



# Skerries Parish Bulletin

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## FORGIVE AND FORGET?

The spotlight in today's Scripture passages is on "Forgive and Forget". This is the miracle of Love. It is, of course, a two-way thing; if we receive, we also have to give. In true forgiveness, not only are our flaws and failings forgiven, they are forgotten too, wiping the slate clean and allowing a fresh start. Forgiveness - both giving and receiving - is a huge challenge. A deep desire for punishment and revenge lurks in all of us. Nevertheless, it is not for us to exact. Forgiveness is surely among the most profound of all human experience. Being forgiven produces a sense of freedom and a lightness of spirit that is indescribable. If we are forgiven by someone we love, the experience is raised to a whole new level. Remember the saying "To err is human, to forgive Divine" – that is the nub of the message in today's liturgy.

In the sacrifice of Jesus, God forgives us everything – repeatedly. This frees us from the killing burden of guilt which makes life so difficult - and for some, unbearable. Judas couldn't accept the gift. It is important to state that it is not always easy to accept. That's where Faith comes in. Faith is also called for when "not seven, but seventy seven times" is demanded of us.

Zooming in on the passages for today, we read:

**Isaiah:** "Thus says the Lord...No need to recall the past, no need to think what was done before. See I am doing a new deed... I am making a road in the wilderness" (**43: 16-21**)

**St. Paul:** "I am no longer trying for perfection by my own efforts...perfection that comes from the Law...but I want only the perfection that comes through faith in Christ" (**Phillipians 3: 8-14**)

**St John:** "If there is one of you who has not sinned, let him be the first to throw a stone" and "Has no one condemned you...? Neither do I condemn you..." (**8: 1-11**)

We of the Human Race, past present and to come, are saved from ourselves by the God of love in the sacrifice of Jesus. Not one of us is better than the other. So when to forgive and forget seems just a step too far, let us remember: "There, but for the grace of God, go I".

"Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage as streams in dry land" (**Psalms 125**)

Skerries Church Choir

## EASTER TIMETABLE ENVELOPES

Envelopes will be available for collection in the glass area of the church on **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup>** and **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April**, between **3pm and 5pm**. Your help in distributing the Easter Envelopes will be very much appreciated. Thank you.

### MASS INTENTIONS

- ✦ **Sat 2<sup>nd</sup> 10am:** Maurice McAuley, Vincent & Tess Murphy, Bernadette Marrey
- ✦ **Sat 2<sup>nd</sup> 6pm:** Gerard (Gerry) Foran (MM), Bartle & Stephen Butterly, Joe Brennan, Eamonn Lee, Christy Grimes
- ✦ **Sun 3<sup>rd</sup> 9.30am:** Abby & Michael Conlon, David & Jackie Gilsenan, Brian O'Loughlin
- ✦ **Sun 3<sup>rd</sup> 11am:** Maura McNally (MM), Hugh Marry, Michael Ferguson, Cormac O'Reilly, Ronan Browne, Greta Sweeney
- ✦ **Mon 4<sup>th</sup> 10am:** Mass Card Intentions
- ✦ **Tues 5<sup>th</sup> 10am:** Mary Ingram, Gabrielle Pratt, Hilda McMahon, All who supported the Whelan family on the death of Kay Whelan
- ✦ **Fri 8<sup>th</sup> 10am:** Paddy Murray, Gerry & Beatrice McMahon, Patrick Sonny Rooney,

Mary Monaghan, Kay Whelan (Wedding Anniversary Rem)

- ✦ **Sat 9<sup>th</sup> 10am:** Mary Gilbride (MM), James Fanning, Philip Egan, Rita & David O'Sullivan (BR)
- ✦ **Sat 9<sup>th</sup> 6pm:** Cyril Delaney (MM), Barbara McGarry, Dermot Mulholland, May Smith, Sr. Marie & Eamon O'Nolan, Colm & Elizabeth O'Nuallain
- ✦ **Sun 10<sup>th</sup> 9.30:** Mairead Gormley, Joseph Beggs, May Goundry & deceased members of the Rooney family
- ✦ **Sun 10<sup>th</sup> 11am:** Martin, Patrick, Pat and Mary Mongan, Tom & Mary Mongan & the Mongan family, Sean Darcy, Joe Clinton, Richard & Margaret Dunne, Meta Rice (1<sup>st</sup> A) and all who supported the family.

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#### PLEASE NOTE

There will be **no** 10am Mass on **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> April** because of Confirmations.

#### OUR SYMPATHY

 To the families of Patricia (Patsy) Horrigan, Phil Dowling, Noel Russell, & James (Jimmy) Hoey who died recently. May they Rest in Peace.

#### WE WELCOME

 Walter Paul Hoban, Finn Vincente Maruso, Isabelle Rose Geraghty, James Anthony Campbell, Anna Nolita Keogan & John Gerard Keogan who were recently baptised into our parish family.

#### CLIMB WITH CHARLIE

A 5k walk to raise funds for Pieta House and the IMNDA took place on **Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> April**. Donations can be made if you wish to: <http://www.idonate.ie/skerrieswalk>

#### ACTIVE RETIREMENT GROUP

**Mon 4<sup>th</sup>** - Easter Egg bingo 2pm. Everyone gets an egg. Easter Bonnet competition - 3 prizes.

#### ASSISTING UKRAINIAN GUESTS TO SKERRIES

A group of local volunteers are helping to coordinate efforts to welcome and assist our Ukrainian guests. If you are hosting Ukrainian guests who have already arrived, we would like to be able to pass on any information about get-togethers, a social club we're hoping to organise, and other local information. Read more at:

<https://www.skerriesca.com/ukraine/Public>  
Zoom Meeting To get an overview of what is happening locally we will hold an online meeting next Wednesday evening (**Wed 6<sup>th</sup> April, 8pm**) to allow people to share information on local initiatives, and to hear from people hosting accommodation or providing other services to assist Ukrainian guests. We would also like to hear from any Ukrainians already living in Skerries. Read more at: <https://www.skerriesca.com/ukraine/>

#### SKERRIES LADIES BOWLS

 A reminder that our monthly meeting takes place on **Monday 4<sup>th</sup>** at 12.15 pm. Unfurling of club flag takes place on **Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup>** at 12.30 - marking the start of our summer season.

#### 30 YEARS AGO IN THE PARISH

- In the run up to Easter, schedules of ceremonies were being distributed to all households
- The Advocate collection in aid of Sunshine House, Balbriggan would take place the following Sunday
- Skerries Historical Society was presenting a talk on "The Tambour and Embroidered Muslin trade in the 19<sup>th</sup> century with reference to Skerries"
- Boys and Girls Community Games Chess tournament was taking place in the Library
- Fingal Branch of IWC was organising a Nature Walk in Newbridge House
- Good wishes to Kybe Badminton Club contesting the Cup final at Whitehall Road
- Well done to Skerries Rugby Firsts on their good win over Bective RFC.

#### SKERRIES HARPS GAA CLUB



Our inter county reps last weekend were Hannah McGinnis with Dublin Minor football v Meath, Emma Parker with Dublin Intermediate

Camogie v Cavan and Jack Smith with Westmeath football.

Wins for the adult Hurlers this week – the A team v St Pats at home and the B team v Lucan, away. Sat 2 Apr. Senior football v St Judes, home at 6 pm in AFL1. Tues. Senior Camogie v Faughs, home at 6.45 pm. Wed: Senior ladies v Man O'War, away at 6.45pm. Check fixtures on [www.skerriesharps.ie](http://www.skerriesharps.ie)

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

Gaelic4Mothers&Others team back training Monday nights. Suitable for all abilities. It's an hour for you and the fun and social element always guaranteed. Ring Chris 087 9725519.

Bar open at weekends for all TV sports etc. with the Zingo draw on Sundays at 6.30pm.

Next Music session with the Red Biddys is on **Sunday 10 April** from 5pm.

#### CENSUS OF POPULATION OF IRELAND

Census Forms should be completed on Census Night **Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> April**.