

## **‘Please’ and ‘Thank You’**

It is almost impossible to appreciate the importance of the Holy Spirit. It is certainly impossible to underestimate that importance. What makes you tick? What makes any of us tick?



The Holy Spirit generally does not enjoy the same popularity as the other aspects of God – the Father and the Son. A dove doesn't have the same appeal as a father-figure with a flowing beard and, unlike the Sacred Heart of the Son, you'd have a job to find any shrine to the Holy Spirit. We don't light candles to this aspect/element/person of God. ....and yet every single good, kind, noble, positive thing we do in our lives is done by grace of the Spirit. Furthermore, by acting in this 'spiritual' way, we spread the Holy Spirit and that is the whole message of the scripture passages for today's wonderful Feast. As the song says, "Spread a little happiness....". It certainly works!

The story of Pentecost from Acts in the first reading is amazing; the wisdom of St Paul in the second reading is enlightening; the gentleness of Jesus in the Gospel is moving. A whole new era, a 'globalisation' of divine intervention, is described in these passages. We are part of it all; to make the most of such a gift it is important to look at it frequently, to appreciate its value, to use it often, to be aware of it at all times and to be grateful for it - that above all.

The Holy Spirit has been depicted as Wind, as Thunder, as Fire, as Light, as a Dove, as Water, as 'a Still Small Voice', as Happiness, as Love and as TRUTH – all the things in life that actually matter. The benefit of being aware of this power in our lives is simply immense. The poverty of disregarding such a gift is also immense.

***Send Forth Your Spirit, O Lord, and Renew the Face of the Earth***

*Skerries Church Choir*

### **ANNIVERSARIES REMEMBERED**

- ✦ Tues 6<sup>th</sup> 10am: John Green, Derek Brien and Special Intention
- ✦ Wed 7<sup>th</sup> 10am: Margaret 'Granny' Clarke
- ✦ Thurs 8<sup>th</sup> 10am: Anthony O'Reilly
- ✦ Fri 9<sup>th</sup> 10am: Seamus Fitzpatrick, Noel Tolan, Ciaran Duffy, Sandy Heffernan and deceased members of Heffernan family
- ✦ Sat 10<sup>th</sup> 10am: John Russell and family
- ✦ Sat 10<sup>th</sup> 6pm: Basil & Kathleen Costello, May Duggan, Peter Kennedy, Nicholas & Mary Shiels
- ✦ Sun 11<sup>th</sup> 9.30am: Lily Lane
- ✦ Sun 11<sup>th</sup> 11am: Joe & Kathleen Tyndall, Oonagh Whittle, Donie Beggs

### **MONTH'S MIND MASS**

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> June at 11am: Sarah Jane Branagan and Lelia McNally.

### **FIRST ANNIVERSARY MASS**

Sunday 11th June at 11am: Cahir Boyle

### **OUR SYMPATHY**

To the family of Jamie McAllister who died recently. May he Rest in Peace.

### **DATES & FEASTDAYS**

Pentecost Sunday, 4<sup>th</sup> June  
Bank Holiday Monday, 5<sup>th</sup> June, Mass at 11am  
Padre Pio Mass, Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> June at 4pm

### **CONGRATULATIONS TO**

John Murphy & Rachel Keegan who were married recently.



### **BLESSING OF THE GRAVES 2017**



11 June: Holmpatrick 2.30pm;  
Baldungan 4pm.  
18 June: Ardlá 2.30pm; Milverton 4pm.

### **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**

Congratulations to the children from Milverton School who celebrated First Holy Communion last Sunday.

### **USEFUL PARISH CONTACTS**

Parish Website: [www.skerriesparish.ie](http://www.skerriesparish.ie)  
Parish Office: 8106771 / [info@skerriesparish.ie](mailto:info@skerriesparish.ie)  
Parish Bulletin: [skerriesbulletin@hotmail.com](mailto:skerriesbulletin@hotmail.com)

### **HYMNS FOR SUNDAY MASS**

Entrance: No 34 vv 1,2,4  
Offertory: No 93 vv 1,2,4  
Recession: No 97 vv 1,2,3

### **COACH TRIP TO KNOCK**

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> July - departs from outside St. Patrick's Church 7.00am. Cost €35.00 (depending on numbers) to include return coach travel, morning coffee/tea stop and 2 course evening meal in Athlone. Full payment is due by Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> June - call James Farrell at 0858490911 to book a seat

## CONGRATULATIONS

to all our young people who received awards for their service to the various ministries in our church for periods of 2, 4 and 6 years as Altar Servers / Readers / Children's Choir and Youth Choir and TY students Friday morning hospitality. A lovely ceremony ended with light refreshments provided by the dedicated parish hospitality team with help from TY students. The next issue of Skerries News will feature an article of the event. We wish all our young people a happy and safe Summer Holidays.

## PARISH OF ST. MACCULLIN, LUSK

will hold its Annual Service of Remembrance, in memory of all babies who died before, during or after birth on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2017 at 3pm.

All parents, siblings, grandparents and anybody affected by the loss of a baby are very welcome to attend, regardless of whether the loss was recent or long ago. Join us after the Service in the Parish Centre for light refreshments and a chat.

## PRAISE, PASSION, POWER

Come and celebrate 50 years of Charismatic Renewal in the Concert Hall, RDS, Dublin on Saturday, 24<sup>th</sup> June 2017 10am, concluding with Mass at 6.30pm. This is a one-day national event. Tickets: €20. Speakers: Fr Pat Collins C.M. and Testimonies. Music: Ronán Johnson. Further information: Phone: 021-425 1100 / Email: [nsc@iol.ie](mailto:nsc@iol.ie) / website: [www.ccrireland.org](http://www.ccrireland.org).

## NEW PILGRIM PATH WEBSITE OF THE WEEK, 4TH JUNE 2017

Pray-As-You-Go offers a short retreat on the Acts of the Apostles. Over five online sessions, listen to the story of the early Christian community. By reflecting on the effect the Resurrection of Jesus and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost had on that first, very small group of Jesus' followers, you will be helped to discern the promptings of the Holy Spirit in your own life, and open yourself more fully to the spirit of Pentecost. [www.NewPilgrimPath.ie](http://www.NewPilgrimPath.ie).

## SKERRIES TOWN TWINNING GROUP - BON VOYAGE !



A group of 36 are leaving this weekend for a 6 day walking trip in our twin area the Canton of Guichen. The group, mainly adults, includes some teenagers who are returning to

visit the families they welcomed to Skerries last August. We are promised a varied and interesting week of walking, so hope the weather stays fine for the programme. Bon Voyage et un Bon Retour!

## SKERRIES TIDY TOWNS

A reminder that our weekly workparty will be next Tuesday Morning because of the Bank Holiday on Monday. Meet at old fire station Quay St at 9.30am.

## SUMMER BRIDGE

John Lane Bridge Club is now open for the Summer so all bridge players are welcome. Further details from 086 074 8895 / 087 977 7690.

## HILLS CRICKET CLUB

are having a clothes drive. We accept clothes, paired shoes, belts, handbags, curtains, towels, bed linen and soft toys. Text Gillian on 0873735251, for collections. Or drop into club any morning or evening between Monday 5<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> June. See our website for further information.

[www.thehillscricketchub.ie](http://www.thehillscricketchub.ie)

Your support would be greatly appreciated.

## SKERRIES MEALS ON WHEELS

Can you drive? Can you spare 90 minutes once a month? Meals on Wheels urgently need new drivers to help deliver dinners in our community between 12:00 and 13.30. If you think you can help please call 086 2663886 between 09:00 and 14:00.

## 30 YEARS AGO IN THE PARISH

- Newly baptised - Ciara Rogan and Michelle Reid
- Pope John Paul was to recite the Rosary to all Marian shrines (including Knock) throughout the world to mark World Day of Peace
- Skerries Tidy Towns thanked all those who had put up window boxes and tubs around the town
- Holmpatrick Parish welcomed Rev. Jim Hammond as their new Rector
- Skerries Choral Society had a very successful trip to New Ross Choral Festival, retaining the Fr. John O'Brien trophy and winning 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Ensemble Singing
- Well done to Harps members James Fanning and Vincent Hughes on the Dublin u-15 team to play in London
- Congrats to the following who won gold medals in the Community Games Tennis tournament: Fiona Lunny and Alan Courrell. Runners-up were Julie Nathan and Alan Moore

## STANDBYME NEWS...

Standbyme is running ongoing technology computer classes. These lessons are one to one and held in Rockabill which is a perfectly located restaurant to learn or freshen up computers/ipads/laptops/mobile skills. Cost €30 per hour (€15 for half an hour). Please let Anne know by text/call on 0831563595.

## SKERRIES HARPS GAA CLUB

Mon. 5<sup>th</sup> Finals of Primary Schools League – Juniors at 4 pm and Seniors at 6 pm - followed by presentation of trophies.  
Summer Camp dates: Multi-sports camp - 17/21 July; Nursery camp - 24/27 July;  
Cul Camp1 – 8/11 Aug; Cul Camp2 – 4/18 Aug.  
Contact Louise 085 1465673 or check our Facebook page. You can register at Schools finals Mon 5 June. Zingo: 5, 1, 2, 6, 4, 7, 3. Sundays draw was made by Fr Ted and Bishop Brennan. Jackpot now €4,400. Oskars Night – Fri 23 June in City North Hotel. Rehearsals done and filming takes place this w'end. Tickets for Red Carpet night €25 - contact Fergal /Joanne 086 4058523 or see [www.skerriesharps.ie](http://www.skerriesharps.ie).