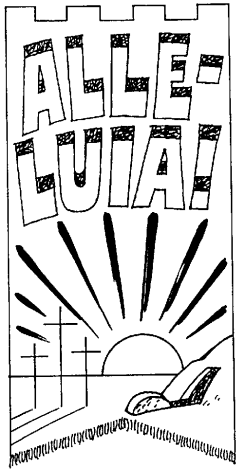


Skerries Parish Bulletin

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Easter life – a life of new joy and hope



Easter Sunday is a day of faith, joy and rejoicing. Christ's resurrection is the cornerstone of our faith and the most extraordinary happening in human history. For Christians all our hopes and happiness comes from what happened on that first Easter morning. No other day can compare to it.

The gospel captures the excitement of the disciples on that first Easter morning. Their hearts were full of that joy that comes from the awareness that we are God's people. The apostles joy is our joy too. Easter life is about the joy of new birth in the Spirit of God and it is ours here and now. We don't have to wait until the next life before we enjoy it. Easter life is now. Our joy lies in the truth that we are not walking this path of life alone but with the constant presence of Christ with us every step we take.

We almost know the story by heart. Lent prepares us for Easter. And all that it offers to us. We now have the beautiful season of Easter to live out from all we have learned from our Lenten journey so that we can now prepare for the celebrations of Pentecost. Let us not be afraid to live the life of true witnesses.

The disciples went into the tomb looking for Jesus only to discover he was no longer kept in the darkness. We all have shadow spots in our lives – Easter calls us to leave them behind and go forward in the light and joy of knowing that the risen Jesus is with us. He brings us to see with the new eyes of our hearts a new vision of life filled with joy and happiness. He calls us to go outside of the tomb and stay in the light, only looking forward.

It truly is time to live life to the full!

Blessings of Easter joy and peace to you all.

Fr. Melvyn

Skerries Parish Pastoral Council (PPC)

The PPC has started working with all of the various groups/ministries within our Parish. The work began by engaging with each group to get ideas on how to improve aspects of our Parish and to consider ways of Faith Development. We would like to thank all the groups and ministries for their input.

The next phase of this process will take place on Monday April 15th at 7pm, St Patrick's Junior National School. Each group/ministry will receive an invitation for two representatives (leader + one) to attend the next session, which will involve feedback received to date along with breakout discussion groups to explore new ideas for our Parish. Later this year the PPC will publish information on our plans for the future.

Contact the Parish Pastoral Council on ppc@stpatricksskerries.ie



We Welcome Cillian Martinez Ryan, Jesse Andrews, Jackson Gerard Mullin Ryan, Kai Bren Donohue Coleman and Lily Wren Collins

Anniversary / Special Intention Masses

- ✦ **Saturday 30th 10.00am:** Morning Prayer (No Mass)
- ✦ **8.00pm;** Easter Vigil/Easter Card Intentions

- ✦ **Sunday 31st 9.30am:** Brian O'Loughlin.
- ✦ **11.00am:** Elizabeth Francis (MM), Colm and Johnny Flanagan, May and James Walshe, Maurice McAuley Snr., Michael Harford.
- ✦ **Monday 1st Apr 11.00am;** Mass Card Intentions.
- ✦ **Tuesday 2nd 11.00am:** Bartle and Stephen Butterly (rem). Margaret Martin (RD).

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- ✦ **Wednesday 3rd 11.00am:** Mary Ingram, Abby and Michael Conlon, Hilda McMahon, Cormac O'Reilly, Peter Smith, Charles and Josephine O'Reilly.
- ✦ **Friday 5th 11.00am:** First Friday – Altar List.
- ✦ **Saturday 6th 11.00am:** Bridie Sheils.
- ✦ **6.00pm:** Declan Walsh (1st A), Bridget Graham (1st A), Barbara McGarry, Brendan O'Connor, Gerry and Breeda Fitzgerald, May Smith, Sonny Rooney.
- ✦ **Sunday 7th 9.30am:** Richard and Margaret Dunne, Sean D'Arcy.
- ✦ **11.00am:** Hugh Marry, Patrick (Packie) Markey (BR), Greta Sweeney, Colm Sherlock, Michael Ferguson, Tom, Willie and Terence Ferguson, Joe Clinton.

Feast Days

30th Mar – Holy Saturday,
31st Mar – Easter Day of the Lord's Resurrection,
1st Apr – Easter Monday

Mon 1st to Sat 6th April – Morning Mass is at 11am

Friday 5th – First Friday, Altar List, 7.30pm Padre Pio Mass



The Legion of Mary is hosting a recruitment drive in Skerries on Saturday 6th April, after 11.00am Mass. New members are most welcome.

Gardening for Pollinators with Charlie Heasman, Sunday 7th April, 4pm Room 1, Old School Skerries

Charlie is the driving force behind the gorgeous Community Gardens at Skerries Mills, and making Skerries a more pollinator-friendly town, plus taking many local school kids on fun Bee walks!

He'll be giving some simple ideas to make your garden (big or small) beautiful & Bee-friendly. Pre-book on sustainableskerries.eventbrite.ie

Sustainable Skerries Table Quiz celebrating 15 years of making Skerries more Sustainable!

Please join Sustainable Skerries for a fun Table Quiz on Friday 12th April, 8.00pm at Skerries Sailing Club. Table of 4: €40. Pre-book on sustainableskerries.eventbrite.ie

Skerries Twinning Table Quiz



A Fun Table Quiz will be held next **Thursday, 4th April**, in Skerries Harps at 8.00p.m. Tables of 4, €40.

You can book a table by emailing skerriestwinning@gmail.com. We are raising funds for the 30th celebrations of our twinning next August. Come along and enjoy a good night's fun.

Charity Art Sale



Berna Dennis and friends will hold a Charity Art Sale in **Skerries Mills from 1st to 13th 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.

Irish Blood Transfusion Service will visit Skerries Community Centre on **Thursday 11th April from 3.45pm to 8.00pm**. Call 1800 222 111 to book an appointment. Giveblood.ie. Support your local blood clinic!

Skerries Harps GAA Club



Congrats to Paddy Copeland & Finn McGinnis, selected on the Dublin Minor football panel and to Ronan Geoghegan, Paddy Kelly and Greg McEaney on the Dubs Under 20 football panel. Wins last week for Senior footballers v Castleknock and Minor hurlers v Columbas. Sat 6 Apr. Inter hurling v G. Counsel, home 6pm. Sun 7 Apr. Minor football v St Pats, home 11am Applications for the Elite Sports Scholarship Programme in TU Dublin are now open. The Athlete Support Programme provides talented young athletes with a supportive environment within which they can develop maximum sporting performance alongside academic excellence. The closing date is 1st May. – for more info: <https://www.tudublin.ie/sportscholarships/apply/> Juvenile Academy next term will run from Saturday 13th April to Saturday 29th June from 9:45am to 11am including the May and June Bank holiday weekends. Academy is suitable for boys and girls aged 4+ and parents can register now at www.skerriesharps.com/academy Zingo for 24 March: 5, 6, 3, 1, 4, 7. 2. No winners. Jackpot now €1,400. Draw is on Sunday at 6pm