



# Skerries Parish Bulletin

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*“May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you.”*

In the First Reading from the Book of Genesis in today’s Liturgy, the Lord told Abram to leave his home and family and go to a land the Lord would show him. There, Abram would be blessed and famous and build up a great nation.

Reflect for a moment on the promises of the Lord to all of us, “ask and you shall receive, seek and you shall find, knock and the door will be opened to you.”

In the Psalm, the Word of the Lord is faithful, His works to be trusted, as He fills the earth with His love, and we respond with placing all our hope in the Lord.

Again in the Second Reading from St. Paul to Timothy, we are asked to bear with our troubles and hardships, and trust in the power of God with the grace that has been given to us in Jesus Christ..

*Church Readers*

## We welcome



Zoe May Nelson, Arthur John Gordon Percival, Anna Marie Roughan, Fiadh Marie MacNamee Barry, Eliza Curran, Dara Jonathan Connell, Oisín Ronan Kirwan, all baptised recently into our Parish family

## Mission 2020

As part of our programme to celebrate our 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, our **Lenten Mission** continues. This Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March, the guest celebrant is **Fr. Tommy Hogan C.Ss.R.** . Fr. Tommy will speak on the theme ‘*Jesus our Hope*’. The Mission consists of Mass each Wednesday evening during Lent at 7.30 pm with a guest celebrant/speaker. Each Mass will conclude with Benediction

## Emmanuel 2020 at The Helix

Come along and support our young people from Skerries who will participate in praising God in song at **Emmanuel 2020** on Tues, 10<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30 pm in The Helix. This year over 2,500 students from 65 schools throughout the Diocese will take part.



**Pioneer Total Abstinence Association of the Sacred Heart** -Monthly committee meeting will take place this Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2020 after 10am Mass, in 42 Strand Street, opposite the church

**St. Joseph’s Young Priests Society** – next meeting, Wed. 11<sup>th</sup>, after 7.30 evening Mass in 42 Strand St.

## Bridge Mass 6



The next Bridge Mass for the boys and girls who will celebrate their 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion this year will take place today, 8<sup>th</sup> March at 11 a.m.. We welcome them all and their parents/guardians.

## Mass Cards

Easter and Exam Mass Cards are now available in the parish office.

## WAYS OF CONNECTING WITH GOD’S WORD THIS

**LENT:** *Listen to Him*

**Pray as you Go app** - daily prayer session to help you pray and listen to the Word of God wherever and whenever you have time. **Pray-as-you-go.org**

**Magnificat** – a monthly publication that contains readings and prayers for Mass for each day of the month, meditations from great spiritual writers, as well as morning and evening prayers.

Visit [www.magnificat.com](http://www.magnificat.com)

**Spirit Radio** - Spirit Radio Ireland plays contemporary Christian music, and provides news and current affairs, informed by Christian faith. You will find it on **89.9FM** in Dublin or visit [www.spiritradio.ie](http://www.spiritradio.ie)  
**EWTN** - EWTN is a global Catholic Television Network that is available on line or on TV. It has daily Mass and many informative programmes.

Visit [ewtnireland.com](http://ewtnireland.com) for all details of this service.

### Anniversary Masses/Special Intentions

**Sat. 7th Mar:** 10a.m., dec. members of the Hennessy and Marron family

6pm: Fr. Tony Hannick, Marion Beggs, Jimmy Coleman, Margaret O'Grady

**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup>:** 9.30am Patricia O'Sullivan (month's mind) Noeline Hess, Frank and Frances Ryan, Julia O'Hare, Margaret and Maurice Wynne, Annie Leonard  
11.00am Maeve Heffernan (month's mind) Matt Grimes(month's mind), Josephine and Charles O'Reilly Peter Smith, Eamonn Branagan, Charles Corr, Florence Corr, Jimmy Dillon, Pauline Christie

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup>:** 10am Paddy, Nancy & Tom Hand

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup>:** 10am, Don McBrien, Kitty and Jim Ryan

**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup>:** 6pm, Margaret Tully, Kay Coleman, Leo and Kathleen Tolan, Maureen Walls, Mary McDonagh, Helen Ward, Special Intention

**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup>:** 9.30am Joey and May Sherwin, Oliver Moore.



**PARISH BOOK CLUB:** during the month of March we will be reading **Finding God in a Leaf** by Brian Grogan SJ. Brian Grogan brings the background of Ignatian

spirituality and a lived appreciation of God's creation to his book of meditations on Pope Francis' Encyclical, *Laudato Si*. This book serves as a daily invitation to notice in ordinary creation, the invitation of God to love and care for all God's creation. We will meet on **Thursday March 26<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm in 42 Strand St.** for a chat about the book. All are welcome.

### Skerries Historical Society

presents a talk by J. Broadhead on "A Photographic Record of Skerries" on Tuesday, 10<sup>th</sup> in the Bowling Club, Tennis Court Lane at 8.15 pm All are welcome

### Skerries Community Gocar

Skerries Community Gocar is a service for anyone over 55 who has no access to transport. The service is powered by a team of local volunteer drivers and supported by LocalLink. Users can avail of transport to hospitals, doctor appointments, Post Office, banking, visit a nursing home or friend and many more activities. For more information or to register call Freephone 1800 303 707.

### Active Age Group

Mon 9<sup>th</sup>: 2 p.m. Bingo

Tues 10<sup>th</sup>: 1.45 p.m. Bowls

Thurs 12<sup>th</sup>: 11 a.m., Yoga

Sun 8<sup>th</sup> Tea Dance Cricket Club 3.30 - 6 p.m.

Tues 24<sup>th</sup> Summerhill. Names and €30 on Monday.



### Two Tree Talks Evening in Skerries

Skerries welcomes Éanna Ní Lamhna (The Tree Council) & Kevin Halpenny (Fingal County Council) for a Tree- and Biodiversity- Focused Evening

on Thurs 12<sup>th</sup>. Éanna Ní Lamhna will talk about "The Importance of Trees" - followed by a presentation by Fingal County Council's Parks Superintendent Kevin Halpenny. Kevin is in charge of the current review of Fingal's Tree Strategy and will be talking about "Biodiversity and the Draft Fingal Tree Strategy." This is a free event, but space is limited, so please book your ticket beforehand on [SustainableSkerries.Eventbrite.ie](http://SustainableSkerries.Eventbrite.ie)

### Skerries Harps GAA Club

Great win for Seniors v St Brigids, away in Div.1 last Sunday. Next fixture is on Sun 15<sup>th</sup> against St Maurs in Skerries at 10.30 am. Support welcome.

Our Gaelic for Mothers and Others team are back in action this weekend v St Finians, Swords.

Zingo: 2,4,1,3,7,5,6. Dividend €150 won by J. Ward. Jackpot now €2,500. Play online via link on our website [www.skerriesharps.ie](http://www.skerriesharps.ie) or join us for draw every Sunday at 7 pm..

We are delighted to announce Allcare Pharmacy as sponsor of our Juvenile Academy on Saturday mornings. We cater for boys and girls, 4-7 years, providing top class coaching and fundamental skills in a safe and fun environment. Annual Fashion Show, next Fri. 13 March – Prize for Best Dressed Lady Juveniles will participate in St Patricks Day Parade – followed by The Crossbar Challenge!

Wed 25<sup>th</sup> – Foundation Level Coaching course - day 1 of 2 – for team mentors.

Our condolences to Dolores Keogh and family on the death of Denis, a loyal supporter of the Dubs and the Harps.

**Skerries Community Games** Annual Churchgate Collection will take place this weekend before and after all Masses

### Skerries Ladies Bowls

Ladies meeting, Mon. 9<sup>th</sup>, at 12, in the Clubhouse.

**Balbriggan Ceili Club** presents "Sive" in Sunshine House, Balbriggan on Tues. 10<sup>th</sup> at 8 p.m.. Proceeds to Balbriggan Meals on Wheels. Tickets at the door: €10

**Did you know ? Age Action Ireland** provides one-to-one computer skills tuition to those over 55. Details: ph. 456989 or [www.ageaction.ie](http://www.ageaction.ie)

*Apologies for any omissions/abbreviations. Events for later in the month will be carried forward. Editor*