



# Skerries Parish Bulletin

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2<sup>nd</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> May, 2021

## 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

Acts of the Apostles, 9:26-31, Psalm 21:26-28, 30-32, R.v.26, St. John 3:18-24, Gospel John 15:1-8



In today's Readings, we read of the Disciples' fear of the unknown, their caution of accepting change, and how, when presented with the evidence of reliability, they accepted Saul's preaching of the Lord. I am instantly reminded of how many people today doubted the importance of getting the vaccine against this Covid virus. As the Scientists and Medics continued to tell us that a vaccine is better than nothing, in protecting life, many people welcomed and accepted it.

St John speaks to us of our love for the Lord. "It is not just words or mere talk but something real and active." We need to play our part, by obeying the commandments and avoid having doubts about God's love for us, when asking for his help.



In the Gospel, St. John gives us an example of the grower tending his crop of vines. He compares us to the branches of the vine, of which there are many. So, for us in today's world, we should live good lives, be active in our community in offering to help when needed, trust in God's love for us and remember to give thanks at all times.

*Church Readers*

## Registration for Sacraments - 1<sup>st</sup> Penance/Holy Communion/Confirmation

Parents of children intending to celebrate sacraments this year will have received a letter from the parish through your schools inviting you to register your child, if it's your wish for your child to celebrate 1<sup>st</sup> Penance/Holy Communion or the Sacrament of Confirmation this year.



We are asking you to use the registration forms on the parish website

([www.stpatricksskerries.ie](http://www.stpatricksskerries.ie)) and submit them to us by **Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May**. We are still

restricted regarding numbers inside the Church, so we are not in a position to give

dates for any of these events yet. As soon as we can, we will. However, please complete the 1<sup>st</sup> stage of this process by submitting the registration form for your child and we will be in contact with you in due course. In the meantime, we will be sending out some material to you to help prepare your child for the celebration of these sacraments.



### *Our Sympathy is offered*



to the families of Eric O'Toole, South Strand, Kieran Birchall, Downside Heights, and Louise Casey, Kelly's Bay Parade, whose deaths have occurred in the Parish recently.

May they rest in Peace.

**FAITHFEST – POWERED BY THE SPIRIT:** Calling all teenagers! Join us for an evening of games, music, workshop, chats and prayer. Faithfest will take place

**21 May from 6:30 – 8:30 online.** You can register

online using this address:

<https://forms.office.com/r/ZRLPXhUvSP> For more

information email: [faithfest@dublindiocese.ie](mailto:faithfest@dublindiocese.ie)

### **ECUMENICAL BIBLE WEEK 2021**

This is an exciting and successful venture, now in its eight year. It will run from **Pentecost Sunday (23rd May) to Trinity Sunday (30th May) 2021**, led by the

Archdiocese of Dublin and the United Dioceses of Dublin and Glendalough in collaboration with many

other Christian traditions and support from the National Bible Society and Scripture Union.

The overall theme this year is "Unlocking Faith Today: Responding to New Realities". This year EBW will have

an opening and closing prayer event organised by Holy Trinity Rathmines on Monday 24th and St Finian's Lutheran Church on Sunday 30th respectively.

To Register visit – [www.bibleweek.ie](http://www.bibleweek.ie)

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### **Anniversary/Intentions:**

**Sat. 1<sup>st</sup>** 10am: Kathleen & John Mackle

6pm: Larry Carr, Leo & Kathleen Tolan,  
Colum Boyle

**Sun 2<sup>nd</sup>** May, 9.30am: Walter Ruigrok, Aisling Lawless,  
Frank McGovern

**Mon 3<sup>rd</sup>** 11am: Mass Card Intentions

**Tues 4<sup>th</sup>** 10am: Emma Cassidy

**Wed 5<sup>th</sup>** 10am: William Lacy, Beta & Gerry McMahon,  
the McMahon & O'Brien families, Maurice Walls,  
Elizabeth Derham, Sean McCann & decd. members of  
the McCann family

**Thurs 6<sup>th</sup>** 10am: Paddy & Lil Oakes

**Fri 7<sup>th</sup>** 10am: Bobby Beggs, Gerry & Beta (Beatrice)  
McMahon and decd. members of the Mc Mahon &  
O'Brien families

**Sat 8<sup>th</sup>** 10am: John Grimes (month's mind)  
6pm: Emile Grimes

**Sun 9<sup>th</sup>** 9.30am: Peadar Clerkin (1<sup>st</sup> A) and all those  
who supported and sympathised with the family  
11am: Colm Flanagan (month's mind), Sarah Cullen  
John & Lucy Burke, Sara Jane Branagan, Kay Branagan,  
Joseph Bradley, Elizabeth Ward



**PARISH BOOK CLUB:** During the month of  
May, we will be reading **HUMANS of the  
WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES** edited  
by **Brenda Drumm**. The World Meeting of

Families festival took place in Ireland for  
the first time and saw thousands of volunteers and  
visitors from across the globe unite to celebrate their  
shared faith in God and in family. *Humans of the  
World Meeting of Families* is a collection of first-  
person testimonies from some of those involved –  
including lay and religious, young and old – who  
reflect upon their own faith journey in a candid and  
engaging fashion. This uplifting book of words and  
photographs offers a revealing insight into the  
personal lives and motivation of volunteers,  
delegates, attendees, staff members and many others  
who took part in this event which included the historic  
visit of Pope Francis to Ireland.

### **YCD CONNECTED – BRINGING YOUNG PEOPLE**

**TOGETHER** The Young Church Dublin invite you to  
join our connected group for Young Adults (20's 30's)  
We meet online **every Wednesday, from 8.00-  
9.00pm** for some time of reflection on Scripture and  
prayer together. It provides an opportunity to connect  
in with other young adults in a community of faith.  
For more information, please  
email: [kirsten.mahon@dublindiocese.ie](mailto:kirsten.mahon@dublindiocese.ie)

### **COVID-19 SUPPORT LINE FOR OLDER PEOPLE**

**ALONE** manages a national support line and additional  
supports for older people who have concerns or are  
facing difficulties relating to COVID-19. Professional  
staff are available to answer queries and give advice  
and reassurance. The support line is open seven days  
a week, **8am - 8pm, by calling 0818 222 024.**

### **Skerries Ladies Bowls**

It was good to see ladies back bowling last Monday in  
safe conditions. The club is open any morning (except  
Tuesdays) or afternoon, if you want to avoid too many  
people. Our sympathy is sent to the family of Kieran  
Birchall, past captain and chairman of the club, and  
Asst. Sec. of BLI.

### **Skerries Harps GFC**

Juvenile Academy is back outdoor on Saturday  
mornings, at 10 am for Boys and Girls. Children must  
be of Primary school going age and **MUST** be  
registered in advance. Due to Covid regulations, we  
cannot accept walk ins. Details from Louise Byrne,  
Games Promotion Officer, 085 1465673. Numbers  
strictly limited in accordance with guidelines. Thanks  
to Allcare Pharmacy for support.

Players must be covered for Membership and the  
Players Injury Scheme, per GAA requirements, before  
training resumes. Information on Return to Play can  
be found on our website [www.skerriesharps.ie](http://www.skerriesharps.ie) at  
News and Updates section.

Zingo for Sunday 25 April, 3-2-6-1-7-4-5. Next Sundays  
Jackpot is €6,200. Entry, €5 for 3 lines.

Thanks to all who have made a donation towards a  
new Defibrillator to replace our old AED. We are still a  
little short of our target and you can still make a  
donation via link at

<https://savealife.communityheartprogram.com/gaa/page/skerries-harps-dublin>

### **Acknowledgement - Christina Davey**

The Davey family and Oliver, Christina's husband,  
would like to express their sincere thanks to the  
neighbours and people of the Skerries community for  
their continued support, prayers and kindness. A  
special word of appreciation to Fr. James, Fr. Melvyn  
and Joe Lannon and his staff. The holy sacrifice of the  
Mass has been offered for your intentions.

**Bank Holiday Mass:** Mass on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup>, Bank  
Holiday will be at 11 a.m., on webcam and parish  
radio.

### **Feast Days:**

3<sup>rd</sup> May – St Philip & St James,

4<sup>th</sup> May – St Conleth and 5<sup>th</sup> May, Bl. Edmund Rice.

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