



Sixth Sunday of Easter - The Holy Spirit – Our New Hope

[Acts 8:5-8,14-17; Pt 3:15-18; Jn 14:15-21]



When we come to face difficulties or challenges often the first casualty is hope. Hope is the virtue that enables us to look to the future with real confidence. Such hope is rooted in reality – it's not daydreaming. Our hope helps us to see and notice new life around and within us in every situation.

We all received the Holy Spirit at baptism and some who are confirmed at confirmation. It is this Spirit that gives assurance and confidence to us. In the gospel Jesus says he will not leave us orphans. He did not leave his disciples to struggle with the Christian life without the help of the Spirit nor does he abandon us either. The Spirit will not arrive 'unannounced' but needs us to request his help so as to receive him with open hearts.

Others see the Spirit in us when they see our courage and hope in action. The word of God encourages us along with the Spirit to remain strong in our faith and in so doing in our following as disciples today. It is the Spirit that enables us to live lives of remarkable goodness in unspectacular ways thus living our New Hope as followers of the risen Lord.

Martin Buber said that 'hope imagines the real' – let's make it as real as we can.

Fr. Melvyn

MASS INTENTIONS

- ✦ **Sat 13th 6pm:** Thomas Ellis 1st A, Malachy Armstrong, Noeleen Beggs Taaffe, Nicholas & Mary Ellis (Rem), Thomas & Bridget Ferguson, Kay & Rose McGee, Patrick Hughes (MM)
- ✦ **Sun 14th 9.30am:** Charlie & Fran Grimes, Peadar Clerkin, Mary & Thomas Hughes, Nancy Jordan, Frank & Joan Costello (Rem), Michael & Eithne Mulgrew (Rem)
- ✦ **Sun 14th 11am:** Eithne Jones (MM), Jimmy & Peter Lambe, Mary Kinsella, Margaret McDonnell, Jack & Kathleen Toner, Tony & Tilly Noone, Fr Anthony Bannon (BR)
- ✦ **Mon 15th 10am:** Mass Card Intentions
- ✦ **Wed 17th 10am:** Sr Austin Briscoe (1st A)
- ✦ **Fri 19th 10am:** James & Mary Slattery, John & Mary Dolan, Josephine Egan, Aidan Anglin
- ✦ **Sat 20th 6pm:** Michael McDonagh (MM), Brigid Graham (MM), Jim & Lily Scanlan
- ✦ **Sun 21st 9.30am:** Ann Moore (1st A), Domingos Fernandes Filho
- ✦ **Sun 21st 11am:** Madeleine Carron (MM), Ursula Mooney (MM), Eileen Leonard, Helen Gordon, Michael Carron

CONGRATULATIONS

To the girls and boys of Ms. Kelly/Ms. McMenamain 2nd class and Ms. Holohan's class, St. Patrick's Jun. School, all of whom receive their First



Communion this weekend. Many thanks to all who helped in their preparation and in our celebrations.

Next **Saturday 20th May** we will celebrate First Holy Communion with Ms. Noone's class (St Patrick's JNS) at 10 am and with Ms. Smith's class Scoil Mobhi, Milverton and the 2nd class children from ETNS & Holmpatrick NS at 2pm. You are very welcome to join us at any of these celebrations.

OUR SYMPATHY



To the families of Frances (Fran) Justice, Churchfield Close and Walter Meehan, Churchfield Lawns who died recently. May they Rest in Peace.

FEASTDAYS

13th May – Our Lady of Fatima, 15th May – St Carthage, 16th May – St Brendan

BLESSINGS OF THE GRAVES 2023

Sunday 4th June: Holmpatrick 2.30pm,

Baldungan 4.00pm

Sunday 11th June: Ardla 2.30pm,

Milverton 4.00pm.

'BUILDING HOPE' – PRAY, REFLECT, PLAN

You are warmly invited to join with every parish in the diocese in a Novena to the Holy Spirit – a period of prayer, reflection and planning for the renewal of the Church in the Archdiocese of Dublin. The Novena will take place in the nine days from **21st to 29th May** beginning on the Feast of the Ascension of the Lord, through Pentecost and continuing to the Feast of Mary, Mother of the Church. Some copies of the **Novena Prayer Card** are available in the church.

SKERRIES COMMUNITY CHOIR will hold their



summer concert **Summer is a Comin' In** on Friday May 19th at 8pm. Tickets €10 available from The Skerries Book Shop and at the door.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL

Monthly Collection is 20th and 21st May for the St Vincent De Paul. Any contribution, no matter how small, will be truly appreciated.

JIM QUIGLEY AWARD

This award, in memory of a most dedicated and inspirational man, is awarded by the Skerries Community Association to a voluntary group, or individual, who has gone the extra mile to improve the quality of life here in Skerries. To read more about Jim Quigley and to see previous winners of the award, go to: <https://www.skerriesca.com/jim-quigley-award/> Please send a concise description of the group you wish to nominate, and why they deserve this recognition to JQAward2023@gmail.com or it can be left at the Community Centre Reception. Closing date for nominations is 30th May 2023. Presentation will take place at the SCA Annual General Meeting in the Community Centre on Thursday 15th June.

SKERRIES LADIES BOWLS

Well done to all the lady members from the club who have come through the 1st round of the ILBA championships, Good luck in the next rounds. Thanks to all who helped out at the Open Days last weekend and a warm welcome to any of those who came along to give bowls a go. League matches continued this week, Div. 2 away to Shankhill and Div. 3 at home to Aer Lingus. As there is a coaching session on Monday morning 15th, there will be no normal roll-up.

30 YEARS AGO IN THE PARISH

- Preparations were underway to celebrate the Golden Jubilee of Canon Shanahan
- Newly baptised were Aidan Sherlock and Andrew Conneely
- Final bookings were being taken for the Parish trip to Rome and Sorrento
- The bad weather had disturbed the work parties of the Tidy Towns and an appeal was being made for extra volunteers to catch up on planting work
- Sympathy was expressed by many clubs to the family of the late Skerries legend Bobby Beggs, whose death had occurred

GIVE BLOOD, SAVE LIVES

Blood Bank will be at Skerries Community Centre on Thursday 11th May from 3.45 – 8.00pm. Call 1800 222 111 for more information or check your eligibility at giveblood.ie.

THE FINGAL BRANCH OF BIRDWATCH

is delighted to resume outdoor activities. Dawn Chorus Walk at Turvey Nature Park, Donabate, will take place on Sunday 14th - assemble at the Car Park at 7am.



SKERRIES HARPS GAA CLUB

Sunday 14 May: Minor football v Beann Eadair, home at 11 am.

Mon 15 May: Junior hurling v Gael Og, home at 7.15 pm.

Sat 20 May: Senior football v Ballymun-Kickhams, home at 6.30pm.



Our Summer Camp dates – Cul Camp 1 on 10 July, Multi Sports Camp on 24 July, Cul Camp 2 on 14 August and Academy Camp on 21 August. Keep an eye on our Social media pages for details. Juvenile Academy every Saturday at 10 am – Club Shop open for refreshments and sale of playing gear and leisure wear. Shop open Thursdays 7.30 pm.

Zingo for 7 May: 1, 7, 6, 2, 5, 4, 3. No winners. Jackpot now €2,300. Draw in Club each Sunday evening with Free In-house Draw for Spot Prizes. The Annual Primary Schools League Tournament runs each Monday evening at 6 pm, with the finals on Monday 5th June, featuring boys and girls from our local primary schools. Join us in the Clubhouse on Sunday for the Ulster and Leinster football finals and Zingo draw. See www.skerriesharps.ie and our Social media posts for latest Club news and fixture changes.