



Skerries Parish Bulletin

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26th April – 3rd May 2020

Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:14,22-33. Psalm 15: 1-2, 5-7, 7-11. 1 Peter: 17-21. Luke 24: 13 -



In today's Gospel, often referred to as The Journey to Emmaus, St Luke tells us about two ordinary disciples discovering the reality of the Resurrection. Two disciples walking to the village of Emmaus, one called Cleopas who was a brother of Joseph, Jesus's foster father, were dejected and sad because Jesus had died. Their hopes had been that Jesus would set Israel free. After his death on the cross, they felt all was lost. Jesus joins them but they do not recognise him. He uses the Jewish scripture to enlighten them. The prophecies declare the divine promises and reveal the saving plan of God. When he opened the meaning of God's plan to them, they began to understand, to see Jesus's death as a start of a new age of grace. Once they arrived at Emmaus the two disciples recognised Jesus at the breaking of the bread. The prayerful sharing of a meal among friends was a living symbol of friendship and trust.

The message for each one of us is Jesus is here all the time. We must give him entrance through faith and prayer.

Our first reading tells of the day of Pentecost, when St Peter, in his first sermon, told the crowd all that Jesus had done for them through his death and resurrection. On that Pentecost day they could see and hear the outpouring of the Holy Spirit through Peter.

*'You will show me the path of life,
The fullness of joy in your presence
At your right hand happiness forever'*
Psalm 15

Lectio Divina

ANNIVERSARIES REMEMBERED

- ✦ Sat 25th 6pm: Patrick Ryan, 1st Anniv; Gerry Fitzgerald, Larry Carr, Michael Ryan, Kathleen & Bernard Leonard
- ✦ Sun 26th 9.30am: Rory Shiels, Neil Kennedy, Alice & Owen Costello
- ✦ Sun 26th 11am: Brendan O'Brien, Jos Shiels MM & Birthday remembrance
- ✦ Tues 28th 10am: Liam Petson Jnr
- ✦ Wed 29th 10am: Betty Grimes, 1st Anniv
- ✦ Thurs 30th 10am: Brigid Lee, Kathleen Harford, Walter Ruigrok
- ✦ Sat 2nd 10am: Hughie Marry (MM), Kathleen & John Mackle
- ✦ Sat 2nd 6pm: Aisling Lawless, Emily Wilde (RD)
- ✦ Sun 3rd 11am: Colum Boyle

Friday 1st May – First Friday of the Month

OUR SYMPATHY

To the family of Jim Bennett, South Strand & Newpark Care Centre who died recently. May he Rest in Peace.



NEED TO TALK?

These are challenging times, not just for our country, but also for all of us learning to live with isolation and social distancing. If you would like to have a chat about anything that concerns you at this time please feel free to contact

Fr. Melvyn 01 8491250 or Fr. James 01 8106468. We would be delighted to hear from you.

CHILDLINE - 1800 66 66 66 or Free text to 50101.

The webcam in our Parish Church is up and running and can be reached via the parish website: stpatricksskerries.ie. Also our Parish Radio 87.5 FM.

PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK WITH THE ARCHDIOCESE OF DUBLIN - THIS SUNDAY APRIL 26TH

We had planned to hold the Dublin Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock on 26th April. However, with the cooperation of our friends at Knock Shrine, we will hold a virtual pilgrimage commencing at 2.30pm with the Rosary and Mass at 3.00pm. We would like to encourage as many people as possible to join us in prayer. In this time of difficulty and so many challenges, the virtual pilgrimage will give us an opportunity to pray through the intercession of Our Lady of Knock for all our intentions. Please God, we will be in a position to visit Knock again in person in the not too distant future. **Join the pilgrimage from:** <https://www.knockshrine.ie/watch-live.html>

BIBLE STORIES & PRAYER FOR FAMILIES

Join us on Wednesday evenings at 7.30pm on the parish webcam or radio for time together in family prayer. An opportunity to pray with your family during these challenging times. Feel free to contact us with any suggestions about future sessions. Visit the **CONTACT** link on our website stpatricksskerries.ie. Next prayer time together this Wednesday April 29th at 7.30pm.

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SOME HELPFUL WEBSITES FOR YOU

Learn more about the Catholic Faith while at home. Catholics Come Home, www.catholicscomehome.org. Word on Fire Ministries, Bishop Robert Barron - Wordonfire.org. Eternal Word Television Network (EWTN) ewtn.com. Catechism of the Catholic Church - www.vatican.va/archive/ENG0015/_INDEX.HTM Catechism for young people - www.youcat.org Answers to Catholic Questions - www.catholic.com. Resources on reading the Bible - www.tarsus.ie Spirit Radio - www.spiritradio.ie. Visit these online resources and avail of the opportunity to learn more about your Faith - at home.

HELPING YOUR CHILDREN LEARN ABOUT GOD AT HOME

YOUCAT for KIDS is a Catechism for children and their parents. It follows a question-and-answer format. Q. Can we know God? A. Not without his help. God is greater than images or thoughts that people make of him. God is a big mystery. God wants us to get to know and learn to love him. That's why he shows himself to us. We call it "revelation". Q. Can I get into contact with God? A. Yes. Talk to him! Ask him to make himself noticed in your heart. It's not only you who are searching for God - God is already waiting for you. Whether you are sitting on a bike or going for a walk, just talk to him. Q. Believing in God - how do you do that? A. Believing in God means: I put all my trust in the one who loves me the most. I accept what God reveals of himself. I try to do what he tells me. Believing in God means to feel secure in him. God loves us. We do not need to be afraid. Together with him we can bring out the best in us! YOUCAT for KIDS is available in all major book stores or can be ordered online. Visit youcat.org for more details.

ACTIVE RETIREMENT CLUB

Hi to all our wonderful members. Hope you're all keeping the chin up. You can now get Skerries mass on camera at <https://www.mcnmedia.tv/camera/st-patricks-skerries>. Hope we can all meet up again soon. Mary O'Dwyer ARA Committee.

SKERRIES LADIES BOWLS

Thanks to all the ladies who are keeping fit via WhatsApp video suggestions and staying in touch with each other during these strange times.

SKERRIES COMMUNITY CHOIR



Thanks to our director David Maxwell for his uplifting daily clip of music on our WhatsApp group and to all the members for their messages of support for each other. We'll sing again

30 YEARS AGO IN THE PARISH

- Newly baptised at the Easter Vigil Mass were Maureen Murphy and Anthony Flinter
- The Marian Society was presenting "All in the April Evening", a miscellany of drama, poetry and music
- Thanks were expressed by the Tidy Towns group to all who had turned out for the Mourne View clean-up and to all who had taken part in the tidy-up at the Harbour
- Skerries Racing Pigeon Club announced the results of their Easter Draw
- Skerries Athletic Club sent good wishes to Olivia Hurley, Deirdre Moloney, Ken O'Shea, Shane O'Neill, Rossa Prendergast, Shane Hegarty, Eva Flood and Edel Quigley, all headed for Liverpool on the Dublin Track and Field team

POETRY AT THE MILLS - FINGAL POETRY FESTIVAL

are inviting people in Skerries to physically mark Poetry Day Ireland on April 30th by taking part in *A Window on Poetry*. We are inviting people to use their windows and shop fronts all around Skerries to display the owners' favourite poems. These can be hand written, printed, with or without illustrations, anything that draws attention to the written word. The aim is to open a window on poetry on Poetry Day in a simple way, inviting passers by to read, reflect and take their minds off the present circumstances, to when "There will be Time" (which is this year's Poetry Day theme).

SKERRIES HARPS GAA CLUB

Last Sunday our Zingo draw took place live on Zoom with some of our regular Sunday gang in attendance to oversee. The Numbers drawn were 1-4-3-7-5-2-6. We had No Jackpot or Dividend winners this week. Next week's Jackpot is €3,200 and Dividend €450. We are very grateful for the support of the Zingo - our only fundraiser. You can play online by clicking the link on our club website www.skerriesharps.ie Allcare Pharmacy Academy - Games Promotion Officer Louise hosted another online Academy session last Saturday morning. We were delighted to be able to host safe and secure sessions for all the boys and girls and thanks to parents for helping out. To participate, just register with Louise by 7 pm on Friday - please complete details at the link below. Only those registered will be permitted entry to this secure event <https://docs.google.com/.../1FAIpQLSdeAjCm2KYHqcj4k.../viewform...> Please note – all Skerries Harps facilities remain closed until further notice. This includes our main pitch beside the Clubhouse and we ask all to respect this ruling in the interest of public safety. Progressive Credit Union Ltd, sponsors of our Adult Camogie section, now provide a Current Account service & if you sign up by April 28th you will be in with a chance to win a One4All voucher. Sign up now on <https://www.progressivecu.ie/current-accounts>.

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