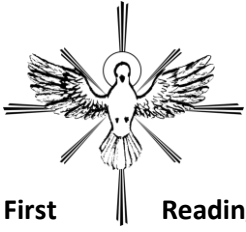




Skerries Parish Bulletin

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Pentecost Sunday

Acts 2:1-11; Psalm 104; Galatians 5:16-25; John 15:26-27; 16:12-15,

Send O Father, the Holy Spirit of your Son into our lives and communities. May the joy we know in the Spirit help us to be joyful bearers of the Good News.

First Reading: tells of the Coming of the Spirit on the first Pentecost Sunday. Promises made earlier by the risen Lord are now fulfilled. 'All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit' The crowd attracted by the cacophony of sounds are astounded when they can comprehend what is being said in their respective native dialects. With its emphasis on universal understanding, the account is sometimes read as a reversal of the universal confusion of Babel. More likely, Luke wants to stress that the Jewish community that first heard the gospel at Pentecost is genuinely universal in scope, hence representative of world Jewry.

Responsorial Psalm: This joyous and energetic Psalm is really Genesis 1 in the form of a prayer, underlying the work of God's spirit in all creation.

O Lord send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth'

Second Reading: describes the fruit of the spirit in contrast to the works of the flesh "*The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control*" - If we live by the spirit, let us also be guided by the spirit

Gospel: (John: 15:26-27, 16:12-15) On Easter Sunday evening, Jesus appeared to his disciples. He breathed on them and said to them 'receive the Holy Spirit' On the day of Pentecost, Jesus fulfilled his promise. The gift of the Holy Spirit would enable them to fulfill Jesus' commission to preach the Good News to all nations. Jesus also gave his disciples the power and authority to forgive sins. Those words remind us of the Christian vocation we all have to love and forgive as we have been loved and forgiven in the world today which is often fiercely judgemental and vengeful.

Scripture Group

Skerries Parish Pastoral Council

In April, the Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) met with representatives of our parish volunteer groups and ministries. The meeting involved an introduction to the PPC, our activities to date and plans for the future work of the PPC.

We would like to sincerely thank those who participated and engaged in this process. It has led to us agreeing on focus areas that need most attention and will form the basis of the Parish Pastoral Plan which we have called "Building Hope & Faith Development Plan".

These include :

- Communications
- School
- Faith Development
- Hospitality
- Safeguarding

Some good news to announce- as a direct result of the discussions at the group meeting - in the Autumn we will see a return of the Altar Servers in our Church. This is something that we are delighted about and very grateful to the volunteers involved.

OUR SYMPATHY



Is extended to the families of Pauline Davies, Loughshinny, Mary Barnett, Sherlock Park and Carmel Rossi, South Strand who died during the past week. May they rest in peace.

Congratulations



To the boys and girls from 2nd classes in Scoil Réalt na Mara, Scoil Moibhi/Milverton, Holmpatrick and Educate Together who received their First Holy Communion on Saturday

Annual Blessing of the Graves

Sunday 1st June: 2.30., Holmpatrick, 4 p.m., Baldungan

Sunday 9th June: 2.30, Ardla, 4 p.m., Milverton

Rosary Rally. Knock Shrine

A bus will leave Balbriggan Church Car Park, Sat. 1st June, at 7.30 a.m. Cost €30 p.p. For details, phone Miriam, 086 3471440 or Teresa, 086 8625945.

Anniversary/Special Mass Intentions:

Sat. 18th 6 p.m.: Breda McGloughlin,(1st A) Clare-Ann Daley (1st A), Stephanie Ryan (1st A), Leonard McGloughlin, Francis McGloughlin, Rita McMahon (br)

Sun. 19th 9 a.m.: Charles & Fran Grimes, Anne Moore Declan O'Byrne, Veronica Connolly, Joe Egan 11 a.m.: Eileen Leonard, Richard Lambe & decd. family members, Malachy & Theresa Murray, Bishop Nicholas Grimley & Lily Grimley, Pat, Hannah & Noel McGuinness

Mon. 20th 10 a.m.: Mass Card Intention

Fri. 24th 10 a.m.: Dick Fanning, Oliver Grennon, Mary Kinsella, special intention, William & Bridget McDonough

Sat. 25th 6 p.m.: Catherine (Kit) Allen (1st A), Joe McGarry, Jim & Lily Scanlon, Gerard Harford, Angela Morris, Mary Fitzpatrick, Brendan Fitzpatrick (br)

Sun. 26th 9.30 a.m.: Delia Keeling 11 a.m.: John Wiley (1st A), Kathleen Power, Vincent Sharpe, Bridie & Johnny Shankey

Skerries Tidy Towns – annual Fundraiser

The Tidy Towns Committee is launching its annual Fundraiser – “We need your help to keep up our work in the Community”. To donate online use

www.idonate.ie/fundraiser/TidyTownsSkerries2024 or to any Committee member.



Free disposal facilities for all your electrical waste and used batteries, Skerries Mills Car Park, Sat. 25th May. All items (large or small) with a plug, cable or battery can be dropped off - old TV's, washing machines, power tools, mobile phones, battery-operated toys, ear buds etc., bring them along and we will dispose of them free of charge.



Summer Concert with Skerries Community Choir & Special Guests . Holmpatrick Church, Friday 24th May 2024 at 8 pm. Conductor: David Maxwell, Accompanist: Noreen

Gavin. Admission €15, payable at the door – cash only please. Donation from the concert will be made to PIETA. We would especially like to invite ex-choir members, parishioners and friends to come along as this will be David Maxwell's last concert as our conductor.

Balrothery Heritage Singers



Annual Summer concert is on Sunday May 26th at 7.30pm. Tickets (cash only) available at door. Refreshments served afterwards.

Skerries Bowls Club



Thanks to all who helped on Open Day last week and welcome to new members. The Club will welcome pupils from St. Patrick's Sen. School on Monday and Tuesday next and pupils from Réalt na Mara NS on Wednesday next..... bowling stars of the future !

Skerries Harps GFC

Two good results for Senior footballers last week – a draw with Ballymun, away and a win over neighbours Round Towers Lusk. The Under 15 hurlers went down narrowly in the Feile Shield final and the Minor hurlers won v Clontarf.

Home Fixtures: Sunday. Minor football B team v St Vincents, at 11 a.m.

Wed. 22. Senior football v Na Fianna, at 7.15 p.m. and v Cuala (away) on Sat 25 at 7.15 p.m.

Sat 25. Inter football v Good Counsel, at 7.15 p.m.

Check fixtures at www.skerriesharps.com

Primary Schools Tournament continues each Monday at 6 p.m. with Finals on Mon 3rd June.

Juvenile Academy every Saturday morning at 9.45 a.m. for boys and girls. Coffee available in clubhouse, upstairs, where you can keep an eye on the pitch activity.

Zingo for 12th May: 1, 4, 7, 3, 5, 2. 6. No winners.

Jackpot now €2,100. Draw on Sunday at 6 p.m. Join up via link on website or by envelope on the night for only €2 per line or 3 lines for a €5.

Our Clubhouse is the ideal location for your family event, function, birthday party, Quiz, Fundraiser etc. Etc. For information email bookings.harps@gmail.com

Items for inclusion in the Bulletin should be sent to skerriesbulletin@gmail.com or left into the Parish Office. Deadlines are Wednesday 12.30 p.m. (office) & 5 p.m. (email) each week. Thank You