



# Skerries Parish Bulletin

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## “GOD COMES TO US DISGUISED AS OUR LIFE”

Almost immediately after the first Pentecost those who believed in Jesus Christ began to gather in one another's homes for the breaking of bread, prayer and the reading of scripture. Obviously at first, these scripture readings were excerpts from the Hebrew Bible, what we refer to today as the Old Testament. As time went by they also included copies of the letters that Paul had sent to the people of Corinth and Thessalonica and other towns, and later still when the gospels were written they also were included. The bread was blessed and broken and shared around by the head of the household. That tradition had continued for some time and then some changes were made, the most striking ones being that they met in churches which they had built to accommodate the growing numbers of Christians, and after a bit more time they decided that only certain men could break the bread. Just as those early Christians listened to the words being read and tried to apply them to their lives, we too listen and try to apply them to our lives as we live in these unusual and stressful times. As I was preparing to write, and pondering what should I say, it seemed to me that the best thing to do this week was to record the first lines of the gospel reading, which was part of Jesus' farewell speech to his disciples.

Jesus said to his disciples: “Do not let your hearts be troubled, trust in God still, and trust in me. There are many rooms in my father's house; if there were not, I should have told you. I am now going to prepare a place for you, and after I have gone and prepared you a place, I shall return to take you with me; so that where I am you may be too”.

The references for today's readings are Acts of the Apostles chapter 6: verses 1 to 7. (Acts 6:1-7)  
Psalm 32. First letter of Peter, Chapter 2 verses 4 to 9. (1 Peter 2:4-9)  
Gospel of St. John, Chapter 14, verses 1 to 12. (John 14:1-12).

**Lydia Gillen (Bible Study Group)**

### ANNIVERSARIES REMEMBERED

- ✠ Sat. 9<sup>th</sup> May 6pm. Emily Grimes, Mick Garrett (20<sup>th</sup> A)
- ✠ Sun. 10<sup>th</sup> May 11am: Patrick (Sonny) Rooney (MM), Jimmy & Peter Lambe, Sarah Cullen, Una McCormack (1<sup>st</sup> Anniv.), Jack & Kathleen Toner, Tony & Tilly Noone,
- ✠ Mon. 11<sup>th</sup> May 10am: Gertrude McMahon and the McMahon Family
- ✠ Weds. 13<sup>th</sup> May 10am: Deceased members of the Berry Family, Austin Moran, Martin & Vera Conneely, Noeleen Beggs Taaffe
- ✠ Thurs. 14<sup>th</sup> May 10am: Seamus, Una, Brendan, Martine & Áine Maguire, Marita Tuttle (recently deceased)
- ✠ Sat. 16<sup>th</sup> May 6pm: Malachy Armstrong
- ✠ Sun. 17<sup>th</sup> May 9.30am: Charlie & Fran Grimes
- ✠ Sun. 17<sup>th</sup> May 11am: Johnny & Lucy Burke

### ROSARY DURING THE MONTH OF

**MAY:** During the month of May we will pray the Rosary after the 10am Mass on **Tuesday and Thursday**

### 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](http://stpatricksskerries.ie) **Next prayer time together this Wednesday May 13<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm.**

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## 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. What is the Bible?** A. The Bible is the most important book in the world. Written in it are things we know about God. The bible tells us how much God loves us. Through the words of Sacred Scripture God speaks directly to us.

**Q. Is what is written in the Bible true?**

A. Everything in the bible, what we really need to know about God and our way to God, is true.

**Q. What stories does the bible tell?**

A. The bible has two big parts, the Old Testament and the New Testament. It starts with the creation of the world, it tells us how people got to know God and ends with the coming of a new heaven and new earth. **YOUCAT for KIDS is available in all major book stores or can be ordered online. Visit youcat.org for more details.**

## PARISH BOOK CLUB SUMMER

**READING:** As we slowly emerge from hibernation and as the summer months come upon us, our hope, with God's help, is that our parish book club can meet again sometime in the autumn. In the meantime, a good and appropriate book to read over the summer months is **The Rule of Benedict - A spirituality for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century by Joan Chittister**. With extraordinary vision and common sense, the Rule of St. Benedict, the founder of Western monasticism, guides us into a new way of seeing and living that can transform our modern world just like it did 1500 years ago. The book offers practical and inspiring commentary for our lives today from Benedictine sister Joan Chittister, one of the most influential religious and spiritual leaders of our age. Enjoy the book! Enjoy the summer!

## Skerries Ladies Bowls

Hope you are all keeping fit and well – great to be out beyond the gates this week! We look forward to getting back to bowling sometime in the future – meantime, good luck to those who are using their lawn for a roll-up!!

## SKERRIES HARPS GAA CLUB

We hope all our members & their families are keeping well at the moment.

Zingo numbers drawn were 3-2-6-5-4-7-1 and we had no winners of the Jackpot or Dividend. Next week's Jackpot is €1,100 and Dividend €150. As envelope sales remain suspended we would encourage regular weekly players to sign up online through the following link -

[https://play.clubforce.com/play\\_newa.asp](https://play.clubforce.com/play_newa.asp) or see club website [www.skerriesharps.ie](http://www.skerriesharps.ie)

A reminder that all club facilities including the main pitch remain closed to all activity until further notice so we ask that nobody enters the club grounds. In addition we are carrying out some pitch maintenance over the next 5 weeks so please stay off the pitch! Five years ago this week we opened our new Clubhouse....now its in lockdown.

Allcare Virtual Academy sessions hosted by Louise & Emma continue on Saturday mornings through a secure & safe platform; details of how to take part are on our Facebook page.

Our 28th Annual Primary Schools Tournament scheduled to start on the May Bank Holiday Monday did not go ahead as planned due to Covid 19. There is a possibility that we will be able to run our Cul Camps and Summer camps in July – fingers crossed.

Our Ladies Football & Camogie players have commenced their challenge of 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 memory of Jane Dardis. There has been a fantastic response to date with over €7,500 raised so far; you can donate via the gofundme page - see club Facebook page.

Well done to our players on the Dublin GAA Football Academy U15, U16, Minor & U20 panels who took part in the Stewarts Care Run Against The Sun 150km fundraiser organised by Dean Rock last Friday!

Stay well and Stay safe!

**Webcam in the Parish Church can be reached via the parish website:**

**[stpatricksskerries.ie](http://stpatricksskerries.ie)**

**Parish Radio is at 87.5 FM**

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