



# Skerries Parish Bulletin

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*I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness in the land of the living*



In the Acts of the Apostles in this week's Liturgy, we see how the apostles and the followers of Jesus did as He had instructed them and gathered together in prayer.

If we are to follow the Responsorial Psalm, in these strange times in which we live, with all the effects and restrictions that have been placed before us by the health experts and our Government, let us reflect on this week's Psalm.

*The Lord is my light and my help, He is my stronghold, and He is there whenever I need his help and also He is my salvation.*

As the Lord told His Apostles and therefore is telling us, He will not leave us orphans, He will come back for us.

*Church Readers*

## **Mass on Bank Holiday**

Monday 1st June is a Bank Holiday - please note daily Mass will be at 11 am and **NOT** the usual time of 10 am.

## **Padre Pio Mass**

Friday, next, 5th June is the 1st Friday of June. The Padre Pio Mass will be celebrated on Friday evening at 7.30 pm. If you would like to have a particular petition prayed for or read out during Mass, please place it in the Petition Box that you will find in front of the altar or you can send an email to the parish office with your petition to [info@stpatricksskerries.ie](mailto:info@stpatricksskerries.ie)

## **Parish office**

If you need a Mass card, wish to request a Mass or for other Parish enquiries, we are open on Tuesdays from 10.30 to 12 noon. Please observe the safety notice on the door.



## **Goodbye to a familiar face**

Many parishioners will be saddened to hear of the death last week of Chandy Vyas. For countless years, Chandy dispensed wise, kind and helpful advice along with the prescribed medicines in his pharmacy on Shenick Road and in latter years on Strand Street. His wisdom and smile will be missed by his many customers and friends. Our sympathy to his grieving family.

## **ANNIVERSARIES AND SPECIAL MASSES**

- ✦ Sat. 30<sup>th</sup> 10a.m. Maura Mary Weldon (1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary)
- ✦ Sat. 30<sup>th</sup> 6 p.m. Joe McGarry, Dolores Burke, Patricia, Evelyn & Frank Flood
- ✦ Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> 9.30am: Mary McDonough
- ✦ Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> 11am, Una Doyle, Michael Lynch, decd. members of the McDonnell family, decd. members of the Neary family
- ✦ Monday 1<sup>st</sup> Jun., 11 a.m., Fr Pat Guckian, PE (month's mind)
- ✦ Tues. 2<sup>nd</sup> June 10 a.m.: Cecily Murray, Austin and Maureen Palmer & decd. members of Palmer & Doyle families, James Reid, Mary McDonough, Special Intention
- ✦ Wed. 3<sup>rd</sup> 10 a.m.: Una Doyle
- ✦ Thurs. 4<sup>th</sup> 10 a.m.: Philip Matthews (9<sup>th</sup> A) deceased members of McGovern, Thornton, Matthews & Roche Families
- ✦ Fri. 5<sup>th</sup> 10 a.m. First Friday, Altar list of the dead
- ✦ Fri. 5<sup>th</sup> 7.30 p.m.: Ivan Weldon (1<sup>st</sup> anniv.)
- ✦ Sat. 6<sup>th</sup> 6 p.m. Mary Ryan, James Gilson
- ✦ Sun. 7<sup>th</sup> 9.30 a.m.: Margaret 'Granny' Clarke, Jack & Kay Finnegan
- ✦ Sun. 7<sup>th</sup> 11 a.m.: Mary Howard (1<sup>st</sup> anniversary, David Kelly



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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. Does God guide my life?** A. Yes, God shows you the path and helps you to follow it. But you are free! God does not direct you like a robot. God has given you freedom so that you can decide for what is good and pleasing to him. To make the decision easier for you he shows himself in your life. He speaks through your conscience. He acts through people helping you. You can find him in beautiful experiences but also painful ones. **Q. Why is the world no longer as good as it was when God made it?** The world is in disorder because we do things that are wrong again and again. We call this sin. It has been like this since Adam and Eve. We call this Original sin. Original sin refers to the disorder we are all experiencing, which we all inherit; the wounded state of humankind that we are born into even before we make our own free decision to sin. But remember, Jesus has broken the power of sin. **YOUCAT for KIDS is available in all major bookstores or can be ordered online. Visit [youcat.org](http://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 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!

### **Ecumenical Bible Week 2020, May 31<sup>st</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> June, 2020**

"In light of the C19 crisis and the increased digital presence, where to from here for faith communities?" This question will be part of the Ecumenical Bible Week 2020. In response to the current health crisis, we have postponed parish events and instead we are offering two periods of Ecumenical Prayer and one online discussion of the effect of coronavirus on the lives and worship of believers. All Registration Details, Posters, website resources available on: [www.bibleweek.ie](http://www.bibleweek.ie) & Facebook @ bibleweek.



### **Pentecost Sunday in Rathfarnham Parish**

Join Rathfarnham Parish online for an hour of music, song, prayer and testimony in the Church of the Annunciation on Pentecost Sunday May 31<sup>st</sup> at 7.30pm. This theme is *A time of challenge and a time for Hope*. and can be viewed via webcam at <https://rathfarnhamparish.ie/webcam/> We look forward to you joining with us online.

## **Coronavirus, Church and You**

DCU's Mater Dei Centre for Catholic Education (Director, Dr. Gareth Byrne) has made an important survey available. The Covid-19 pandemic has obviously had a profound effect on Church. As we pass the most severe period of lockdown, it seems a good time to assess how clergy and churchgoers have responded to the experience, and what they think the future might hold. The views of priests, religious and lay people are all welcome. To have your say, go to: <https://www.dcu.ie/materdei-centre-for-catholic-education/news/2020/May/Coronavirus-Church-You-Survey.shtml>

### **Skerries Chess Club**



Members are playing online since the start of restrictions due to COVID-19. We are offering free membership for the remainder of the season to any chess players, young and old, experienced or beginners who would like to get a taste of

the club, albeit a virtual taste. We meet online every Tuesday via Zoom and are even playing in the Hibernian Online Chess League since last Thursday against other Irish clubs. Friends of SCC can follow the games live on Thursdays on our site: [skerrieschess.com](http://skerrieschess.com) > [Teams](http://skerrieschess.com/Teams). We had a narrow win against Inchicore on 21st May and play top seeds Bray next Thursday. For more information see our website or email John on [skerrieschess@gmail.com](mailto:skerrieschess@gmail.com). Stay home. Stay sane. Play chess! Fan sa bhaile. Imir ficheall!

### **Skerries Harps GAA Club**

Zingo numbers for 24 May were 3-7-5-6-4-1-2 -no winners. Jackpot for 31 May is €1,400 for match 7. Entry is still €2 per line or 3 lines for €5. We appreciate the support for Zingo – our only current fundraiser. As envelope sales remain suspended, regular weekly players can sign up online through the following link - [www.skerriesharps.ie](http://www.skerriesharps.ie) [https://play.clubforce.com/play\\_newa.asp](https://play.clubforce.com/play_newa.asp) Juvenile Allcare Academy - our Games Promotion Officer, Louise Byrne, continues with our Virtual Academy sessions on Sat. mornings through a secure & safe platform. Register by 7 pm on Friday - details are on our Facebook page. . Dublin GAA Coaching Dept is running a series of Webinars from 3 June. Presenters include our own Louise Byrne (24 June) and Bryan Cullen (8 July). [www.dublingaa.ie/coaching](http://www.dublingaa.ie/coaching). They are also running a free Online Foundation Course for budding coaches. Join up now! Ladies Football & Camogie players wish to thank all who supported them in the marathon challenge to raise funds for Jane's House in memory of Jane Dardis. You can still donate - see club Facebook page. Team SJB also say a big Thank You for the support they received for Pieta House in memory of Sarah Jane Branagan. A huge thank you to all our local sponsors who have supported us over the years in so many ways.. As they reopen, we urge you to shop local and give them your support. **Please note that all club facilities – including our main pitch - remain closed on direction from GAA Croke Park. Please respect this in the interests of public safety.**

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