



# Skerries Parish Bulletin

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## *Living Dangerously?*

Unlike the much-trumpeted and seemingly endless Christmas Season, the Easter Season fizzles out for many after the Bank Holiday - or at a push, the school holidays. Theologically, it is the longer and arguably more significant season. Until Pentecost, the aftermath of the Resurrection, stating the basic characteristics of Christianity, takes centre-stage in Scripture.

What are they, from today's passages? In Acts, we see Unity and the Strength that comes from it as well as Risk-Taking, Generosity of Spirit, Open-mindedness, Fervour and Quiet, Deep Faith. Barnabas is surely one of the unsung heroes of the New Testament. (His name means "Son of Encouragement", by the way.)

St. John's letter today reminds us: "Our love is not to be just words and mere talk but something real and active ....." etc. until the remarkable phrase, "**because God is greater than our conscience and he knows everything**". It is an extraordinarily liberating passage. Its central message, that we must live the kind of life God wants, keeping his commandments, is neatly stated: "His commandments are these: that we **believe** in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and that we **love** one another"..... end of story. This covers all aspects of living.

Looking back to Acts, Barnabas took a massive risk with Saul, as he was then. It wasn't popular, it caused a lot of trouble and initially ended badly. Did he ask himself "Is this the right thing to do?" He must have done. Yet he took the risk, seen at the time surely as dangerous, even irresponsible. Every Christian was very afraid of Saul but Barnabas is described as "a good man **full of the Holy Spirit and of Faith**" and this is the key to his - and our - risk-taking and "dangerous" Christian living. Barnabas **believed** and he **loved**. The Holy Spirit is our highway between "now" and "forever". This Spirit empowers us to think outside the box, to live dangerously and to love truly. Have we ever walked that route?

The very familiar Gospel passage is echoed in our final song this morning:

"I am the life that will never, never die. I'll live in you if you'll live in me;  
I am the Lord of the Dance" said He.

*Skerries Church Choir.*

### ANNIVERSARY / SPECIAL INTENTION MASSES

- ✦ **Sat 27<sup>th</sup> 10am:** Rory Sheils, James Fardey
- ✦ **Sat 27<sup>th</sup> 6pm:** Larry Carr, Mary & Edward McAuley, Brigid Hanks, Betty Grimes, Jimmy Grimes (BR), Leo & Kathleen Tolan, Alice & Owen Costello
- ✦ **Sun 28<sup>th</sup> 930am:** 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 & the Ruth family, Tommy Power, Louise Casey, Brendan O'Brien
- ✦ **Mon 29<sup>th</sup> 10am:** Mass Card Intentions
- ✦ **Tues 30<sup>th</sup> 10am:** Bridgid Lee, Kathleen Harford, Bertie & Elizabeth Martin & deceased members of the Martin family

- ✦ **Wed 1<sup>st</sup> 10am:** John & Kathleen Mackle, Frank McGovern, Joseph Kelly
- ✦ **Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> 10am:** First Friday – Altar List
- ✦ **Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> 7.30pm:** Padre Pio Mass
- ✦ **Sat 4<sup>th</sup> 10am:** Raymond O'Farrell (1<sup>st</sup> A), Denis O'Farrell, Sean Murtagh (BR)
- ✦ **Sat 4<sup>th</sup> 6pm:** Elizabeth Oakes, Emily Grimes, Eileen McCormack, Aisling Lawless, David & Jackie Gilsean, Hyacinth Maguire, Willie Mooney, Mary Mooney
- ✦ **Sun 5<sup>th</sup> 9.30am:** Kay Thornton, Walter Ruigrok, Seán McCann, Special Intentions
- ✦ **Sun 5<sup>th</sup> 11am:** Walter Meehan (1<sup>st</sup> A), Bobby Beggs, Matt & Marie Grimes, Anne Moore (BR), Patrick (Paddy) & Maire Richardson (BR), Maurice Walls, Paddy & Peggy Coleman

## OUR SYMPATHY

To the family of Phyllis Downey, Downside Park, who died recently. May she Rest in Peace.



## FEASTDAYS

**27<sup>th</sup> April** – St Asicus, **29<sup>th</sup> April** – St Catherine of Siena, **2<sup>nd</sup> May** – St Athanasius, **3<sup>rd</sup> May** – Ss Philip & James, Apostles, **4<sup>th</sup> May** – St Conleth

## WE WELCOME



Amelia Margot Balfe, Niamh Mary-Antoinette Byrne, Liam Christopher McLoughlin and

Ruby O'Regan, all baptised recently into our Parish family.

## SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION



Congratulations to the 6<sup>th</sup> class children from St. Patrick's SNS, Sc., Realt na Mara NS, Sc., Mobhi Milverton, Holmpatrick NS & ETNS who

celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation over the last two Wednesdays. Many thanks to all who helped in any way in these celebrations.

## LAY MINISTRY APPEAL.

The Lay Ministry Appeal collection takes place at all Masses this weekend 27/28<sup>th</sup> April. This collection replaces the usual second Share collection.

## EASTER DUES

Many thanks to those who have returned Easter Dues envelopes. You can return them either by leaving them in the office at your convenience or placing them in the baskets during the collections in the church. Thank you once again for your generous support.

This Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May is the **1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the month** – the 10 o'clock Mass will be offered for those whose names are on the Altar List of the Dead. Also the **Padre Pio Mass** will be celebrated on Friday evening at 7.30 pm concluding with a blessing with the relic of St Pio.

## NATIONAL PILGRIMAGE FOR LIFE

The 1<sup>st</sup> National Pilgrimage for Life will take place on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> May at Knock Shrine. For further details see the poster on the notice board in the porch.

## 30 YEARS AGO IN THE PARISH

- Children from St. Patrick's Junior School were receiving their First Holy Communion
- An Information Day for all those interested in knowing more about the priesthood was being held in Clonliffe College
- Tidy Towns work parties were meeting twice weekly to prepare the town for the forthcoming season
- Twelve primary school children from the town of Lailé, were spending a week with local families
- Musical Arena, an evening of light music and song was being staged by the Marian Musical and Dramatic Society in the Little Theatre
- Skerries Harps announced the start of the annual Primary Schools leagues

## SKERRIES HARPS GAA CLUB



Two Under 15 boys teams qualified for Feile football finals. Under 15 hurlers defeated Crumlin to reach Feile final on 12<sup>th</sup> May; two Under

15 girls teams exited at the Feile semi-finals. Sat. Senior football v Lucan, home at 6.15 pm. Sun. Junior football v Raheny, home at 11 am. Sun. Feile Football Finals at 11.30 am – A team v Fingallians, away and B team v N.Fianna, home.

Wed. Inter hurlers v St Marks, home, 7.15 pm. Check fixtures at [www.skerriesharps.com](http://www.skerriesharps.com). Mon. 29<sup>th</sup> April. Bingo with Noel Smith in the Clubhouse at 8 pm with a starting Jackpot of €500.

Annual Primary Schools Tournament starts Mon 6<sup>th</sup> May - for boys/girls from 3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> class. Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> May. Bank Holiday Disco in the Clubhouse. No Cover Charge. 80's attire optional!!

Zingo for 21<sup>st</sup> April: 3, 2, 4, 6, 5, 1. 7. No winners. Jackpot now €1,800. Draw on Sunday at 6 pm.

Golf Society first outing of year to Balbriggan G.C. on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May. Timesheet 1pm to 3pm – with meal and prize presentation in Harps clubhouse from 8.30 pm. Contact Tony 087 6498177.