

Skerries Parish Bulletin

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4 to 11 May 2025

3rd SUNDAY OF EASTER

Readings: Acts 5:27-32, 40-41; Psalm 30 (29); Revelation 5:11-14; John 21:1-19

Jesus took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish

Pope Francis' funeral reminded us of the quality of his love for others. In today's Gospel Peter is charged with shepherding Jesus' flock. The Pope, our good shepherd, showed love to his people until the very end (see last week's bulletin).

Today's readings remind us to recognise Jesus in our lives, to listen to what we are invited to do and to show mercy and forgiveness.

1. Recognise Jesus in our lives.

John tells how Jesus cooked breakfast for his disciples on the seashore. This is Jesus, the risen Jesus. Although he had previously appeared twice since Easter, they did not recognise Jesus at first: yet in this special meal love is given, love received, and love shared. Pope Francis advocated for a similar "culture of encounter" rather than the prevailing "throwaway culture." *We might ask where do we see Jesus in our lives today?*

2. Listen to what we are invited to do.

Peter had denied Jesus 3 times during His passion, and Jesus forgave him. In today's story He asked Peter 3 times "Do you love me?" Peter said yes and all was forgiven. Jesus commissioned him, "feed my sheep". Pope Francis saw the Church as a "field hospital" actively engaging with the world's wounds. *We might ask what might Jesus want us to do in our lives today?*

3. To forgive.

Acts and Revelation refer to a time when the early church was suffering from societal alienation and persecution. Common prayer was a source of hope for those who chose to walk the way of faith. Pope Francis' voice stood out as one of peace, always insisting that "war is a defeat for humanity". *Might we too show forgiveness, mercy and humanity in our dealings with those who do not share our beliefs?*

Church Readers

5th May – Bank Holiday Monday, Mass will be at 11.00am

Anniversary / Special Intention Masses

- ✦ **Saturday 3rd 10.00am:** Joseph Kelly, Kathleen and John Mackle, Hyacinth Maguire Willie Mooney, Mary Mooney, Patrick Walsh, Derek McGonagle (BR).
- ✦ **6.00pm:** Marie Phelan (1st A), Emily Grimes, Elizabeth Oakes, Jackie and David Gilsean, Kathleen and Leo Tolan, Gerry Griffin (BR).
- ✦ **Sunday 4th 9.30am:** Walter Ruigrok, Mairead Gormley (Rem), David and Margaret Noonan (Rem), James and Margaret Clerkin (Rem), Noeline Hess (Rem), Mary Rooney (RD).
- ✦ **11.00am:** Breda Kelly (1st A), Bobby Beggs, Marie and Paddy Richardson (BR), Oliver and Anne Moore (BR), David McIlwaine (BR).
- ✦ **Monday 5th 11.00am:** Mass Card Intentions.
- ✦ **Tuesday 6th 10.00am:** Seán McCann, Maurice Walls, Denis and Raymond O'Farrell.
- ✦ **Friday 9th 10.00am:** Liam McGavisk, David Jones, Cinta Delaney.

✦ **Saturday 10th Please note: No 10.00am Mass**

- ✦ **11.00am:** First Holy Communion St Patrick's JNS.
- ✦ **6.00pm:** Peadar Clerkin, Sean Murtagh, Nancy Jordan, William and Bridget McKenna.
- ✦ **Sunday 11th 9.30am:** Mary Barnett (1st A), Graham Barnett (Rem), Joseph Bradley, Mick Garrett, John Dwyer.
- ✦ **11.00am:** Jimmy and Peter Lambe and dec'd members of the family, Mary Lunny and Philomena Lee, nee Lunny, Sheila O'Loughlin, Gertrude McMahan, Sarah Branagan, Kay and Helen Branagan.

We Welcome:

Faolán Coulomb-Keogh, Alissa Joao Espinola, Grace Smith and Ethan Campbell who were recently baptised into our parish family.

Parish Office will be CLOSED on Bank Holiday Monday 5th May.

Open Wednesday 7th May 10.30 -12.30pm and Friday 9th May 10.30 - 12.30pm

Weekly Pink Planned Giving Envelopes For 2025/26

The weekly Pink Planned Giving Envelopes for 2025/26 are now available for collection.

Envelopes can be collected in the Parish Office this weekend and after 10.00am Mass on Wednesday 7th and Friday 9th.

Please contact us if you are unable to collect your envelopes during the above times.

If you would like to join the weekly Planned Giving collection, or know more about how you can support the parish please contact us via the parish office, leaving your name and phone number and we will contact you. Thank You.

Blessing Of Graves 2025

Sunday 1st June: Holmpatrick at 2.30pm
Baldungan at 4.00pm

Sunday 8th June: Ardla at 2.30pm
Milverton at 4.00pm

Concert at St Andrew's

Songs of Inspiration and Hope with Celine Byrne at St Andrew's, Westland Row. Feel welcome to attend our celebration for the Jubilee Year of Hope. Sunday May 11th from 6.30 to 8pm.

Vocatus Choir: You are Invited to a celebration of music old and new by **Vocatus Chamber Choir**, accompanied by The Castle String Ensemble at Our Lady Help of Christians Church, Navan Road, Dublin 7, D07 CKR7, on **Sunday, May 18th, from 3.00pm to 4.00pm.** With Noreen O'Donoghue on Harp and Piano and Ben Cully (Baritone). Conducted by Colm Ó Foghlú. Retiring collection on the day for the Parish Development Fund.

Bereavement Support: The Irish Hospice Foundation provides a free Bereavement Support Line. This National Freephone Service is available from 10am to 1pm, Monday to Friday, by calling 1800 807077. www.hospicefoundation.ie for more information.

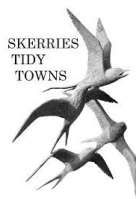
Skerries Ladies Bowls news



The Leinster League matches have gotten underway, with some success for the Div. 2 and Vets 5.

Also club championships have started, so a busy time for all players. If you would be interested in taking up bowling during this lovely summer weather why not call into the club Monday or Friday mornings? New members always welcome.

Skerries Tidy Towns would like to thank all who joined in the Big Beach Clean Up organised by **Skerries Walking Club** on Friday afternoon, 25th April.



There was a great turn out despite the weather! We would also like to announce the launch of our annual fundraising appeal. Please donate online or to a committee member. We need your help to keep up our work for our community. <https://www.idonate.ie/event/SkerriesTidyTowns25>. Thank you again.

30 Years Ago in the Parish

- Pupils from St. Michael's House and Milverton NS were celebrating their First Communion
- Girls from 5th Class were invited to join the choir for the Confirmation ceremonies on 1st June
- An hour of prayer and reflection was organised for all Ministers of the Eucharist
- St. Vincent de Paul society was making its annual appeal for clean used clothing
- An evening of music and celebration was being organised to mark the retirement of Paddy Sexton, long time Vice Principal of the de la Salle College and the Holy Faith/de la Salle College
- Annual Community Games Sports day was taking place this weekend
- Gold medal winners at the annual Merseyside-Dublin junior athletics competition were Gina Bradshaw, Deirdre O'Halloran, Elaine Halpin and Derek Davis

Skerries Harps GAA Club



Our under-15 hurlers were named Club of the Month after their Dublin Féile Cup win. Both Adult ladies teams were winners over Fingallians away, but Senior footballers lost at home. Under 15 girls were unlucky to lose out at the semi-final stage of the Féile. Register now for our Juvenile Academy summer term, runs until Sat 28 June for boys/girls aged 4+. See <https://www.skerriesharps.ie/academy> for more details and registration link! Sessions run 9.45am-11am at our Clubhouse. Fixtures: Tues 6 May: Senior football league v Templeogue, away at 7.15pm and again in Skerries on Sat 10 May v N Fionnbarra at 6.15pm. Wed 7 May: Inters v Fingallians, home and Juniors v Ballyboden, also home - both at 7.15pm. Annual primary schools football league starts Monday 5 May at 4pm with finals on 2 June – for boys and girls in 3rd to 6th class. Six local National Schools competing. Zingo 27 April: 7, 6, 4, 1, 3, 2, 5. No winners. Jackpot now €2,400.