



# Skerries Parish Bulletin

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## ***A Task Less Ordinary***

Shepherds, a bit like postmen, generally enjoy a very good reputation. Perhaps it's the solitary nature of their work or that it is simple service. A shepherd works with animals, sheep and dogs; we associate that with kindness and patience and a certain detachment from more self-serving pursuits. Sheep being sheep, the shepherd doesn't always have an easy time of it. (You could say that dogs being dogs, the postman doesn't either!) But it's part of the job and that's it. The work goes on regardless.

"I am the good shepherd" says Jesus and the focus of our reflection today is primarily about what this means to us. As Christians, we have just affirmed our belief in the Resurrection. This is the unique, one-off event of Redemption. The Good Shepherd, on the other hand, walks with us every day. He invites us to follow him for our own safety and happiness. When we accept that invitation, his protection, guidance and gentle care are guaranteed. We will never come to any great harm. "I will give them eternal life, they will never be lost and no one will ever steal them from me." (John 10: 27-29)

No shepherd can do it all by himself, of course, not even The Good Shepherd. The worldly shepherd has his dogs and their bond is tremendous. Help for the Good Shepherd is not so easy to recruit. What can we do about that? We can, and must, pray, first of all. We can speak positively about our pastors and the invaluable work they do. We can live a Christian life that is inviting rather than off-putting. We can recommend the "alternative lifestyle" that religious life is. It too is characterized by a unique, singular bond with the master. Every shepherd will go the extra mile for his lost or injured sheep – and let us not forget all the postmen's extra miles in the first lockdown of 2020 helping out remote and vulnerable people. This is the beauty of what is without doubt a task less ordinary, a life of service. Jesus himself has said that there is greater rejoicing over the rescue of one lost or injured sheep than over the hundreds of safe ones. To the dedicated shepherd – or postman – it is still the same. There must be some job-satisfaction in that!

"Serve the Lord with gladness, come before him, singing for joy. Know that He the Lord is God; He made us, we belong to Him."



**Skerries Church Choir**

### **MASS INTENTIONS**

- ✦ **Sat 7<sup>th</sup> 10am:** Réalt Na Mara Communions
- ✦ **6pm:** Brigid Farren MM, Emily Grimes, Bobby Beggs, Paddy & Peggy Coleman, Leo & Kathleen Tolan, Aisling Lawless
- ✦ **Sun 8<sup>th</sup> 9.30am:** Matthew & Catherine Grimes MM, Peadar Clerkin, Sean McCann, Mick & Paddy Ryan, Sheila Ryan, John Grimes
- ✦ **11am:** James (Jimmy) Hoey MM, Phil Dowling MM, Emer O'Driscoll 1<sup>st</sup> A, Maurice Walls, Kay Branagan, Sarah Jane Branagan, Jack & Kathleen Toner, Tony & Tilly Noone, Fr Anthony Bannon BR
- ✦ **Mon 9<sup>th</sup> 10am:** Mass Card Intentions
- ✦ **Tues 10<sup>th</sup> 10am:** Sarah Cullen, Paddy & Lil Oakes, Kathleen & John Mackle
- ✦ **Wed 11<sup>th</sup> 10am:** Gertie McMahon & McMahon Family, May Andrews
- ✦ **Sat 14<sup>th</sup> 10am:** Réalt Na Mara Communions
- ✦ **6pm:** Colm Sherlock MM, Mary Kinsella 1<sup>st</sup> A, Noeleen Beggs Taaffe, Mick Garrett

- ✦ **Sun 15<sup>th</sup> 9.30am:** Charlie & Fran Grimes, May Redmond, Nancy Jordan
- ✦ **11am:** May & Jack McDermott, Leonard McGloughlin

### **FEASTDAYS**

13<sup>th</sup> May: Our Lady of Fatima, 14<sup>th</sup> May: St Matthias

### **MASS COLLECTIONS**

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> May is Day of Prayer for Vocations. The 2<sup>nd</sup> collection is replaced by a special collection for vocations. Also, Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> May is Lay Ministry Sunday in the diocese and the 2<sup>nd</sup> collection will be for lay ministry in the diocese.

### **PLEASE NOTE**

No morning Mass on Saturdays 7<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> May when First Holy Communion will be celebrated.

### **ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY**

The Monthly collection for St Vincent De Paul will take place on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> May and Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> May. Your contribution is very much appreciated. Blue Envelopes available on entry to Church.

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## CONGRATULATIONS



To all the girls and boys in our parish who celebrated the sacraments of Holy Communion and Confirmation

during this week and on following weeks in our parish church. We remember them in our prayers during this special time in their young lives.



## LADIES BOWLS

Another busy week for Ladies Div 2 and Div 3 teams with matches on Wednesday and Thursday. Good luck to both teams.

## SKERRIES HISTORICAL SOCIETY

presents a talk on the Shegog family and Skerries by Stephanie Bourke on Tuesday, 10 May 2022 in the Bowling Club at 8.15 pm. All are welcome.

## SKERRIES HARPS GAA CLUB

Congrats to our Under 15 Camogie team – winners of the Dublin Féile final last Sunday.



Wins also for Senior Ladies v Raheny and Senior Camogie v N. Mearnog. Thanks to all who supported the sponsored Solo run – video on facebook page. Primary Schools Tournament has over 400 signed up – it will continue each Monday evening with finals on 6 June. Sat 7 May - Senior football v Castleknock, away and Inters v Raheny, home at 6.30 pm. Monday - Junior football v Trinity Gaels, home at 7.15 (Townparks pitch) Juvenile Academy every Saturday 10 am. Club Shop open for sports gear/leisure wear. Summer Camp Dates - Cúl Camp 1: 11 to 15 July, Multi Sport Camp: 25 to 29 July. Nursery Camp: 15 to 19 Aug, 4-7yrs. Cúl Camp 2: 22 to 26 Aug. Details on how to book these camps will be issued shortly. Zingo for 1 May: 1,5,2,6,3,4,7. Dividend €200 won by Peter Ellis. Jackpot for 8 May is €4,300. Draw in club every Sunday at 6.30 pm. See [www.skerriesharps.ie](http://www.skerriesharps.ie)

## 30 YEARS AGO IN THE PARISH

- Newly baptised were Bernard Cawley and Peadar O'Dea
- The Annual Edel Quinn Mass was being celebrated in the Parish
- St. Vincent de Paul was holding its monthly sale in the Store, the Square
- The Pioneer Association was preparing their annual Mass and presentation of pins and certificates to Jubilarians
- Winners of the Sunday morning Bowls competition were Harry Gavin, Hugh Marry and Sadie Garrett
- Skerries Town FC 2nds had a draw in the Final of the Desmond Cup after extra time. Replay in Balbriggan and supporters would be accommodated in a special bus from the Monument

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

**Gerald Griffin:** The family of the late Gerald Griffin wish to thank all those who supported them in their recent and sad bereavement. To the nurses and staff of Loughshinny Nursing Home we say Thank You. We also send 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.

**James Hoey:** The family of the late James (Jimmy) Hoey wish to thank the friends and neighbours who supported us throughout our bereavement. We are forever grateful. We would like to thank the team at Seaholm surgery, the ICU department in Beaumont Hospital and the carers of Comfort Keepers who looked after Jimmy so well. We would particularly like to thank Fr Melvyn, Joey Lannon and Lannon Funeral Directors for their kindness, support and professionalism throughout. The Holy sacrifice of the Mass has been offered for your intentions.

**Emer O'Driscoll:** The family of Emer O' Driscoll would like to thank everyone for their support during Mam's illness, and over the past year. Thank you to all who sympathised, sent cards and flowers, and for those who travelled to be with us for Mam's mass. Special thanks to Seaholm Surgery, St. Francis Hospice, Fr. James and Joey Lannon.