rem), Margaret Guinan (Rem), Special Intention
- ✦ **Spy Wed 16th 10am:** Danny Croke, Paddy Hughes,
- ✦ **Thurs 17th 8pm:** Mass of The Lord's Supper
- ✦ **Fri 18th 3pm:** Passion Liturgy
- ✦ **Fri 18th 8pm:** Stations of the Cross
- ✦ **Sat 19th 10am:** Morning Prayer
- ✦ **Sat 19th 8pm:** Easter Vigil Mass
- ✦ **Sun 20th 9.30am:** Bree Grimes, Stevie Ryan, Kieran Birchall, Grace McGlynn, Mary McGirl, James McGirl
- ✦ **Sun 20th 11am:** Michael Clayton Chance, James & Kathleen Murtagh, Willie & Kitty Beggs, Helen Beggs Dunne, Tom McDonnell & deceased members of the McDonnell family, Joe Coleman Snr

FEASTDAYS

18th April: Good Friday, Celebration of the Lord's Passion, 19th April: Holy Saturday, 20th April: Easter Sunday, The Lord's Resurrection

EASTER WEEK CEREMONIES

13th April: Palm Sunday, Blessing of Palms at all weekend masses – Vigil 6pm, Sunday 9.30am & 11am. Palm available after Masses.

17th April: Holy Thursday, Mass of the Lord's Supper at 8pm, Adoration at Altar of Repose concluding at 10pm.

18th April: Good Friday (day of Fast & Abstinence), Passion Liturgy at 3pm: Stations of the Cross at 8pm.

19th April: Holy Saturday, Morning Prayer at 10am: Easter Vigil Mass at 8pm.

20th April: Easter Sunday, Masses at 9.30am & 11am.

Weekly Masses from 21st-26th will be at 11am and **NOT 10am.** (No Mass on Thursday).

RECONCILIATION SERVICES FOR EASTER

Skerries - Monday 14th April at 7.30pm
 Lusk - Tuesday 15th April at 7.30pm
 Rush - Wednesday 16th April at 7.30pm

EASTER MASS CARDS are available in the Parish Office – all proceeds go to Trocaire's Lenten Appeal.

WE WELCOME



Croíadh Walsh, James O'Shea, Finn Davey, Aisling Trears, Mac-Anthony McMahon Holland, Shay

Brennan, Thomas Keoghan who were recently baptised into our parish family.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT for the Season of Lent takes place in the church this Tuesday from 3pm – 5pm.

ALTAR SERVERS

We are currently inviting girls and boys to join the new Altar Server Team. You must be in 3rd class or higher to apply. Training will be given to all who volunteer. Application Forms are available from the sacristy.

CELEBRATION OF CONFIRMATION

Congratulations to the 6th class children in Scoil Moibhi, Milverton, ETNS/Holmpatrick NS and the 6th class children in Scoil Réalt na Mara who celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation during this week. Sincere thanks to the principals and staffs of our schools who helped prepare our children for this special celebration.

ONLINE EASTER RETREAT

The Priory Institute is delighted to offer an online FREE OF CHARGE Easter Triduum retreat - Offering Hope and Joy In The Paschal Event.

For further information or to register please visit our website <https://priorsite.com>.

30 YEARS AGO IN THE PARISH

- Details of the Parish Easter week celebrations were given
- School children were reminded to return their Trocaire boxes to school before the holidays
- Tidy Towns were looking for volunteers to help with grass cutting at Rush Road, Balbriggan Road and Dublin Road open spaces
- At the Skerries Historical Society's April meeting Stephanie Bourke was giving a talk on the Irish College in Paris
- Tickets were on sale for the Marian Society's production of Finian's Rainbow
- Training for the Ladies Mini-marathon was taking place each Monday/ Wednesday/Friday evenings at 6.30pm in the Ballast Pitt

PIONEER TOTAL ABSTINENCE ASSOCIATION

Thank all our parishioners who contributed so generously last weekend to our annual church gate collection.

Congratulations to John Kingston, president of our Skerries branch, who received the Fr James Cullen Memorial Medal and Certificate which Fr Melvyn presented to him during 6pm Vigil Mass Saturday 29th March. This was in recognition of John's over 80 years Pioneer membership in which John faithfully abstained from alcohol, wore his Pioneer emblem (pin) and said the daily Pioneer Prayer for those who have alcohol difficulties and for their family and friends affected by it.

Our heartiest congratulations to John.

BLESSED CARLO ACUTIS

Bl. Carlo Acutis (1991–2006) was an Italian teenager known for his deep devotion to the Eucharist and his use of technology to spread the faith. Despite his young age, he created a website documenting Eucharistic miracles worldwide, aiming to help people grow in their belief in the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist. He was an active young boy who loved football and video games. He often wanted to go to the church to chat with Jesus and Mary. He asked his parents to bring him to church and he slowly led them back to the faith.

He had great kindness in him and had a special love of the poor. With his pocket money he often bought sleeping bags, hot drinks and food for the homeless. Carlo was diagnosed with leukaemia at age 15 and died within a week. He was beatified in 2020 and will be canonised on **Sunday April 27th 2025**. He is a model of holiness for young people in the digital age. He is also commonly known as the saint of the internet.

SKERRIES HARPS GAA CLUB

Senior footballers remain undefeated in the Dublin league after their away win over Whitehall by 1-14 to 0-11. Their next game is versus Parnells in Skerries on Sat 26 April.

Fixtures: Sat 12 April, Hurlers v Castleknock, home at 6.15pm. **Sun 13 April**, Minor football v Rd Towers, Lusk in Skerries at 11.00; Under 15 hurlers play St Finians in the Dublin Féile semi-final in Balbriggan at 1pm.

See www.skerriesharps.ie/fixtures-results.

Zingo 5 April: 1, 7, 5, 6, 3, 4, 2. No winners. Jackpot now €2,100. Draw each Sunday evening in Clubhouse. Entry is €2 for one line and €5 for three – and you can play online!!

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

Easter Hurling/Camogie camp on 16/17 April – 10am -1 pm for 3rd to 6th class children.

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