



# Skerries Parish Bulletin

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## An Easter Message - Hope and Trust in the Lord

There's no doubting that for all in our community these are difficult, uncertain and challenging times. Each day seems to bring something more than the previous and it can be quite natural that we may by times feel overcome or helpless. You might find the support helplines listed here helpful if needed.

We have probably never had such an acute awareness that we are all 'in this together'. Along with this, I see the tremendous care, love and support that is being shared throughout our parish. Such an outpouring gives so many that valued sense of being included and not forgotten when they are asked to place themselves in isolation or to 'cocoon' at home. All the more difficult are those situations for loved ones in grief and who feel so constrained from expression of love and care with a hug or even a hand-shake. We find ourselves asking the question 'what can we do?' or even 'When will this all end?'

In such times as this our faith offers us so much. We can turn to the Lord for strength, consolation and guidance. In our parish we have been blessed by being able to broadcast Mass and prayer on the parish radio (87.5 FM). Many parishioners are joining in prayer every day and at the weekends. This is, albeit it a different way, to keep each other in prayer and in heart at this time. How many times have we heard it said that the Lord will not abandon us and that He is with us at every step of each day? Now this belief, this core of our faith could never be more true.

Next week I hope to have a webcam installed in the church so that we can join in prayer in sound and also in vision bringing you into our church and our church into your homes. This Sunday is **Palm Sunday** when we begin preparing for the solemn celebrations of **Holy Week**. This will culminate in the celebration of **Easter** – the most important time in the Church when we can be confident that the Lord, who overcame death in His resurrection, will continue to be with us as He was with His closest disciples in their distress and confusion. He will give us as He gave them a Spirit of confident trust in Him and His care for us all. Let us continue to keep each other in our prayers.

The bulletin is a treasured part of our parish life at St. Patrick's. Since the recent announcement to stay at home you may notice the church is now closed during the day. Because of this and also because I can't guarantee that all surfaces in it are to the standard of hygiene expected, I am sorry that decision had to be taken. To make the bulletin available to you I am grateful to our **local supermarkets** for agreeing to take it so that you can pick it up there.

Usually at this time we would have dropped an Easter Card into your home with the Easter timetable and Easter Dues. This year we were unable to do this so the timetable is given here below. Please join us by tuning in to our Parish Radio on **87.5FM** or (hopefully) by webcam to our **Easter Ceremonies**. Please also check our website [www.stpatricksskerries.ie](http://www.stpatricksskerries.ie) for these and further updates.

Fr. Melvyn

### Easter Timetable 2020

#### Sunday – 5<sup>th</sup> April

Palm Sunday – Blessing of Palms at all Masses

#### Monday - 6<sup>th</sup> April 7.30 pm

Reconciliation Service for Easter

We are conscious that, as would be normal, many would like to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation in preparation for Easter. To facilitate this, we are holding this service for our parishioners. During the service General Absolution will be given to all who join us in prayer. A condition of this absolution is that you go to confession at your earliest convenience whenever that will be possible.

#### Spy Wed 8<sup>th</sup> April 7pm - Stations of the Cross

#### Holy Thursday – 9<sup>th</sup> April

10am Morning Prayer

8pm Mass of The Lord's Supper

#### Good Friday – 10<sup>th</sup> April - Day of Fast & Abstinence

10am Morning Prayer

12noon Good Friday Prayers for Children

3pm Passion Liturgy

8pm Stations of the Cross

#### Holy Saturday - 11<sup>th</sup> April

10am Morning Prayer

8pm Easter Vigil

#### Easter Sunday - 12<sup>th</sup> April

Masses 9.30am & 11am.

**Tune in to our Parish Radio 87.5 FM  
or webcam on [www.stpatricksskerries.ie](http://www.stpatricksskerries.ie)**

*“Hosanna to the Son of David.*

**Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest Heavens”**

These are the words shouted by the crowds who went before Jesus as he rode into Jerusalem on a donkey. If the Lord rode into our town today, what kind of a welcome would we give Him?

In the first Reading from the Prophet Isaiah – “The Lord has given me a disciple's tongue so that I may have speech; each morning He wakes me to listen”. Help us Lord to listen to your words and by your example help us to listen to those in trouble and offer comfort with kind words.

Here are some of the thoughts from the second Reading from St Paul's letter to the Philippians: - His state was Divine, Jesus assumed the condition of a slave, He was humble even to accepting death on the cross. But God raised Him up so that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord.

*Church Readers*

#### OUR SYMPATHY



To the family of Tom Burke (late of Harbour Road) who died recently. May he rest in peace.

#### ANNIVERSARIES REMEMBERED

- ✠ **Sat 4<sup>th</sup> April 10am:** Bernadette Marrey, Bridie Sheils
- ✠ **Sat 4<sup>th</sup> April 6pm:** Barbara McGarry, Jack & Lelia McNally, Hilda McMahan, James & John Nolan, Jim, Rita & Matt Boylan, Hannah McCauley. Henry McCauley, Catherine & James Grehan
- ✠ **Sun 5<sup>th</sup> April 9.30am:** James McGirl
- ✠ **Sun 5<sup>th</sup> April 11am:** Ronan Browne
- ✠ **Tue 7<sup>th</sup> April 10am:** Gerry, Beta (Beatrice) MacMahon & deceased members of the MacMahon & O'Brien families
- ✠ **Wed 8<sup>th</sup> April 10am:** Paddy Murray
- ✠ **Thurs 9<sup>th</sup> April 8pm:** Philip Egan
- ✠ **Sat 11<sup>th</sup> April 8pm:** Jean Rice (month's mind), Tommy Dixon, Margaret Tully, Dermot Mulholland
- ✠ **Sun 12<sup>th</sup> April 11am:** Sean D'Arcy, Joe Clinton, Richard & Margaret Dunne, Michael Chance.

**Please Note:** Intentions for Masses can be emailed to [info@stpatricksskerries.ie](mailto:info@stpatricksskerries.ie), through the contact page on our website [www.stpatricksskerries.ie](http://www.stpatricksskerries.ie) or you can drop intentions or Church offerings into Fr Melvyn or Fr James's house. Please print the name of the person clearly in block capitals & include the date & time of the mass requested. Please also include your own name & contact tel. number and please give one weeks notice where possible.

#### COVID -19 SUPPORT LINE FOR OLDER PEOPLE

ALONE has launched a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to the outbreak of COVID-19 (Coronavirus). Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. The support line is open seven days a week, 8am - 8pm, by calling **0818 222 024**.

#### CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)

##### Self-Isolation Skerries Volunteer Group

If you are self isolating or home alone & unable to go to the shops or chemists the above group are here to help you. They are a group of local Skerries residents, working with the Skerries Community Association & Age Friendly Skerries. They can help you with shopping service/collection & prescription collection. Please text or call: **085 81 28 509**  
**083 01 05 946**

Phone lines are open from 8am to 8pm.

#### HSE HELPLINE

Call save: **1850 24 1850**

Phone: **041 685 0300**

Mon - Fri 8am – 8pm & Sat & Sun 10am – 5pm

[www.hse.ie](http://www.hse.ie)

#### FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

**Helpline 01- 890 5000** with the lines open from 9am to 5pm seven days a week.

E-mail: - [covidsupport@fingal.ie](mailto:covidsupport@fingal.ie)

**Age Action & The Irish Red Cross** have raised funds to provide additional assistance to older and vulnerable people around Ireland who are experiencing hardship as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic by making once-off grants, up to a maximum of € 500, per person/household affected.

Email: [hardship2020@redcross.ie](mailto:hardship2020@redcross.ie)

Phone: **Irish Red Cross at 01 6424600 or**

**Tel: (01) 475 6989 Lo Call: 1890 369369**

#### SKERRIES HARPS GAA CLUB

Skerries Harps GAA Club Allcare Pharmacy Juvenile Academy goes virtual! Watch this space for more details about the virtual Academy, which will take place this coming weekend! Our GPO Louise will also be reaching out to parents via text with details of how to take part!! #clubiscommunity #stayhome

Please be advised that, in line with recent government announcements, Skerries Harps facilities will remain closed until **Sunday April 19<sup>th</sup>** inclusive. This is to include the use of all pitches and property for recreational purposes, including walking, casual games or gatherings. As a result of this extension our planned Easter Camp & Easter Schools Hurling & Camogie Tournament are cancelled.