



Skerries Parish Bulletin

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First Sunday after Easter **UNDERSTANDING v ACCEPTING.**



Ian, who spurns religion, found himself one day in a Catholic church to attend a concert. Looking around at all the trappings of religion, he said with some disdain “I don’t understand a thing about it”. It prompts the question “Is this what religion is all about – understanding?”

Here we are, barely seven days on from Holy Week and Easter Sunday, the pure truth of all Christianity. How much did we understand? When we renewed our Baptismal vows, for instance, especially the final belief in ‘the resurrection of the body’ did we base our ‘I do’ on understanding? What did Thomas understand when he made his supreme act of faith, as told in the well-known Gospel story today? Perhaps he understood that it is not a matter of understanding at all; it has nothing to do with it. Thomas finally fully accepted and believed.

Can we accept the Resurrection and its Hope of eternal life? Have we faith in it? We will certainly never be able to understand it. The best of us will wobble and waver. Even Mary Magdalene, distraught, failed to recognize Jesus, thinking he was the gardener. Look at his question to her: “Who are you looking for?”

This is the question for us too. Jesus is the Resurrection. Seeking him, getting to know him, what he did and all he stood for, listening to him in the two-way conversation that is prayer, this surely is the ongoing way we come to acceptance and faith. ‘Understanding’ only goes so far. Can love be understood? We sing today at the Offertory,

“Love is come again like wheat that springeth green”.

Skerries Church Choir.

Anniversary and Special Intention Masses

Sat.15th: 6 p.m.: Barbara McGarry, Dermot Mulholland, May Smyth, Stevie Ryan, decd. members of Melia & Morrison families

Sun.16th: 9.30 a.m.: Bree Grimes, Thomas & Lena Monks, May Murphy, Charles & Eileen Murray, Rose Murray, Anne Fagan

Mon. 17th 10am Mass Card Intentions

Tues. 18th: 10am Paddy Cappock, (1st A) Mary Browne

Fri. 21st : 10am Frances Reid, Gerard Robinson, Tom, Lil & Carmel Doyle & family (rem), Special Intention, Annie & Delia Keeling

Sat. 22nd : 10am Vera Morris (rem), Patrick & Sarah Dunne **6pm** Eddie Coleman (month’s mind), Paddy Cappock (1st A), Barry Morris, Eileen O’Neill, Donal & Mary Keane, Alice & Jack Keane, Eileen Seaver (rem)

Sun.23rd 9.30am Paddy Cappock (1st A), Kieran Birchall, Larry, Dolores & Sean Casey, Richard, Anne & Gerard Keane, Tom McDonnell & decd.members of

McDonnell family, Leah O’Shea

11am Eric O’Toole, Mona Kenny, Mary McGirl, Joe Coleman, Willie & Kitty Beggs, Helen Beggs , Paurick (Jack) Guildea

Dates for your Diary – Parish Confirmation



Wednesday 19th: 10am Mr Quigley’s Class, 2pm Ms Hewitt’s Class.

Thursday 20th: 10am Ms Durcan’s Class, 2pm Mr Kealy’s Class.

No morning Mass on these two days next week.

Our Sympathy to



The families and friends of Daniel (Fran) Kavanagh, Mourne View, and Declan Walsh, Mourne View, whose deaths occurred in the Parish this past week. May they rest in peace.

Congratulations to Ronan Wall & Ashley Chapman, who were married in the Parish last week.

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St. Vincent de Paul Society

Monthly Collection is 14th /16th April for the St Vincent de Paul Society. Any contribution, no matter how small, will be truly appreciated. Printed Blue Envelopes are available in the Church and the Parish Office and also from our individual members who might be known to you personally.

Skerries offering protection to refugees



Earlier this week a number of families who are seeking asylum came to stay in Skerries. They have come from different countries and will be recently arrived in the country. The families are staying in repurposed accommodation with support staff on site. Once they have settled in there will be a meeting for local groups to connect with our new community members to help them feel a part of the town. We ask you to show all people new to the town a warm Skerries welcome.

Special Olympics

The annual collection will take place on Friday 21st April. Collectors urgently needed for Gerry's Supermarket. If you could volunteer an hour or two, please contact by text message or phone call 0861622245 (Margaret Duffy) Many thanks

Tools for Tanzania ! What's in your shed or attic ?



Do you have old gardening tools/hand tools/an old sewing machine gathering dust ? A non-profit scheme organised via Malahide Lions Club will collect your old items and through Solidarity Belfast will have them serviced/fixed/graded and shipped to Tanzania. There through 3 training schools, more than two thousand Tanzanians have already been trained to become independent tailors/seamstresses. The small act of donating a machine can give Tanzanians financial independence and dignity. If you have an item/items, no matter what the condition, you wish to donate, please contact 085-8172660 to arrange for collection

Skerries Men's Shed extends its sincerest sympathy to Liz, Adam, Kate, Marc and the wider Smith family on the recent death of Alan (former chairman of Skerries Men's Shed). We will always remember him fondly and he will be sadly missed by all the members of the Shed. May he rest in peace.

Walk with Charlie Bird

Good luck to anyone walking with Charlie today in Avondale Co. Wicklow. This is to highlight the work of the Samaritans. To show his support for them, Charlie will do the 5km walk and plant a tree. All welcome

Skerries Tidy Towns Annual Fundraiser

There will be no door-to-door collection. Donations on line for a limited period only to www.idonate.ie/fundraiser/skerriestidytowns23 Please donate in this way or to a committee member. We need your help to keep up our work for the community.

Skerries Ladies Bowls

The first matches of the League season will take place next week: Div. 2, away to Greystones, Wed. 19th and Div.3, away to Clontarf on Thurs. 20th. Good luck to all who will be taking part.

Skerries Theatre Group

The next production "Skerries Short Cuts" will open on Wed. 19th and run until Sat. 29th (Wed - Sat) @ 8.15pm in The Little Theatre.

"Short Cuts" comprises 6 Original Short Plays performed in one night. (same plays each night) Tickets are available @ Skerries Bookshop or phone bookings 0851342999 Adm. €20/€15 - which includes entry, a programme, raffle tickets and complimentary refreshments.

Tickets are limited, please book early, so not to be disappointed.

Skerries Harps GFC

Hurling this weekend with Intermediates home on Sat and Juniors away on Sun v Cuala at 3 pm. Senior Football Div.1 game v St Olafs is refixed for Wed 19 Apr in Skerries at 7 pm.

Inter county reps this week included Robyn Buckley with Dublin Inter Camogie, Rebecca Beggs with Dublin Under 16 Camogie and Keren Ndjatang with Dublin Under 14 girls football. Meanwhile Lyndsey Davey is in Austin, Texas with the LGFA All Stars team.

Academy Term 3 from 22 Apr till 24 June. Registration now open for boys/girls aged 4+ attending primary school. Fully trained coaches/ GPO led sessions. Skills & functional movement development aligned with GAA coaching programme. Book your child's place @ <https://skerriesharps.clubzap.com/prod.../8971/purchases/new>. Zingo for 9 Apr. 7, 5, 3, 2, 1, 4, 6. No winners. Jackpot now €1,900. Draw in Club each Sunday evening with Free In-house Draw for Spot Prizes. Entry only €2 each or 3 for €5.