



Skerries Parish Bulletin

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“I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my own sheep and my own know me”

In the Liturgy of the past few weeks, we have read the reactions of the people to the death and resurrection of Jesus. Fear and disbelief, needing proof of the events, doubting that Jesus had risen from the dead, and what it meant, and what direction people should go, and what was to be done as a result of all that had happened.

In this current climate in our world, as we come to grips with the consequences of this terrible disease and its deadly affects, we too are in fear, disbelief, needing assurance, and wondering how our lives will be changed in the future.

Consider reflecting on the Psalm, if the Lord is our shepherd, there is nothing we shall want, he has given us pastures green, perhaps in our own garden to rest and find peace. He leads us so that we may revive our spirits, He is there in times of trouble and distress so that we may be comforted. All through the Gospel, we hear how we will be shepherded by Him, even if we stray or fail to believe in His great love for us. This great love is the reason Jesus died so that we might all be saved.

Church Readers

Weekly Pink Planned Giving Envelopes for 2020/21

The weekly Planned Giving Envelopes for 2020/21 are now available for collection. The Planned Giving collection provides a very important and necessary financial support for the parish. Normally the envelopes can be collected from the parish office. This is now not possible because, regrettably, the church has to be closed because of Covid-19. Envelopes can now be collected at 42 Strand Street (opposite the church) on:

Wednesday 6th May between 2.30 – 4.30pm

Thursday 7th May between 11.00 – 1pm

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

When collecting envelopes – please observe social distancing as per guidelines given.

A very sincere **Thank You** to all who financially support the parish by the weekly Planned Giving Envelope collection, standing orders, and other donations including anonymous donations. The parish does not benefit from the 1st and 2nd collections at the Sunday Masses, or the Christmas and Easter Dues collections.

If you would like to join the weekly Planned Giving collection, or wish to know more about how you can support the parish, please contact us via the parish office (phone 8106771) or through the ‘Contact’ facility on the parish website www.stpatricksskerries.ie Please leave your name and phone number and we will contact you. You may also leave your details in one of the priest’s houses.

Thank You.

ANNIVERSARIES REMEMBERED

- ✠ Sat 2nd 10am: Kathleen & John Mackle, Hughie Marry, Month’s Mind
- ✠ Sat 2nd 6pm: Aisling Lawless, Emily Wilde, Leo & Kathleen Tolan
- ✠ Sun 3rd 9.30am: Tom Burke Month’s Mind, Alice & Owen Costello, Maire & Mattie Russell
- ✠ Sun 3rd 11am: Gabrielle Pratt Month’s Mind, Colum Boyle, Kay Branagan, Sarah Jane Branagan
- ✠ Tues 4th 10am: Elizabeth (Lilly) Derham, Maurice Walls
- ✠ Thurs 7th 10am: Bobby Beggs, Special Intention
- ✠ Fri 8th 10am: Michael Leonard
- ✠ Sat 9th 6pm: Emile Grimes, Mick Garrett
- ✠ Sun 10th 11am: Jimmy & Peter Lambe, Sarah Cullen, Una McCormack, 1st Anniv

OUR SYMPATHY

To the family of Margaret Mary (Margot) Louth, late of Kelly’s Bay, who died recently. Rest in Peace.

FEASTDAYS

2nd May - St Athanasius

ST PADRE PIO MASS

Mass will be at 7.30pm Fri 1st May and every subsequent First Friday of each month.

BIBLE STORIES AND PRAYER FOR FAMILIES

Join us on **Wednesday evenings at 7.30pm** on the parish webcam or radio for some 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 May 6th at 7.30pm.

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ACTIVE RETIREMENT CLUB

Hi ladies and gents, Great to know you're all keeping well and minding each other by staying near home. Hopefully we will all meet up soon.

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't we believe whatever we want?** A. Yes, but it doesn't help us very much. Christians do not make up their faith; they trust in Jesus Christ. He has brought us the truth from God. It can be found in the holy Bible and in the living tradition of the Church. **Q. How is knowledge of God passed on?** From the very beginning the people of God have passed on their knowledge of God by storytelling; it was written down in the Bible, it is celebrated in the liturgy and proclaimed by the Church. It's often parents or grandparents who pass on the faith to their children or grandchildren. **Q. Why do people say: 'I cannot believe in God?'** A. Some people have not heard about God yet. Some have false ideas about God. Others have had bad experiences which keep them from believing in God. Still others do not try or do not want to have anything to do with God. But God loves every person and wants us all to find him. **YOUCAT for KIDS is available in all major book stores or can be ordered online. Visit youcat.org for more details.**

NEED TO TALK? These are challenging times, not just for our country, but also for our faith. If you would like to have a chat about your faith or anything that concerns you at this time please feel free to contact **Fr. Melvyn 01 8491250** or **Fr. James 01 8106468**.

ROSARY DURING THE MONTH OF MAY: During the month of May we will pray the Rosary after the 10am Mass on Tuesday and Thursday. Pope Francis urges us all to pray to Mary for her intercession at this time.

Prayer of Pope Francis: *Beloved Mother, help us realize that we are all members of one great family and to recognize the bond that unites us. Make us strong in faith, persevering in service, constant in prayer. Mary, Consolation of the afflicted, embrace all your children in distress and pray that God will stretch out his all-powerful hand and free us from this terrible pandemic, so that life can serenely resume its normal course. To you, who shine on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope, do we entrust ourselves, O Clement, O Loving, O Sweet Virgin Mary. Amen.*

FINGAL COUNSELING SERVICE

Do you need someone to talk to during Covid-19 crisis? Fingal Counselling Service has initiated a telephone support helpline to offer assistance to members of our community. The service will run for the duration of the Covid-19 crisis. You can call us on 01 8902596. Leave your name and contact number and one of our counsellors will return your call. The answer service is checked daily. Alternatively, you can email us at info@counsellingatfingal.com.

30 YEARS AGO IN THE PARISH

- Preparations were underway for First Communion for pupils from St. Patrick's Junior school, and Milverton National schools
- The Family Offering Campaign was starting a new year and thanks were expressed to all those who are supporting and to those who help with the collection and counting of the monies
- An Open Day was planned for the Holy Faith/de la Salle College. A Passover Seder was being held for 1st year students
- Nine de la Salle Brothers, who had been martyred in Spain in 1934, were beatified in Rome on 29th April
- 98th CBSI were on the look out for donations of clothes and bric a brac for their upcoming Jumble Sale
- Skerries Rugby FC's Junior Section were heading to Portadown for a blitz
- Skerries Church of Ireland Girls Brigade was holding its annual PE display
- Skerries Chess Club congratulated their young member John Reddin who came joint 1st in the All Ireland Chess Championships for u-16's
- Skerries Athletics Club congratulated club member Eva Flood who had won the 1500m on the Dublin Team who competed in Merseyside

SKERRIES HARPS GAA CLUB

We had a winner! Zingo Jackpot of €3,200 won by President Clinton!! Congrats to our club President, John Clinton. Numbers drawn were 6-5-2-4-3-7-1. Next week's Jackpot is €1,000 and we are very grateful to all who support the Zingo - our only fundraiser. You can play online by clicking the link on our club website www.skerriesharps.ie Allcare Pharmacy Academy – continues Online on Saturday mornings. Register with Louise by 7 pm on Friday. See website. 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. While they can't train together at the moment 51 of our Adult & Minor Ladies Football & Camogie players have committed to running the equivalent of a marathon each during May to keep fit & active while at the same time raising funds for Jane's House in Kenya in memory of Jane Dardis. Jane played Camogie & Ladies Football from Juvenile up to Adult level & also gave back to her club by coaching at our Academy/Camps so this is a cause very close to our hearts. We are conscious that there are a lot of fundraisers taking place both locally & nationally at the moment but would be grateful for any donations. To donate, see link to gofundme.com page on our Facebook page. Our sympathy to the Boylan family on the death of Harry, a former captain of our Senior team.

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