



# Skerries Parish Bulletin

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## FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

**Acts 4: 8-12 1 John 3: 1-2 John 10: 11-18**

Two strong themes emerge in the readings for this weekend; they are the care and the love offered to us by Christ. Despite the passage of time we continue to understand and appreciate the caring and watchful role of shepherds towards their flocks, whatever their nature. John, in the Gospel verses, uses the metaphor of the shepherd to define the care the Father has for us and goes further in saying that the door will always be open to those who wish to be part of his flock. The passage from the Acts of the Apostles also offers an example of the care shown by Jesus in his healing of the man who could not walk.

The message of infinite love offered to us by the Lord is announced in the entrance antiphon; The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth. The theme is echoed in Psalm 117; his love has no end and is the focus in verses 1-2 of 1 John, which constitute the second reading. Here the love of the Father is likened to the wonderful and unquestioning love lavished on a child by a parent. We need not seek a greater affirmation of his love.

For our part, we are invited to be open to Christ's care and love. The first two readings are short, easily read and reread.

Church Readers

### ANNIVERSARY / SPECIAL INTENTIONS MASSES

- ✦ **Sat 20<sup>th</sup> 10am:** Grace McGlynn, Paddy Cappock
- ✦ **Sat 20<sup>th</sup> 6pm:** Michael (Micko) McDonagh (1<sup>st</sup> A), Barry Morris, Eileen O'Neill, Patrick & Sarah Dunne, Paddy Hughes, Stevie Ryan, Leah O'Shea, Patrick Guildea
- ✦ **Sun 21<sup>st</sup> 9.30am:** Bree Grimes, Kieran Birchall, Roddy family (rem), Tom McDonnell & dec. members of the McDonnell family, Joe Coleman, Eileen Healy
- ✦ **Sun 21<sup>st</sup> 11am:** Madeleine Carron (1<sup>st</sup> A), Eric O'Toole, Harry & Maureen O'Toole, Christy & Mona Kenny, Frances Reid, Kitty & Willie Beggs & Helen Beggs Dunne, Phil & Jack Dowling
- ✦ **Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> 10am:** Mass Card Intentions
- ✦ **Wed 24<sup>th</sup> 10am:** No morning Mass
- ✦ **Fri 26<sup>th</sup> 10am:** Ursula Mooney (1<sup>st</sup> A), James Fardey
- ✦ **Sat 27<sup>th</sup> 10am:** Rory Sheils
- ✦ **Sat 27<sup>th</sup> 6pm:** Catherine (Kit) Allen (1<sup>st</sup> A), Larry Carr, Mary & Edward McAuley, Brigid Hanks, Betty Grimes, Jimmy Grimes (BR), Leo & Kathleen Tolan
- ✦ **Sun 28<sup>th</sup> 9.30am:** Patricia (Patty) Derham (MM), Larry & Dolores Casey, Sean Casey, Richard & Anne Keane, Gerard Keane, Philomena Casey, Mello O'Brien

- ✦ **Sun 28<sup>th</sup> 11am:** Owen Smullen, Carmel & Paddy Lawlor, Brigid & Dessie Derwin, Kathleen Ruth, Tommy Power, Louise Casey, Brendan O'Brien.

### FEASTDAYS

- 25<sup>th</sup> April – St. Mark, Evangelist
- 27<sup>th</sup> April – St. Asicus

### WE WELCOME



Ruán Thomas Ferguson who was baptised recently into our parish family.

### SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION 2024



This Wednesday **24<sup>th</sup> April** at 11am the boys and girls from 6<sup>th</sup> Class in Scoil Réalt na Mara N.S., Scoil Mobhi, Milverton N.S., Holmpatrick N.S. and ETNS will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation. We wish them and their families every blessing on this special occasion. Please note the usual 10 o'clock Mass will **NOT** take place on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April.

### CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to the pupils of 6<sup>th</sup> class St. Patrick's Senior School who made their Confirmation last Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> April.

### NEW BISHOPS FOR THE ARCHDIOCESE OF DUBLIN

Pope Francis recently appointed two new Auxiliary bishops to the Archdiocese of Dublin. We extend our congratulations and prayers to Fr. Donal Roche who is a priest in the diocese, and to Bishop Paul Dempsey who will be coming to us from the Diocese of Achonry. May the Spirit continue to be their guide and their help in their new ministry.

### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

St. Vincent de Paul monthly collection this weekend before and after all Masses. Any contribution, no matter how small, will be truly appreciated.

### LAY MINISTRY APPEAL

The Lay Ministry Appeal collection will take place next weekend **April 27/28**. This collection will replace the usual Share collection.

### NATIONAL PILGRIMAGE FOR LIFE

The first National Pilgrimage for Life, organised by the Council for Life of the Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference, will be celebrated on **Saturday, May 4**, in Knock Shrine. The pilgrimage begins with Anointing of the Sick in the Basilica at 2.30pm, followed by Mass at 3pm and Rosary Procession after Mass, weather permitting. Main celebrant and homilist will be Archbishop Francis Duffy. We invite you to join us in Knock to celebrate the gift of life and to pray for the protection of all human life

### SKERRIES THEATRE GROUP

"Art" by Yasmina Reza will continue until 27<sup>th</sup> April (Wed to Sat).

Tickets €20/€15 concession available in Greg Reddins. Or text 085 1342999 to reserve tickets.

Please use the above number if interested in helping us out during the run or in the future. Check us out on Facebook or Instagram.

### SKERRIES LADIES BOWLS



The Unfurling ceremony to mark the start of the Bowling season took place last **Sunday 14<sup>th</sup>** - a blustery day, but enjoyed by all who were there. Best wishes to all Ladies who start the Summer League season this coming week.

### 30 YEARS AGO IN THE PARISH

- New recruits were to the Church Choir were sought to sing for the forthcoming Ordinations in the Parish
- It was Vocations Sunday and a special collection for Clonliffe College was made
- Skerries Tidy Towns were looking for volunteers to help paint around the town
- Parish Pilgrimage to Lourdes was in doubt as they were short a few people to make it viable
- Ardgillan Castle was looking for volunteers to train to become guides to the Castle and grounds
- Marian Musical Society was staging an evening "Musical Arena" in the Little Theatre.

### SKERRIES HARPS GAA CLUB



Senior football won v S. Judes by 4 - 8 to 0 -10 in Div. 1; junior football won v St. Peregrines;

Under 15's qualified for the Féile final on **28 April**. Minor hurlers lost to Castleknock – by 2 points. Junior Camogie won v Lucan.

Sun. Minor football A v St. Vincent's, home at 11 a.m. Minor B team away to Erin's Isle.

Wed. Inter football v F. Ravens, home at 7 pm and Seniors v Clontarf, away at 7 pm.

Sat. Senior football v Lucan, home at 6.15 pm. Check fixtures on [www.skerriesharps.com](http://www.skerriesharps.com)

Annual Primary Schools Tournament starts Mon **6 May** - Five weeks of Football for boys/girls from 3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> class - free of charge. No prior playing experience necessary.

Juvenile Academy every Saturday at 9.45am to 11am - suitable for boys and girls aged over 4.

Zingo for **14<sup>th</sup> April**: 4, 6, 3, 1, 2, 5. 7. No winners. Jackpot now €1,700. Draw on Sunday at 6 pm.

**Mon. 29 April** Bingo with Noel Smith in the Clubhouse at 8 pm with a starting Jackpot of €500. Contact 086 8984657 or 086 3015688 for info.

**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> May** 80's Disco in the Clubhouse. No Cover Charge. 80's attire optional!!