



Skerries Parish Bulletin

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4th SUNDAY OF EASTER GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY – DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Today the Church focuses the liturgy on the Good Shepherd. The first reading highlights for us that through our Baptism we belong to Jesus - we are "His flock". Then the Psalm "The Lord is my Shepherd" speaks of a loving, caring God. This Psalm is one of the most consoling prayers we could say. In the Gospel Jesus is depicted as the gateway to a nourishing pasture where his followers will find life in its fullness. We need to listen to hear his voice and to follow where he leads us. We must trust that his deepest desire for us is that we have life to the full.

Jesus is the caring shepherd who seeks out the lost - "Near restful waters he leads me to revive my drooping spirit". Jesus says "I know mine and mine know me". It is extraordinary that with the billions of people on earth God knows each one of us by name. Jesus wants us to know that we are loved and accepted – we are his beloved children. We must listen to his voice in our lives. How do you seek to hear Jesus's voice? What keeps you from hearing it?

Holy Faith Sisters

MASS INTENTIONS

- ✦ **Sat 29th Apr:** 10am: Frank Walsh (MM), Colum Boyle
- ✦ 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, Breda & 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
- ✦ **Mon 1st May:** 11am: Mass Card Intentions
- ✦ **Tues 2nd:** 10am: Kathleen & John Mackle, The Reilly Family (rem), Gerald Griffin (BR)
- Weds 3rd:** 10am: Frank McGovern
- ✦ **Fri 5th:** 10am: Altar List – First Friday
- ✦ 7.30pm: Padre Pio Mass
- ✦ **Sat 6th: 10am:** Holy Communion, Realt na Mara.
- ✦ **2pm:** Holy Communion, Realt na Mara
- ✦ **6pm:** Emile Grimes, Bobby Beggs, Peadar Clerkin, Hyacinth Maguire, William Mooney, Mary Mooney,

Jackie & David Gilsean, Alice & Owen Costello

- ✦ **Sun 7th: 9.30am:** Sean McCann & deceased members of the McCann family, Leo & Kathleen Tolan
- ✦ **11am:** Declan Walsh (MM), Dessie McGirl, Snr., Desmond McGirl, Jnr., Paddy & Peggy Coleman, Maurice Walls, John Grimes, Sarah Branagan

OUR SYMPATHY

To the families of Grace McGlynn, Townparks, Ursula Mooney, Holmpatrick and Michael McDonagh, Mourne View, who died recently. May they Rest in Peace.

FEASTDAYS: 29TH APRIL – ST CATHERINE OF SIENA, 3RD MAY – STS PHILIP & JAMES, APOSTLES, 4TH MAY – ST CONLETH

LAY MINISTRY COLLECTION

The annual Lay Ministry Collection will take place at all Masses this weekend and will replace the weekly Share Collection. Thank you for your support

Monday 1st May Bank Holiday – Mass at 11am

Congratulations to the girls/boys of Scoil Mobhi, Educate Together, Holmpatrick NS and Scoil Realt na Mara, who received the Sacrament of Confirmation this week.

Friday 5th: First Friday – Padre Pio Mass, 7.30pm

30 years ago in the Parish

- A special Mass was being organised for those who are sick in the Parish, including the Sacrament of Anointing
- Confirmation of 22 young people from Holmpatrick and Balbriggan Parishes was taking place in St. George's, Balbriggan, this week
- 60 visitors from the Canton of Guichen were visiting Skerries this weekend, guests of Skerries Town Twinning and host families
- Fingal Training Centre has opened a retail outlet for bedding plants, pottery and sewing items and various jams and preserves
- Host families were being sought to host children from Chernobyl coming to Skerries in July and August

Skerries Ladies Bowls Club

Matches next week continue for Div. 2 and Div.3 on Wednesday and Thursday. Good luck to those ladies who have entered the LBLI Championships, first matches this week. Well done to Mary Harford and Tony Sweetman, new club champions. Have you thought about taking up Bowls? Great for your health and well-being! Open days will be held on Sat 6th/Sun 7th from 2-4 p.m. Why not give it a try? Suitable for all ages and abilities.

Tools for Tanzania !

It's still not too late to donate any of those unused tools which may be cluttering up your garden shed! Or old unused sewing machines, which can be repaired and repurposed. Under an initiative supported by Malahide Lions Club all donations can be repaired/restored and sent to training schools in Tanzania, giving people an opportunity to acquire a trade which can give them independence and dignity. Contact Damian, 089 4585090 to arrange collection of your donations. NB: Please note telephone number!



SKERRIES HARPS GAA CLUB

Sun. Minor Camogie v Rd Towers, home at 10.30 and Minor Football v Ballinteer, home at 11.00

Wed 3 May. Senior Football v Thos Davis, home at 7.15 pm and away to St Judes on Sat at 6.30.

Commiserations to our 5 reps on Dubs Under 20 defeat to Kildare, after extra time in Leinster final.

Juvenile Academy every Saturday at 10 am – excluding Bank Holiday weekends.

Zingo for 23 April. 2, 4, 6, 1, 7, 5, 3. No winners. Jackpot now €2,100. Draw in Club each Sunday evening with Free In-house Draw for Spot Prizes.

The 30th Annual 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 in Clubhouse. Tickets €15. and 5Km Run on Mon 1st May 10.30 a.m – both functions in aid of Breast Cancer Ireland.

We offer our sympathy to the Carron, Hughes and McGlynn families on their recent losses. See www.skerriesharps.ie and our Social media posts for latest Club news and fixture changes.

Interested in a short break in France -

Skerrries Twinning is organizing a 4/5 day break in our twin area of Guichen from 29th June – 3rd July this year? Would you like to join them? Lots of activities planned (including boules) and interesting visits. Accommodation and meals with host families – all you have to do is get there! No need to speak French, someone will help you out! Do think about it and get back to us for more information – please email: skerriestwinning@gmail.com