



# Skerries Parish Bulletin

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## COME HOLY SPIRIT

Acts of the Apostles, Chapter 2:1-11, 1 Corinthians 12:3-13 Gospel of John 20:11-23

St. Luke tells us in the Acts of the Apostles “They had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them.” How difficult it seems to be to put the inexpressible into human words!



“No one has ever seen the wind, neither you nor I,  
but when the trees bow down their heads, we know it’s passing by.”

The presence of the Holy Spirit changes everything, if we are open to it. Our bishops are aware that the Church in Ireland is in need of a fresh stirring up by the Holy Spirit and so are planning a synod to begin in two years time. A synod is not so much a single event, but rather the beginning of a process, people journeying together (as the word implies), all of us people, and the clergy and the bishops, all together, listening to each other with an openness to hear whatever it is that the Spirit wants to tell us for our time and our place. The Spirit of God blows where it wills. The bishops and clergy and others need to hear your voice, to enable them to become aware of the things that are challenging you. Let us begin by praying for a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the people of Ireland, and a readiness to take our part in all aspects of preparation for this synod.

*(Lydia Gillen, Bible Study Group)*

**Prayer To The Holy Spirit:** O Holy Spirit, we should be thankful to you so many times, and yet we thank you so rarely. Greatest consoler, sweet guest of our soul, you refresh our lives. You are Light, Joy, Beauty. You attract us, inflame our hearts and inspire our thoughts. You help us to live lives committed to holiness. Holy Spirit you are so gentle and at the same time so strong and overwhelming. May no day pass in which we don’t invoke you, thank you, adore you and love you. This grace we ask from you. Amen.

*Chiara Lubich - founder of the Focolare movement.*

### Anniversary Remembered / Intentions:

**Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 6.00pm** Jim and Lily Scanlan, Eileen McCormack and deceased members of the McCormack family, Sheila Fitzpatrick, Special Intention.

**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> 9.30am** Dick Fanning, Terry, Ina and Susan Woods, Teresa (Tess) and Cecil Clark, Bridie Shankey.

**11.00am** Alan Collins (MM), Eric O’Toole (MM), Dick Fanning, Oliver P Brennan, Marie Grimes, John Thornton.

**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> 10.00am** Mass Card Intentions.

**Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> 10.00am** Gerard Harford, Carmel Healy, Bridget and William McDonough, Jim and Fran McDonough, Special Intention.

**Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> 10.00am** Chandy Vyas (1st A), Annie and Delia Keeling.

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> 10.00am** Kathleen Power, Eileen Leonard, John Conlan, Special Intention.

**Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> 10.00am** Maria Dolores Alario Mifsud.  
**6.00pm** Joe McGarry.

**Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> 9.30am** Louise Casey (MM), Eamonn O’Neill.

**11.00am** Dolores Burke, Bertie and Elizabeth Martin, Michael Morris.

**Our Sympathy** is extended to the families and friends of Mary Kinsella, St Patrick’s Close, and Leonard McGloughlin, The Square, who died recently. May they Rest in Peace.



**The Divine Mercy Chaplet** will be prayed each Friday at 3pm in the Church. You are welcome to join.

**Parish Book Club:** During the month of May, we are 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.



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**Feastdays:** 24<sup>th</sup> May – The Blessed Virgin Mary,  
30<sup>th</sup> May – The Most Holy Trinity

*Just a reminder that attendance at Mass is now back to 50 people. Masks are required to be worn and distancing within the church to be observed. Please enter through the main Strand Street doors and leave by Church Street doors at side.*

**Ecumenical Bible Week 2021:** Ecumenical Bible Week 2021 is an exciting and successful venture which is now in its eight year and will run for the coming week 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)

**Want To Learn More About Your Faith?** Aquinas 101 is a project of the Thomistic Institute that seeks to promote understanding of the thought of St. Thomas Aquinas, the eminent 13<sup>th</sup> century philosopher and theologian. Aquinas is a masterful interpreter of reality. His writings assist us in answering perennial questions on topics like God, humanity, the natural world, law, and morality, and questions of special relevance to our time like the relationship between modern science and faith or pursuing happiness in the digital era. Each Aquinas 101 video walks viewers through a different theme in just a few minutes. On [Aquinas101.com](http://Aquinas101.com), you’ll also find short readings and podcast lectures accompanying each video. Please help us spread the light of truth by sharing these videos with your friends and family — because it matters what you think! Visit [aquinas101.com](http://aquinas101.com) to view the free videos.

**Shekinah Online Course 2021-2022:** Level 7 Diploma in Spirituality – Applied Youth Ministry and Facilitation. Online course accredited by St. Patrick’s college, Maynooth. The course runs from September to April. Delivered online, students view lecturers and live e-tutorial sessions, access readings, ask questions, engage in discussions and complete assignments online. The course is designed with flexibility in mind, enabling the student to balance study with work and family commitments. The practical element will comprise the on-line planning and delivery of four youth retreats/parish reflective youth experiences. The skills are transferable to other situations. Training for this is included in the course. The course is for anyone interested in the spiritual and human development of young people, including parents, teachers, school chaplains and youth workers in parish ministry. For further information please see [www.shekinah.ie](http://www.shekinah.ie).

**Covid-19 Support Line For Older People - Alone** manage 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 where necessary. The support line is open seven day week, 8am - 8pm, at 0818 222 024.

### **Aware - Support & Self Care Groups**

If you, or those with whom you work wish to connect with people in relation to your mental wellbeing, please consider using the Phone In and Zoom Support & Self Care Groups, the Support Line or Support Mail, now and throughout the holiday season. These services provide support, coping skills and information – and most importantly help people who are in distress to know and feel that they are not alone in their experience. For more information about the groups <https://www.aware.ie/support/support-groups/> and all of our services on [www.aware.ie](http://www.aware.ie)

### **30 Years Ago in the Parish**

- Newly baptised were: Ellen O'Brien, David Grimes, Carla Sherlock, Emma Crowther, Kate Monahan, Michaela Corr, Andrew McLoughlin, Stephen Drumm, Thomas McDonald and Adriana Leonard
- Celebrations to mark the Silver Jubilee of married couples in the Parish would be marked with Mass and refreshments afterwards in the Library
- Mourne Summer Project was holding a fund-raising Golden Oldies Disco in the Holmpatrick Hotel
- Tidy Towns reminded everybody of their Plant around a Tree project and asked everybody to help by clearing weeds from outside their property
- Congratulations to Brian Leonard, winner of the Community Games Chess Championships u-16, to Emmet Ryan in the u-13 and to Rory Abell in the u-11.

### **Skerries Harps GAA Club**



Juvenile Academy on Saturdays at 10 am. Children MUST be registered in advance - we cannot accept walk-ins. Contact Louise - 085 1465673 for details. Club Shop open for playing gear on Thursdays from 8 to 9 pm and on Saturdays from 10 to 11 am. Adult football resumes on Sat 12 June with Div.1 and Div. 4 games - behind closed doors. Our indoor facilities remain closed. Membership extended to 31<sup>st</sup> May – this covers voting at AGM and All Ireland ticket draw, should it apply. Fees can be paid online. See [skerriesharps.ie](http://skerriesharps.ie) Zingo for Sunday 16 May 3-1-6-7-2-4-5. Dividend €900 won by Gary Whelan. Jackpot now €6,500. Online entry €5 for 3 lines. See link on website. Our Gaelic for Mothers & Others team - (G4M&O's) – is hoping to raise funds for the RNLI with a **Dip a Day for May**. Please support this good cause. Our Skerries Harps All-Stars programme started Friday 21 May for children with additional needs who are unable to or do not wish to participate in mainstream sport. More info on website.

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