



## PALM SUNDAY

*Isaiah 50:4-7, Psalm 21, Philippians 2:6-11, Gospel: The Passion according to St. Mark.*

This week we are entering the most important week of the liturgical year, Holy Week, during which we prayerfully remember the events of Jesus' passion and death. The liturgy begins with the entry into Jerusalem, Palm Sunday. The crowd joyfully accompanies Jesus.



“Sometimes they strew his way  
And his sweet praises sing  
Resounding all the day  
Hosanna to their King”

But, as they progress on the journey through the following days, the crowd changes its allegiance, reminding us of the fickleness of the human heart.

The 1<sup>st</sup> Reading from the prophet Isaiah is consoling and eases us into the darkness of the Passion. We are assured that we are given a disciple's tongue and a listening ear, two important gifts for daily living.

St. Paul in Philippians 2 calls us to proclaim our faith in Jesus Christ.

Psalm 21 “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?” is very familiar to us. Which of us has not prayed it from the depths of our hearts at some time in our life?

Let us enter this Holy Week with listening hearts, allowing ourselves to experience the loving presence of Jesus as we accompany him through the pain of his Passion.

*Church Readers*

**Palm Sunday:** Blessing of Palms at all Masses this weekend.

### Reconciliation Service for Easter:

**Rush:** After Masses this weekend.

**Balbriggan:** Monday 25<sup>th</sup> after 7.30pm Mass.

**Lusk:** Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm.

**Skerries:** Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm.

**Holy Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> 8.00pm:** Mass of the Lord's Supper.

**Adoration at Altar of Repose** concluding at 10.00pm.

**Good Friday 29<sup>th</sup> 10.00am:** Morning Prayer (Holmpatrick).

**3.00pm:** Passion Liturgy.

**8.00pm:** Stations of the Cross.

**Holy Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> 10.00am:** Morning Prayer (St. Patrick's).

**8.00pm:** Easter Vigil.

**Easter Sunday:** Masses at 9.30 and 11.00.

### Anniversary / Special Intention Masses

✦ **Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> 10.00am:** Jean Crowley (MM), Sarah and Margaret McGuinness, Frank and Maurice Walsh.

✦ **6.00pm:** Jenny Hyland, Mary and Richard Maguire, Patsy and Willie Horrigan, Tom and Peter O'Rourke, Mike Flannery (BR), Christopher Grimes, Sean Farrell.

✦ **Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> 9.30am** Shelagh Douglas  
**11.00am:** Eddie Coleman (1<sup>st</sup> A) and Kay Coleman (rem), Josephine Flanagan, James Hoey, Noel Russell, Ronan Browne, James McMahan, Teresa (Terry) Lalor.

✦ **Monday 25<sup>th</sup>** First day of Holy Week,  
**10.00am:** Mass card intentions.

✦ **Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> 10.00am:** Michael Harford, Rose and Jim Fleming, Mary Tierney, Mathias and Catherine Grimes, Special Intention.

✦ **Spy Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> 10am:** Myra Martin, John and Mary Rogan and family, Terry Roy.

✦ **Easter Sunday 9.30am:** Brian O'Loughlin.

✦ **11.00am:** Elizabeth Francis (MM), Colm and Johnny Flanagan, May and James Walshe, Maurice McAuley Snr., Michael Harford.

**Weekday Masses during the week 1<sup>st</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> April (incl) will be at 11.00am.**

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup>: First Friday (Altar list). 7.30pm Padre Pio Mass.**

#### **Feast Days**

**28<sup>th</sup> March – The Lord's Supper**

**29<sup>th</sup> – Good Friday:** Day of Fast and Abstinence. Celebration of the Lord's Passion.

**Easter Mass Cards** are 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

#### **Charity Art Sale**



Berna Dennis and friends will hold a Charity Art Sale in Skerries Mills from 1<sup>st</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> April. All proceeds will be shared by Coleman K Byrne (CKB), Haematology Research, Beaumont Hospital and the Irish Cancer Society. Paintings and crafts by both professional and amateurs. Please pop along and support our good causes.

#### **Skerries Town Twinning**



A Fun Table Quiz will be held on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April in Skerries Harps at 8.00pm. Tables of 4, €40. You can check in on the night or book a table at [skerriestwinning@gmail.com](mailto:skerriestwinning@gmail.com). We are raising funds for the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration of our twinning in August. Come along and enjoy a good night's fun.

#### **Skerries Ladies Bowling Club**

Get your Easter bonnets trimmed for the fun tournament tomorrow morning, 25<sup>th</sup>. Lots of prizes. Bring a plate and have some fun.

#### **Hills Cricket Club Tea Dance.**

Last afternoon Tea Dance of the season this Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> at 3.30pm in Cricket club. Music by Martin Byrne. Refreshments served. All welcome.

#### **Active Retirement Club**

Members' Easter party on Monday starting at 1.30pm in Club. Easter bonnets, food, music and raffle.

#### **30 Years Ago in the Parish**

- Local members of the Legion of Mary were heading to the annual Acies in Artane. A special bus has been organised from the church.
- Holy Faith-de la Salle College welcomed students and teachers from Collège de St. Joseph, in our twin area on their two-week exchange visit.
- Active Retirement group were heading to the National Concert Hall.
- Local families were sought to accommodate children from Chernobyl next July.
- Skerries Tidy Towns were looking for anyone who would donate some sheets of plywood to help them with their repair work.
- "Dancing at Lughnasa" was being presented by the Marian Drama Society in the Little Theatre.
- Congratulations to the u-16 team from Skerries Badminton Club who won their section and League final recently.

#### **Skerries Harps GAA Club**



Last Sunday was a special day for the McGinnis family in Skerries as Hannah lined out for the Dublin ladies v Cork and Killian started for the Senior Dubs v Galway. Greg McEaney was also named on the Dubs panel. Well done Hannah, Killian and Greg. Congrats to Ciaran Frawley on the 6 Nations Championship win – Ciaran played Minor football with the Harps, back in the day, where he polished his handling/kicking skills! Sunday 24 March. Senior football v Castleknock, away at 10.15 am and Inter football v O'Dwyers in Skerries at 10.15 am.

Registration is open for our Juvenile Academy next term, which will run from Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> April to Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> June. Sessions will run from 9:45 am – 11 am weekly, including the May and June Bank holiday weekends. Academy is suitable for boys/girls aged 4+ and register at [www.skerriesharps.com/academy](http://www.skerriesharps.com/academy). The Easter Hurling and Camogie camp runs from 25 to 27 March, morning sessions. This is a FREE event for our players and places are limited.

Zingo for 17 March: 5, 3, 1, 2, 7, 6, 4. No winners. Jackpot now €1,300. Draw on Sunday at 6.00pm.