

Skerries Parish Bulletin

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5th SUNDAY IN LENT

FIRST READING: EZEKIEL 37:12-14, PSALM 129. SECOND READING: ROMANS 8:8-11.
GOSPEL: JOHN 11:1-45.

MY SOUL IS WAITING FOR THE LORD, I COUNT ON HIS WORD.



The gospel scene is a familiar one to us, both from the account in the Bible and from our own experience of the death of those we have loved. We can empathise with the grief of Martha and Mary, and we are touched by the fact that Jesus wept too. Further on in the story Jesus orders that the stone at the entrance to the tomb of Lazarus be removed. "Take the stone away," He said to the onlookers and to Lazarus "Come out!" We too are entombed when we choose negativity in our lives holding on to old hurts, anger, selfishness, etc. So, during these last days of Lent let us listen to Jesus calling us into His Presence, liberating us from the darkness of our tomb and letting us see how beautiful and wonderful we are because He created us, and He did not create rubbish!


Liberate us Lord and may we in turn liberate others this week!

Holy Faith Sisters

MASS INTENTIONS

- ✠ **Sat 25th 10am:** Patsy & Kitty Foley, Ann Smith
- ✠ **Sat 25th 6pm:** Patricia (Patsy) Horrigan (1st A), Phil Dowling, Jenny Hyland, Breeda Fitzgerald, Sean Farrell, Michael Harford
- ✠ **Sun 26th 9.30am:** Tom & Peter O'Rourke, Annie Leonard, Brian O'Loughlin, Mona Wall, Maurice & Margaret Wynne
- ✠ **Sun 26th 11am:** James McMahon (1st A), Noel Russell (1st A), James (Jimmy) Hoey (1st A), Colm Sherlock (1st A), Josephine & Colm Flanagan, Rosemary Malone
- ✠ **Mon 27th 10am:** Mass Card Intentions
- ✠ **Wed 28th 10am:** Myra Martin
- ✠ **Fri 31st 10am:** May Walshe & James C. Walshe, Sheena & Michael Flavin, Pat, Lil, Terry, Ray & John O'Brien (Rem)
- ✠ **Sat 1st 6pm:** Ronan Browne. Ray McAnally (BR), Ronnie Masterson (BR), Eamonn Lee
- ✠ **Sun 2nd 9.30am:** Abby & Michael Conlon
- ✠ **Sun 2nd 11am:** Terry McDonald (MM), Fergus Finch (1st A), Hugh Marry, Joe Clinton, Richard & Margaret Dunne, Gabrielle Pratt.

OUR SYMPATHY

 To the families of Kevin Earley, Greenlawns, Colette McConnell, Barnageeragh Cove, and Eddie Coleman, Downside Heights who died recently. May they Rest in Peace.

FEASTDAYS

25th March – The Annunciation of the Lord
1st April – St. Ceallach

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EASTER TIMETABLE ENVELOPES

Envelopes are available for collection this weekend from the parish office. Your help in distributing the Easter Envelopes will be very much appreciated. Thank you.

CONGRATULATIONS to the boys & girls in 2nd class St. Patrick's Junior School who made their **First Confession** this week.

EASTER MASS CARDS

Easter Mass Cards are now available in the Parish Office – all proceeds from the cards will go to TROCAIRE to assist them in their work.

First Communion and Confirmation Cards are also available in the Parish Office.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament every Tuesday during Lent from 2 to 5pm.

SKERRIES LADIES BOWLS



Monday morning competition continues. It will finish with an Easter Bonnet morning on April 3rd - so get trimming those hats! Names still being taken for the 40th Anniversary Dinner Dance in the Golf Club on **30th June** - deposits to Mary Attley.

ST. FRANCIS HOSPICE SPRING MEMORIAL 5K WALK

The hospice is encouraging supporters to do their own walk as a family or with others, perhaps in a place that holds special memories for them or their loved ones. It can take place at any time, anywhere throughout the months of March & April 2023. Registration costs €25 per adult and children are free. Just go to www.sfh.ie or call 01-8327535 to register. St. Francis Hospice intends to construct a new 24-bed in-patient unit and will include all support facilities. Participation will help to raise much-needed funds for the services the hospice provides.

30 YEARS AGO IN THE PARISH

- The Annual Collection for the Parish Bulletin was being taken before and after all Masses this weekend. At that stage 1350 copies were printed each weekend and often didn't suffice!
- St. Vincent de Paul Society urgently needed bunk beds, an electric cooker and a 2 seater couch
- Lenten Lunches in the Methodist church were continuing each Wednesday - proceeds to Third World and Eastern European charities
- Tidy Towns Annual door-to-door collection was taking place and all were asked to give what they could
- A talk on "Social Entitlements" was being organised by Citizens Information Centre
- The Marian Society's production of "Big Maggie" was continuing in the Little Theatre
- The Active Retirement Group's Bridge afternoon was starting on Wednesdays - a tutor available
- Skerries Rugby Club was looking for host families for visiting teams from Gosforth, Beaconsfield, Cliften and the Vale of Lune - the visit would take place in April.

SKERRIES ACTIVE RETIREMENT GROUP

Next **Monday 27th** is Easter egg bingo for members at 1.45pm.

SKERRIES HARPS GAA CLUB



Sun 26 Mar: Minor Football v Castleknock, home at 11.00; Junior Hurling v Raheny, home at 2.30. Well done to Robyn Buckley on

Dublin Intermediate Camogie Team win over Limerick on Sat and to Eoghan, Greg, Ethan and Tim who all played on Dublin Under 20 win v Wicklow on Tuesday.

Juvenile Academy on Saturdays at 10am. Club Shop open for refreshments and also on Thursdays at 7.30 pm for playing equipment and leisurewear.

Our youngest members participated in the Parade on St. Patrick's Day, with our All-stars leading out the parade followed by our teams from Under 8 to Under 12. Afterwards back to the Club for some treats and fun activities on the pitch - the Poc Fada & Crossbar Challenge.

Easter Camps for boys and girls are on 4 to 6 April and on 11 to 13 April.

Reminder re: Membership Fees which are due by 31st March.

Zingo for 19 Mar. 6, 4, 1, 2, 7, 3, 5. Dividend €250 won by Denise Emmett. Jackpot now €1,600.

Draw in Club each Sunday evening with Free In-house Draw for Spot Prizes.

See www.skerriesharps.ie and our Facebook page for latest Club news.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT – BEN GAUGHRAN

Following the first anniversary of the death of my husband Ben Gaughran, myself and the Gaughran family would like to thank all who attended Lannons on the eve of Ben's funeral and funeral mass the following day. Thanks to all who sympathised and for the many Mass cards and letters of sympathy, which meant so much.

A special thanks to Fr. Melvyn, the Parish team and to Lannons funeral undertakers.