

Jesus greets his disciples with Peace



In the evening on the first day of the week, Jesus appears to his disciples and they are overjoyed. Jesus in showing himself to the disciples “*he stood among them*” shows us that he also stands among us, especially when we are most in need.

Unfortunately Thomas was not there and he refuses to believe until Jesus appears again. Thomas especially asks to touch Jesus’ wounds. Then overwhelmed, he makes his great act of faith: “*My Lord and my God*”. Jesus has given him the assurance he was looking for and challenges him to look forward to the day when he will believe without seeing. It is God’s grace that raises us up to new life and peace.

In our reading from the Acts of the Apostles many signs and wonder were worked by the apostles and many came to believe without seeing. We are blessed when we can believe without seeing.

We pray: *Lord help us to celebrate your resurrection in word and in deed
So that we may enjoy fullness of life with you, Amen
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord
Hosanna in the Highest*

Lectio Group

Weekly Pink Plan Giving Envelopes for 2019/20

The Plan Giving Envelopes for 2019/20 are now available for collection. The weekly envelopes commence from Monday 6th May and may be collected from the parish office. This collection provides a very important and necessary financial support for the parish. The number of weekly donors increased last year and this has meant we can now start work on the windows on the west side of the church, this work will start shortly. We are also in the early planning stage of work on the paving at the front of the church.

The parish does not benefit from the Sunday 1st or 2nd collections, or from Christmas and Easter Dues. These go towards the support of priests and Diocesan Services. We can however claim tax rebates on all identifiable income from the Christmas and Easter Dues.

A huge “**Thank You**” to all who support the parish by donations through the Pink Envelope Collection, standing orders, and other donations including anonymous donations. If you would like to join the Weekly Plan Giving Collection, or donate through standing order, please contact the finance committee via the Parish Office. Thank You !

Our Sympathy

is extended to the families of Rona Ivory, late Shenick Park, and Joe Coleman (Sen), Hacketstown. May they rest in peace



The Alzheimers Society's National Tea Day

will take place on Thurs. May 2nd. We will support this important cause with a tea/coffee morning after 10am Mass in the glass area at the rear of the church. We would be grateful for gifts/donations for our raffle which will be held during the morning. If you would like to donate a gift/s please leave in the parish office. We look forward to seeing you.



Divine Mercy Sunday 28th April 2019

Mass will be celebrated at 3pm on Sunday 28th April. The Rosary will be recited before Mass at 2.40pm.

Novena to St. Joseph will start on Wed. 1st May, feastday of St. Joseph the Worker.

First Anniversaries:

Sun. 28th, 11 a.m., Liam Petson Inrand Colum Boyle

Other Anniversary/Intentions:

Sat 27th, 6pm Larry Carr, Dr Donal Keane, Gerry Fitzgerald, Barry Morris, Bridie Sheils, Rory Sheils, Máire & Denis Fox

Sun 28th, 9.30am Christina Owens, Bridgid Lee, Gerry & Rosie Hoare, Walter Ruigrok
11.00am, Brendan O'Brien, Gerard & Bernard Connor

Tue 30th, 10.00am: Brigid Derwin Mary Branagan

Wed 1st May, 10.00am Kathleen & John Mackle Maurice Hennigan

Fri 3rd May 10.00am Michael Leonard

Book Launch



Fr Tony Coote has written a book - *Live While You Can* - a memoir of his life and a powerful testament to his faith and courage in the face of his

illness. Join Mount Merrion Parish on Wednesday 1 May at 6.30pm in the Church of St. Therese. Books will be available to purchase on the night. All welcome.



Remembrance Service: A Little Lifetime Foundation (ALLF) will hold a Blessing of Remembrance in Glasnevin Cemetery at the old Angels Memory Garden on Sunday 26 May at 3.00pm. This special Blessing of Remembrance is for all parents, family

members and friends who lost a baby through miscarriage, stillbirth, cot death or died shortly after birth. This invitation is for all families who have lost a baby - we hope you will find some comfort in coming together to remember your baby in a special way.

St. Peregrine Cancer Healing Mass

On 6th May, at 7.30pm we will hold our annual healing service, here in Skerries, in St. Patrick's, for all cancer sufferers, families and friends. The service will consist of Holy Mass, Anointing of the Sick and Blessing of St Peregrine's Relic. As this is our 5th Anniversary, we will also be launching our new prayer card: To Our Lady of the Tumours. All most welcome

Active Retirement Group

Mon 29th 2p.m. Exercise & Bingo

Tues 30th 2p.m. Bowls

Kilkenny 27th May 4 nights

PARISH BOOK CLUB: During the month of April we are reading **Take the Plunge** by **Timothy Radcliffe**. In his book the author argues that Christianity will only thrive today, if we rediscover the beauty of baptism. We will meet on **Thursday May 2nd at 7.30pm in 42 Strand St.** for a chat about the book. All are welcome.

Lough Derg: One Day Retreats begin on **Sat. 4th May**. Why not take some time and space on Lough Derg? There is a new Parish Ministry Day, for those who serve in lay ministry, on **Sat. 8th May**. Booking essential: contact 0719861518 or email info@loughderg.org

24 Hour Static Cycle Fundraiser

Skerries Youth Support Service (SYSS), together with the North Dublin Regional Drug and Alcohol Task Force, facilitate a youth counselling service based in Skerries. The service is available free to young people (generally people aged between 12 and 18) from the Skerries and surrounding areas. To raise funds to keep this service running, Skerries Youth Support Services are running a **24 hour** static cycle in Floraville Community Garden over the 4th/5th May weekend. - a family fun event with music and other festivities throughout the day. All welcome to come along on the day, to support the cyclists, or to take part and cycle a static bike for an hour or two. To donate, go to www.syss.ie/events

SKERRIES HARPS GAA CLUB

Sun 28th. Inters and Juniors both play Championship v Ballyboden – at 11 am and at 3 pm respectively – both games away. Minor Hurlers are home at 11 am.

Wed 1st. Senior Ladies v Lucan, home at 7.30 pm Juvenile Academy continues on Saturday mornings at 10 am with Club Shop open.

We said goodbye to our good friend Joe Coleman during this week. A true clubman, Joe was always on hand as player, mentor, fundraiser and finally as club Trustee. He was deeply involved behind the scenes in the club development and was elected Lord Mayor in 1985 in a local fundraiser. He will be a loss not only to the Harps and other sporting clubs in the town, but especially to his family. May he rest in peace.

Contact club PRO, 086 4058523 for information on all club events or see skerriesharps.ie

Apologies for any omissions or abbreviations this week due to lack of space.