



# Skerries Parish Bulletin

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## *Easter life – ‘He is Risen’ – from unfaith to faith*



The Gospel of John tells us when Mary Magdalene went to the tomb, it was ‘still dark.’ Her experience of resurrection is made in the dark – the darkness of unfaith. Her words to the disciples spurred them on to the tomb. When Peter enters the tomb we don’t hear anything of Peter’s faith response. We do hear of the Beloved Disciple, (the best of all the disciples according to John’s Gospel), and on his entry into the tomb he sees, and believes. Only until then were the disciples able to remember the words of Scripture; Jesus’ promise of his resurrection after his death. Easter can be a time that leads us from unfaith (darkness), passing through doubt, to belief that God will always have the last word: resurrection.

All they found was an empty tomb. We like them, can easily ask, ‘But where is He?’ The disciples and the women all encountered a witness before they saw the Risen Lord. In turn, they became witnesses, and they passed on the Good News to us – ‘Jesus is Risen, Alleluia.’ This is our faith. A faith we have accepted on the basis of the witnesses we have encountered in our own lives. On first hearing it they all called it nonsense, but they came to faith: and they have handed that faith to generation after generation.

Today, we, you and I, hand on that same faith as witnesses to our present and the next generation. Sometimes we struggle to find the right words; but experience speaks of itself. Faith is not knowledge, which is all about facts and proofs. Faith is a relationship. It’s not just a question of believing in Jesus, it’s a question of loving him and experiencing his love for us. Easter Day is a day of faith, joy and new hope that inspires us to keep looking for fresh ways of proclaiming and living that faith. New ways of witnessing to it and new ways of living it. On this Easter Day we welcome the spirit of the Risen Jesus into our hearts so that we too, like the women and the disciples, celebrate with renewed joy and hope the Risen Jesus’ presence among us.

**‘This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.’**

**Blessings of Easter joy and peace on you and yours.**

**Fr. Melvyn**

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

- ✦ **Sat 19<sup>th</sup> 10am:** Morning Prayer
- ✦ **Sat 19<sup>th</sup> 8pm:** Easter Vigil Mass
- ✦ **Sun 20<sup>th</sup> 9.30am:** Bree Grimes, Stevie Ryan, Kieran Birchall, Grace McGlynn, Mary McGirl, James McGirl, Leah O’Shea
- ✦ **Sun 20<sup>th</sup> 11am:** Michael Clayton Chance, James & Kathleen Murtagh, Willie & Kitty Beggs, Helen Beggs Dunne, Tom McDonnell & deceased members of the McDonnell family, Joe Coleman Snr.
- ✦ **Mon 21<sup>st</sup> 11am:** Mass Card Intentions
- ✦ **Tues 22<sup>nd</sup> 11am:** Madeleine Carron, Patrick & Sarah Dunne
- ✦ **Wed 23<sup>rd</sup> 11am:** Barry Morris
- ✦ **Fri 25<sup>th</sup> 11am:** Ursula Mooney

- ✦ **Sat 26<sup>th</sup> 6pm:** Eileen O’Neill, Larry Carr, Louise Casey, Paurick (Jack) Guildea, James (Jim) Manson
- ✦ **Sun 27<sup>th</sup> 9.30am:** Margaret Leonard (1<sup>st</sup> A), Larry & Dolores Casey, Seán Casey, Richard & Anne Keane, Gerard Keane
- ✦ **Sun 27<sup>th</sup> 11am:** Eric O’Toole, Brendan O’Brien, Tommy Power, Ronnie Donnelly, James Fardey, Owen Smullen

### **EASTER CEREMONIES**

- 19<sup>th</sup> April, Holy Saturday 10am:** Morning Prayer
- 8pm:** Easter Vigil
- 20<sup>th</sup> April, Easter Sunday:** Masses at **9.30am & 11am.**
- Weekday Mass from 21<sup>st</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup> incl. will be at 11am, NOT 10am (No Mass on Thurs)**

### 30 YEARS AGO IN THE PARISH

- Reminder was given to return Trócaire boxes
- Tidy Towns Committee was looking for help with grass cutting at Rush Road, Dublin Road and Balbriggan Road – mower provided
- £928.50 had been collected last weekend for Sunshine House
- *Finian's Rainbow*, produced by The Marian Society, running in the College Hall
- Skerries Rugby Club congratulated their U11s and U13s on reaching the finals of the Dublin Metropolitan League

### CANONIZATION OF 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 grow people's belief in the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist. Known as the saint of the internet, he had a special love of the poor. He was diagnosed with leukaemia at age 15 and died within a week. He was beatified in 2020 and will be canonised in Rome on **Sunday April 27th 2025**.

To mark this special moment in the life of the Church, Bishop Paul Dempsey will celebrate **Mass in City Quay Church, Dublin, at 3pm on Sunday, April 27<sup>th</sup>**. All are welcome.

### NEW 'TAP AND GO'

A new 'Tap and Go' machine has been installed at the rear of the church. When you 'Tap' you now get the opportunity to put in your name, telephone number or email address. This allows the parish to accumulate all donations from the tap device, and from Family Offering/ Share/ Common Fund or Dues collections. Your information is only required once. Therefore, for all combined donations over €250, the parish can claim the tax back. If you wish to include your name etc. you might consider doing this at a time/day when the church is quiet and you have time to do so.

### CANCER SUPPORT

Balbriggan Cancer Support Group are starting a Drama Class on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April at 10am and a Creative Writing Class, starting on Tuesday, 29<sup>th</sup> April at 6.30pm. To book your place phone 01 841 0116.

### SKERRIES LADIES BOWLS

Spring Monday morning competition came to an end last Monday. Congratulations to Valerie Rogan, a worthy winner of the Ladies Trophy, runners up: Chrissie Peters and Margaret Bolton. Many thanks to all who organised the Easter Egg party afterwards. The Leinster League matches got under way this week. Best wishes to all of our teams competing.

### SKERRIES HARPS GAA CLUB

Congratulations to our U15 hurlers who won the Dublin Hurling Féile final in Balbriggan last Sunday – defeating O'Dwyers and completing a Féile double with the U15 footballers. Both our Adult Camogie and Adult Ladies football teams had convincing wins last weekend. Greg McEaney and Killian McGinnis helped the Dubs defeat Wicklow in the Leinster Championship, with Greg named on GAA Team of the Week.

Fixtures: Sat 26<sup>th</sup> April: Senior Football League v Parnells, in Skerries at 6.15pm. See [www.skerriesharps.ie/fixtures-results](http://www.skerriesharps.ie/fixtures-results)  
Zingo 13<sup>th</sup> April: 7,3,2,5,4,1,6. No winners. Jackpot now €2,200. Draw each Sunday evening.

Annual Primary Schools Football League starts Bank Hol. Mon 5<sup>th</sup> May, and will run each Monday. 6 local National Schools are competing. Finals on Mon 2nd June. Next BINGO night is on Mon 28<sup>th</sup> April at 8pm. with Jackpot of €750. Doors open 7.30pm.

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all our readers a Happy  
& Peaceful Easter.