



# Skerries Parish Bulletin

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## Sixth Sunday of Easter

In the first reading we see that the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost was not an isolated event; it was and is repeated whenever a new desire is needed to open human hearts to God's universal love. We need to be ready for fresh outpourings of the Spirit. Like St. Peter, we need to be willing to be taught by the Holy Spirit how to overcome our limited vision of where and how God is at work. The second reading reminds us that as Christians we are to love one another. Love comes from God who is love. Our love for God and one another is our response to what we have received from God. Another name for God's love at work in us is the Holy Spirit.

The gospel invites us to wonder at what it means to have been chosen by Jesus for friendship with Him. He gives his life for us in the name of that friendship, uniting us to God himself in love. This remains alive in us through prayer and bears fruit in our lives in our love for one another.

Fr Melvyn Mullins

## Good News - We can attend Mass



You will have heard in government announcements that we are permitted to return to attending Mass. Here in Skerries this means that we can open our doors to **50 people** for daily Mass. This also applies to the Masses at the weekend. As was before, your attendance at weekday Mass can fulfil your obligation for Sunday Mass if you make that your intention. In doing this you will free up space for those to attend Mass on Sunday especially if people are working, or those who may have an anniversary booked. To avoid disappointment please arrive in plenty of time for Mass.

### MASS INTENTIONS/ANNIVERSARIES

**Sat. 8<sup>th</sup>:** 10am: John Grimes (1<sup>st</sup> A)  
6PM: EMILE GRIMES

**Sun. 9<sup>th</sup>:** 9.30am: Peadar Clerkin (1<sup>st</sup> A) and for all who supported and sympathised with the family

**11am:** Colm Flanagan (MM), Sarah Cullen, John & Lucy Burke, Sara Jane Branagan, Kay Branagan, Joseph Bradley, Elizabeth Ward, Jack & Kathleen Toner, Tony & Tilly Noone

**Tues. 11<sup>th</sup>:** 10am: May Andrews

**Weds. 12<sup>th</sup>:** 10am: Mary Mullen

**Thurs. 13<sup>th</sup>:** Noeleen Beggs Taaffe, Mary Farrelly

**Fri. 14<sup>th</sup>:** 10am: Malachy Armstrong, Special Intention

**Sat. 15<sup>th</sup>:** 10am: May Andrews  
6pm: Michael, Mary & Peter Gaffney

**Sun. 16<sup>th</sup>:** 9.30am: Eileen O'Neill (MM), Fran and Charlie Grimes, Thomas & Mary Hughes, Nancy Jordan

**11am:** Meta (Maire) Rice (MM)

### FEASTDAYS

13<sup>th</sup> May: Our Lady of Fatima

14<sup>th</sup> May: St Matthias, Apostle

**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

### PARISH OFFICE OPENING HOURS FROM MONDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> MAY:

**MONDAY:** 9AM – 1PM

**WEDNESDAY:** 9AM – 1PM

**FRIDAY:** 9AM-1PM

**TUESDAY AND THURSDAY : CLOSED**

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### 30 YEARS AGO IN THE PARISH

- Dismay was expressed at the recent vandalism at Holmpatrick Church when 36 panes of glass were broken and plants uprooted
- The annual Edel Quinn Mass would take place in the church this week
- Local groups were organising events to raise money for Kurdish relief
- Skerries was delighted that local boy Ruaidhri Carney had been selected to take part in the swimming events at the Special Olympics in Paris
- Congratulations to Shane Hegarty who won the 100m sprint at the Dublin Junior Championships
- Work was getting underway to prepare the town for the Tidy Towns competition

### ECUMENICAL BIBLE WEEK

**2021:** Ecumenical Bible Week 2021 is an exciting and successful venture which is now in its eight year and will run from **Pentecost Sunday (23rd May) to Trinity Sunday (30th May) 2021**. Ecumenical Bible Week (EBW) is led by the Archdiocese of Dublin and the United Dioceses of Dublin and Glendalough in collaboration with many other Christian traditions ranging from the Evangelical Alliance to Lutherans, Methodists, Presbyterians and support from the National Bible Society and Scripture Union. The overall theme this year is "Unlocking Faith Today:

*Responding to New Realities*".

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



### 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 at: <https://forms.office.com/r/ZRLPXhUvSP> For more information email: [faithfest@dublindiocese.ie](mailto:faithfest@dublindiocese.ie)



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### SKERRIES HARPS GAA CLUB

Juvenile Academy is back outdoors on Saturdays at 10 am for Boys and Girls, who **MUST** be registered in advance. Due to Covid regulations, we cannot accept walk-ins. Covid guidelines apply.

Contact Louise - 085 1465673. Take a walk to the Dublin Road ground and view the sheer enjoyment of the kids!

Team training resumes from 10 May with games, behind closed doors, from 7 June. Indoor facilities remain closed. Details of Membership and Players Injury Scheme, plus information on Return to Play can be found on our website [www.skerriesharps.ie](http://www.skerriesharps.ie) at the News and Updates section.

Zingo for Sunday 2 May 1-3-7-2-4-5-6.

Next Sunday's Jackpot is €6,300.

Entry €5 for 3 lines..

Target Reached ! Thanks to all who contributed to our Community fundraiser to replace our AED. We plan to run a refresher CPR and Defib. Training course when restrictions allow. Go raibh mile maith agaibh go leir!

Next week we hold our Mental Health Awareness Week – on Zoom, beginning Mon 10 May at 7.30 pm with Shane Carty. Details on website or call Jackie on 087-2121418

### 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**.

### ACKNOWLEDGEMENT – Peadar Clerkin

On the occasion of his first anniversary the family of the late Peadar Clerkin would like to express their sincere gratitude to everyone who sympathised and supported them on his sad passing.

A special word of appreciation to Fr. Melvyn, Fr. James and Lannon's Funeral Directors for their guidance, compassion and kindness. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered for your intentions on 9th May at 9.30am.