



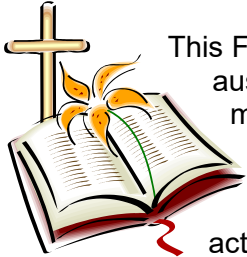
Skerries Parish Bulletin

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27 March – 03 April 2022

Fourth Sunday of Lent – Laetare Sunday

Jos 5:9-12, Ps 33:2-7, 2 Cor 5:17-21, Lk 15:1-3, 11-32



This Fourth Sunday in the season of Lent is called *Laetare* Sunday. A day when we relax from the austere observations of the season of Lent as we are close to Easter and we are hopeful of moving forward to the great celebration of the Resurrection. It's one of the two Sundays when we can wear 'Rose' vestments, the other being Gaudete Sunday during Advent.

The gospel of the Prodigal Son extends that celebration of hope with the call to grace our actions and attitudes with forgiveness. It is the most memorable of the parables. It is both challenging and reassuring to us. St. John Paul II said of this parable *'[God's love] is able to reach down to every prodigal son, to every human misery and above all to every form of moral misery to sin. When this happens, the person who is the object of mercy does not feel humiliated, but rather found again and "restored to value" (Dives Misericordia #6).*

Fr. Melvyn

MASS INTENTIONS

- ✠ **Sat 26th 10am:** Special Intention
- ✠ **Sat 26th 6pm:** Bernadette Ullrich (née Cullen) MM, Jenny Hyland, Michael Harford, Tom & Peter O'Rourke, Sean Farrell, Breeda Fitzpatrick, Margaret Tully
- ✠ **Sun 27th 9.30am:** Esther Kelly (Rem), Rachel & Ken Jones & the Jones family
- ✠ **Sun 27th 11am:** Ben Gaughran (MM), Colm Flanagan (1st A), Philomena Flanagan, Marie Davis, Michael O'Reilly, Eileen McCormack (BR) & deceased members of the McCormack family
- ✠ **Mon 28th 10am:** Mass Card Intentions
- ✠ **Tue 29th 10am:** Myra Martin, Tom & Kay Ryan, John & David Ryan
- ✠ **Wed 30th 10am:** May Walshe & James C. Walsh, Tom & Lily Doyle & deceased members of the Doyle & Wall families
- ✠ **Thurs 31st 10am:** No Mass
- ✠ **Fri 1st April 10am:** Altar List – First Friday
- ✠ **Fri 1st April 7.30pm:** Padre Pio Mass
- ✠ **Sat 2nd 10am:** Eamonn Lee, Maurice McAuley
- ✠ **Sat 2nd 6pm:** Gerard (Gerry) Foran (MM), Bartle & Stephen Butterly, Joe Brennan
- ✠ **Sun 3rd 9.30am:** Abby & Michael Conlon, David & Jackie Gilsenan,
- ✠ **Sun 3rd 11am:** Maura McNally (MM), Hugh Marry, Michael Ferguson, Cormac O'Reilly, Ronan Browne, Greta Sweeney.

FEASTDAY

1st April – St. Ceallach

FIRST FRIDAY

This Friday 1st April is the 1st Friday of the month. The 10 o'clock morning Mass will be offered for our deceased loved ones on the Altar List of the Dead.

PADRE PIO MASS

The Padre Pio Mass will be celebrated on Friday 1st April at 7.30 pm.

SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR UKRAINE

The Irish Bishops have asked for a Special Collection to be taken up at Masses on this weekend of **26/27 March** to support humanitarian efforts in Ukraine and especially the families and children who have had to flee their homeland in advance of the Russian invasion. The proceeds of this Special Collection will be directed to Caritas Internationalis, which is the helping hand of the Church on the ground in the Ukraine and the surrounding region. This collection will replace the usual second Share collection at all Masses. Please be as generous as you can. Thank you.

80TH ANNIVERSARY CANDLES & AID FOR UKRAINE

Many thanks to all who purchased these candles after the Liam Lawton concert and since then. The proceeds of **€1,530** raised will go to the Irish Red Cross assisting those in such great need in the Ukraine.

CONGRATULATIONS



Best wishes to Lukasz Nowak & Erin McGlue who were married in our parish recently.

CLIMB WITH CHARLIE

A 5km walk around the town will take place on Saturday, **2nd April** to raise funds for Pieta House and the IMNDA. It will start at the Lifeboat Station at 11.00 a.m. and proceed up the Dublin Road, Shenick Road and back to the start on the Coastal walk. Donations can be made on the day or to:

<http://www.idonate.ie/skerrieswalk>

Further information from Patrick 086 250 8678

30 YEARS AGO IN THE PARISH

- The Pope had asked for prayers for priestly and religious vocations
- A Céili was being organised to raise funds for the local Lourdes Invalid Fund
- The wonderful sum of £2085 had been raised on Daffodil Day
- Skerries Tidy Towns group was holding its annual door-to-door collection and first work parties were getting to work
- The Marian Drama Society was presenting Walter Macken's "Home is the Hero" for four nights
- Congratulations to Elaine Halpin who won a silver medal at the National Indoor Championships in u-13 hurdles
- Lenten lunches in aid of Third World charities were continuing each Friday in the Methodist Church.

SKERRIES LADIES BOWLS CLUB



Monday morning competition continues with great participation from lady members. The Unfurling will take place on Sunday **3rd**

April at 12.30 - light refreshments afterwards.

Next ladies meeting will take place on **Monday 4th** at 12.15 in the clubhouse.

MOTHER'S DAY

This Sunday we wish a Happy Mother's day to all Mothers & Grandmothers. Enjoy your special day.

SKERRIES HARPS GAA CLUB



Congratulations to Tim Deering and Joe Delaney who lined out with Dublin Minor footballers on Saturday v Louth and to Robyn Buckley, on the Dublin Senior Camogie squad v Down in Croke Park on Sunday. Hard luck to Lyndsey and Dublin ladies v Donegal in the League semi-final.

Sun 27 March: Fourteen fixtures between Juvenile and Adult teams – 8 away and 6 at home.

Sat 2 April: Senior football league v St. Judes, in Skerries at 6pm.

Check fixtures on www.skerriesharps.ie

Our All Stars meet up on Friday afternoons at 4.30pm and our Juvenile Academy on Saturday morning at 10 am. Club Shop open during Academy and also Thursday nights from 7.30 to 8.30pm.

Final call - Membership Fees should be renewed before **31 March** in line with GAA rules and per Club Constitution in order to vote at AGM.

Zingo for **20 March** 7,3,6,2,5,4,1. No winners - Jackpot now €3,700. Draw in club Bar on Sundays. Play online via link on club website, or buy entry envelope for €2 per line or 3 for a Fiver!

See www.skerriesharps.ie

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT – KAY WHELAN

Vincent and his family wish to sincerely thank all who sympathised with them on the sad loss of their dear wife and mother, Kay. Thanks to those who attended the funeral mass, sent Mass cards and messages of condolence and to all of the supportive neighbours.

Sincere thanks to Beaumont Hospital for their kindness and care. A special word of thanks to Fr. Melvyn and Lannon's Funeral directors for all their help and support.

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered for all your intentions.