



Skerries Parish Bulletin

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25th April-2nd May, 2021

4th Sunday of Easter

Acts 4:8-12, Psalm 118, 1 John 3:1-2, John 10:11-18

In 1 John, Chapter 3:1-2, we are told that we are the Children of God, but what we will be in the future (when we die) has not yet been revealed. All we know is that we shall be like God because we shall see Him as He really is.



'I am the Good Shepherd' says the Lord, 'I know my own and my own know me'. Jesus said He was the Good Shepherd, who lays down his life for his sheep. We thank God that Jesus is our shepherd. Jesus tells us that His sheep will listen to His voice and follow Him. In following Jesus, we show our love for God and for each other. The Jewish people thought that the Good Shepherd would revive their former prosperity, they would again become a privileged nation. But Jesus is not caring for a nation with hard borders. All are His, who recognise His voice and believe His word. Shepherds are the leaders of our community, showing us good guidance and love.

We pray for all those who work for us in community development, for a spouse, a friend, a leader whom we entrust ourselves to, a priest who ministers to us. Lord, we thank you for the moment of prayer when we feel perfectly secure, when we don't need anything, knowing you are our shepherd. Jesus is the stone rejected by the builders which proved to be the keystone by which we can be saved. Scripture tells us that we believers are like living stones (1 Peter 2-5) which are founded upon Christ. The cornerstone is built up into the temple of God.

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good. His love has no End. Amen

Lectio Divina

We offer our sympathy



To the family of Meta Rice, whose death occurred recently. May she rest in peace.

Parish Office



The Parish Office is open Monday, Wednesday and Friday, from 11 a.m. to 12.30. You can book masses, buy Mass Cards, make enquiries, ask about lost property, leave your Trocaire boxes We're there to help!

GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY - DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS:

O Jesus, send labourers into your fields, which are awaiting holy apostles, saintly priests, heroic missionaries and dedicated sisters and brothers.

Enkindle in the hearts of men and women the spark of a vocation. Grant that Christian families may desire to give your Church, helpers in the work of tomorrow. Amen.

Keep your distance ! We're on the way, but we're not there yet !!

ANNIVERSARIES REMEMBERED

SAT, 24th: 10 a.m., special intention
6 p.m., Barry Mason, Kathleen and Bernard Leonard, Rory Kearney (10th anniv.)

SUN 25th: 9.30: Gerry and Rosie Hoare, Larry, Dolores and Sean Casey, Richard and Anne Keane, Alice and Owen Costello, Maura and Mattie Russell

11 a.m.: Joe Murray (Month's mind), Brendan O'Brien, Michael Clayton-Chance, , Michael and Patrick Ryan, James Fardey, Sheelagh Douglas (Month's mind)

MON 26th: 10 a.m.: special intentions

TUES 27th: 10 a.m.: Stefan Hempel (Month's mind)

THUR 29th: Mary McFarland (1st anniv), Brigid and Dessie Derwin

FRI 30th: 10 a.m., Brigid Lee, Kathleen and Patrick Harford and family

SAT 1st MAY: 10 a.m.: Kathleen and John McKee
6 p.m.: Larry Carr, Leo & Kathleen Tolan, Colum Boyle

SUN 2nd MAY : 9 a.m.: William Ruigrok, Aisling Lawless

Feast Days:

27th April – St Asicus

29th April – St. Catherine of Siena

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Parish Book Club: During the month of April, we are reading **Hope to Die: the Christian meaning of Death and the Resurrection of the Body by Scott Hahn**. In **Hope to Die**, Scott

Hahn explores the significance of death and burial from a Catholic perspective. The promise of the bodily resurrection brings into focus the need for the dignified care of our bodies at the hour of death. Unpacking both Scripture and Catholic teaching, *Hope to Die* reminds us that we are destined for glorification on the last day.



St Joseph's Young Priests Society: The Society exists to help students on their journey to priesthood. The Society fosters vocations to the priesthood and religious life. It assists students for the priesthood both financially and by prayer. It promotes the vocation of the laity and fosters a greater understanding and love of the Eucharist and Holy Mass. For more information on how you can

help foster vocations please contact **Fr James 01-8106468**

NATIONAL SYNODAL ASSEMBLY: On 10 March 2021, the Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference announced a new Synodal Pathway for the Catholic Church in Ireland leading to the holding of a National Synodal Assembly within the next five years.

What is a Synod? The word "synod" evokes the image of "walking together on the way". For the Church it is a time-honoured way of working out together the "navigation map" for the Church at particular times.

The Initial Phase – Prayer, Listening, Consultation, Discernment: The next two years (2021-2023) will be a period of prayer, listening and discernment, involving a nationwide consultative conversation on the theme: "For a synodal Church: communion, participation and mission". The key question is: **What does God want from the Church in Ireland at this time?**

Easter to Pentecost 2021: Before embarking on the consultation itself, between **Easter (5 April) and Pentecost (23 May), 2021, bishops are seeking submissions** on what methods to adopt in these coming two years of conversations. For example: focus groups, questionnaires, deep-listening sessions; written submissions; family-focused gatherings. These submissions, in not more than 300 words, can be sent to:

www.catholicbishops.ie/synod/submissions

Skerries Ladies Bowling Club



Welcome back to all our members from Monday 26th. Play is restricted to two players per rink, or two households. Remember to sanitise mats and jacks before and after use.

The clubhouse toilet facilities will be open, but no other area of the premises. Hopefully this good weather will continue and we will get full use of the facilities each day.

Fingal Poetry Festival 2021



As part of the forthcoming Fingal Poetry Festival, letters have been sent to all local schools. We would like to encourage local primary and secondary pupils in Skerries to write their very own poems. This is not a competition, just an invitation to

enjoy the pleasure of writing poetry. If your class/children want to participate, you can use the templates on our facebook page - <https://www.facebook.com/TheFingalPoetryFestival>. You can submit poems by attaching a scanned image of the poem on the selected template and send an email to fingalpoetryfestival@gmail.com. Look out for them around the streets of Skerries in September, as the entries will be displayed during the Fingal Poetry Festival (16-19 Sept).

Skerries Harps news

With the opening of the playing season imminent, we encourage players to ensure they are covered for Membership and the Players Injury Scheme as per GAA requirements. Details of our Membership Fees for 2021 can be found on our website. Our Juvenile Academy outdoor activities should resume in early May. Games Promotion Officer Louise is finalising details and will be in touch with parents through the Schools when these are finalised. Parents should be aware that numbers will be limited due to Covid restrictions. Thanks to Allcare Pharmacy for their support.

We offer our condolences to the Rice family on the death of Meta, RIP.

Zingo results for Sunday 18 April 4-1-7-2-5-3-6, no winners. Next Sundays Jackpot is €6,100. Entry is €5 for 3 lines. Thanks to all who play Zingo every week. See link on www.skerriesharps.ie Thanks to all who have made a donation towards the purchase of a new Defibrillator to replace our old AED. We are still a little short of our target of €2,150. To make a donation, contact secretary.skerriesharps.dublin@gaa.ie or donate direct via link at <https://savealife.communityheartprogram.com/gaa/page/skerries-harps-dublin>

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On the occasion of the Month's mind of Joe Murray, his family would like to express their sincere thanks to the people of Skerries for their wonderful and continued support, kindness and prayers. A special word of appreciation to Fr Melvyn and his team and all at Lannons funeral directors. The holy sacrifice of the mass has been offered for your intentions.

Support our local shops – they're there when you need them !