



Skerries Parish Bulletin

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The Road To Emmaus

Luke 24:13 – 35

He is Risen, Alleluia Alleluia. The feast of Easter is so important that we spend six weeks celebrating it. In all the post resurrection stories it seems that Jesus appears unexpectedly in ordinary everyday life and at first people do not recognise him, but then when they do he often vanishes again.

In today's gospel, a couple of disciples, Cleopas and most probably his wife leave Jerusalem where they have just experienced the capture, crucifixion and death of Jesus. They are heartbroken, their world has fallen apart and they set off home to Emmaus, about 7 miles from Jerusalem. As they trod along talking about all the terrible happenings of the weekend, another traveller comes up from behind and walks with them. (We the reader know that it is Jesus, but they do not) He asks them what they are talking about. They are astonished that he does not know, and begin to recount those awful events. Jesus speaks to them "O foolish people" and explains to them the passages in scripture about himself. They are so impressed by what he has to tell them (hearts burning within them) that they ask him to stay with them in Emmaus. They have expressed a desire to have Jesus in their lives. While they are having a meal together he blesses and breaks the bread. They suddenly recognise him. Of course they do, they have seen him so often in the past do the exact same thing. Jesus vanishes and they, filled with excitement, set off at once for Jerusalem to tell the other disciples, who have their own tale to tell. As they all talk together, faith is mutually discerned and mutually strengthened, for both them and the other disciples.

We might ask ourselves when have our hearts been burning within us? To whom have we been able to pour out our hearts? Who has been a Jesus person for you? What has helped you to form new hopes in the light of new reality? Who or what has helped you come to faith? Who have you invited into your life, and where in this new relationship have you experienced God? If this story captivates you, can I suggest you go to Tarsus.ie where Fr. Kieran O'Mahoney, OSA from the depths of his own study and spirituality opens the words of scripture to us every week.

Lydia Gillen (Bible Study Group)

WEEKLY PINK PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES FOR 2023/24 are now available for collection. The Planned Giving collection provides a very important and necessary financial support for the parish.

Envelopes can be collected in the Parish Office on:

Friday 28th April between 2.30 – 4.30pm Saturday 29th April after 10am Mass

Please contact us if you are unable to collect your envelopes during the above times. The parish does not benefit from the 1st and 2nd collections at the Sunday Masses, or the Christmas, Easter and Summer Dues collections.

If you would like to join the weekly Pink Planned Giving collection, or know more about how you can support the parish please contact us via the parish office, leaving your name and phone number and we will contact you. THANK YOU

OUR SYMPATHY

To the families of Les Boylan, Seacrest, Madeleine Carron, Holmpatrick and Paddy Hughes, St Patrick's Close, who died recently. May they Rest in Peace.

Feastdays 25th April – St Mark;
27th April – St Asicus,
29th April – St Catherine of Siena

Confirmation & Holy Communion Cards are available in the Parish Office.

Congratulations to the boys and girls of St Patrick's 6th classes who were confirmed during the week. We trust you all had a great day!

Please note NO Mass on Tuesday due Realt na Mara Confirmations

Anniversaries/Intentions:



SAT 22ND: 10AM: BABY NIALL O'LEARY (1ST A), VERA MORRIS (REM), PATRICK & SARAH DUNNE, PETE MURPHY, PATRICK MONKS

6PM: EDDIE COLEMAN (MM), PADDY CAPPOCK (1ST A), BARRY MORRIS, EILEEN O'NEILL, DONAL AND MARY KEANE, ALICE & JACK KEANE, EILEEN SEAVER

SUN. 23RD: 9.30AM: PADDY CAPPOCK (1ST A), KIERAN BIRCHALL, LARRY, DOLORES & SEAN CASEY, RICHARD, ANNE & GERARD KEANE, TOM McDONNELL & DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE MCDONNELL FAMILY, LEAH O'SHEA

11AM: ERIC O'TOOLE, MONA KENNY, MARY MCGIRL, JOE COLEMAN, WILLIE & KITTY BEGGS, HELEN BEGGS, PAURICK (JACK) GUILDEA

MON. 24TH: 10AM: MASS CARD INTENTIONS.

TUES. 25TH: NO MASS THIS MORNING.

REALT NA MARA CONFIRMATIONS

WEDS. 26TH: 10AM: TERRY ROY

2PM: MILVERTON, HOLMPATRICK & EDUCATE TOGETHER CONFIRMATIONS

FRI. 28TH: 10AM: RORY SHIELDS, HARRY BOYLAN, ESSIE, DAMIAN & AMY BOYLAN, MARGARET GUINAN (REM), BERTIE & ELIZABETH MARTIN, JOHN & MARY ROGAN AND THE ROGAN FAMILY (REM)

SAT. 29TH: 10AM: FRANK WALSH (MM).

6PM: EILEEN MCCORMACK, PATRICK & PEGGY MCCORMACK & DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE MCCORMACK FAMILIES, BETTY GRIMES, LARRY CARR, AISLING LAWLESS, GERRY & ROSIE HOARE

SUN. 30TH: 9.30AM: BRIGID LEE, WALTER RUIGROK, BRIDGET & WILLIAM MCKENNA, MARY, BREA & EILEEN MCKENNA, BILL & MARGARET ASTON, LOUISE CASEY

11AM: TOMMY POWER, BRIGID & DESSIE DERWIN, MATT & MARIE GRIMES, GERRY FITZGERALD, OWEN SMULLEN, BRENDAN O'BRIEN, KATHLEEN HARFORD

30 YEARS AGO IN THE PARISH

- An important talk on Community Action on Drugs was being held in the secondary college
- Holmpatrick Church was holding a Golf Outing, Auction and Social Evening in the Golf Club to raise funds for much needed church maintenance

- Skerries Town Twinning Association was welcoming 60 visitors from the Canton of Guichen for a 5-day stay
- Twelve athletes from Skerries Athletic Club were travelling on the Dublin team to Liverpool for the annual Merseyside /Dublin track and field meeting.

SKERRIES HARPS GAA CLUB

Senior Football Div.1, away, v Raheny on Sat 22nd and Inters v St Marks, home at 6 pm
Sun. Junior football v Bank of Ireland, Minor Hurling v Plunketts, both home at 11 am
Tues. Senior Camogie v Faughs, home at 7.30;
Wed. Senior Ladies v Cuala, home at 7.30
Dublin Under 20 footballers have qualified for Leinster final, beating Meath on Tuesday with Greg, Eoghan and Ethan representing Skerries Harps.

Our Under 12 girls played in Croke Park last weekend – fantastic show girls!

Academy Term 3 starts on Sat 22 April. Prior registration required. Book your child's place on <https://skerriesharps.clubzap.com>

Zingo for 16 April. 7, 5, 4, 6, 2, 3, 1. Dividend €200 won by Bonnie Gormley. Jackpot now €2,000. Draw in Club each Sunday evening with Free In-house Draw for Spot Prizes.

The 30th Primary Schools League Tournament will take place for 6 weeks from Monday 1st May to Monday 5th June. Open to all in 3rd - 6th Classes in our local primary schools.

Sun 30 April; Good Times Disco at 8 pm Tickets €15. and 5Km Run on Mon 1st May 10.30 am – both functions in aid of Breast Cancer Ireland. See www.skerriesharps.ie and check our Social media for latest Club news.

Skerries Ladies Bowls

Hard luck to Div. 2 ladies who had a tough start to their season in Greystones last Wednesday. Next week they will be at home to Bray on Wednesday. Div. 3 ladies have no match this coming week as Greenhills has withdrawn from the League. Open Days to encourage new members will be held on 5th/6th May from 2 - 4 p.m. Sympathy is sent to the family of Paddy Hughes who died recently. Paddy was a regular player with the club in the past.

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