



# Skerries Parish Bulletin

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## THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD. THERE IS NOTHING I SHALL WANT

It was during a situation of chaos and distress among the early Christians that John wrote his very carefully composed Gospel. The passage we read today we might call, 'Jesus heals a blind man'. John however would have called it a sign, not just an event, but also a window into the reality of eternity.

Jesus sees a blind man and goes over to him, spits on the ground, makes a paste with the spittle, puts this over the eyes of the blind man and tells him to go and wash in the pool of Siloam and the blind man goes and washes and is able to see for the first time in his life.

His neighbours are puzzled and bring the man to the authorities - the Pharisees. They ask the man what had happened and he tells them. But this all happened on the Sabbath and Jesus, according to them, had both made a paste and put it over the eyes of the blind man and anybody who did work on the Sabbath must be a sinner. They are certain of this. People who break the law are sinners.

They interrogate the man a bit more and ask him what does he think about Jesus. He is not sure what to say and says, "He is a prophet" and they get really annoyed with him. They accuse him of being a sinner and drive him away.

When Jesus hears about this he seeks out the man and says to him "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" "Sir," the man replies "Tell me who he is so that I may believe in him" Jesus said, "You are looking at Him, He is speaking to you." The man said, "Lord, I believe" and worshipped Him.

The whole story is full of symbolism. We are all blind until we are able to see and maybe we need a miracle to be able to see; so we pray, "Lord that I might see."

The Pharisees are so sure of themselves that they are not open to anything new. Suddenly, today, we realise that being a practising Christian is very much about our relationship with God and others. We are all children of the human family and children of God. It is very interesting that in St. John's gospel the words "Do this in memory of Me" are said after the washing of the apostles feet. We live in a time with plenty of opportunities to wash the feet of others'. "Lord that I might see"

The blind man by his very un-sureness is open to new ideas. "**Lord that I might see.**"

Remember THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD. THERE IS NOTHING I SHALL WANT.

*Lydia Gillen Bible Study Group*

### ANNIVERSARIES REMEMBERED

- ✦ **Sat 21<sup>st</sup> Mar 10am:** Brian Taylor
- ✦ **Sat 21<sup>st</sup> Mar 6pm:** Cyril McLoughlin & Fergie O'Connor (Month's Mind)  
Richard & Mary Maguire, Jenny Hyland,  
Brian Taylor, Pat, Hannah & Noel  
McGuinness, Harry Loughrey
- ✦ **Sun 22<sup>nd</sup> Mar 9.30am:** Michael McKenna,  
Esther Kelly, Brian Taylor
- ✦ **Sun 22<sup>nd</sup> Mar 11am:** Denis Keogh (Month's  
Mind), Josephine Flanagan, Mona Walls,  
Teresa Lalor
- ✦ **Tue 24<sup>th</sup> Mar 10am:** Jack Greene
- ✦ **Thurs 26<sup>th</sup> Mar 10am:** John & Molly Byrne
- ✦ **Fri 27<sup>th</sup> Mar 10am:** John & Molly Byrne,  
Catherine Lacey
- ✦ **Sat 28<sup>th</sup> March 10am:** Rosemary Malone
- ✦ **Sat 28<sup>th</sup> Mar 6pm:** Patrick Manson (1<sup>st</sup> A),  
Breda Fitzgerald, Tom & Peter O'Rourke,  
Sean Farrell, Richard Bissett,

Brian O'Loughlin, Thomas & Bridget  
Ferguson, Bert & Lil McGee

- ✦ **Sun 29<sup>th</sup> Mar 11am:** Tom O'Reilly.

### OUR SYMPATHY

 We send our deepest sympathies to the families of Jean Rice, Woodvale Ave, Clonsilla, Jim Hynes, Shenick Park, Philomena (Melia) Halpin, Quay Street and Marie Fagan, Mill Hill Park, who died recently. May they Rest in Peace.

### PARISH RADIO 87.5 FM

Parishioners may tune in to Sunday & daily Mass on the above radio channel at the usual times.

Saturday **10am** & Vigil Mass **6.00pm**  
Sunday **9.30am** & **11am**  
Monday - Friday **10am.**

## COVID-19 SUPPORT LINE FOR OLDER PEOPLE

ALONE has launched a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to the outbreak of COVID-19 (Coronavirus). Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. The support line is open Monday to Friday, 8am - 8pm, by calling **0818 222 024**. Hours may be extended to meet the demand.

## CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) Self-Isolation Skerries Volunteer Group

If you are self isolating or home alone & unable to go to the shops or chemists the above group are here to help you.

They are a group of local Skerries residents, working with the Skerries Community Association & Age Friendly Skerries. They can help you with shopping service/collection & prescription collection.

Please text or call: **085 81 28 509**  
**083 01 05 946**

**Phone lines are open from 8am to 8pm**

## CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) - SHOPPING

To facilitate the elderly shoppers in Skerries a number of supermarkets are opening earlier for elderly customers only. Please check early opening times with your local supermarket.

## HSE HELPLINE

Call save: 1850 24 1850  
Phone: 041 685 0300  
Mon - Fri 8am – 8pm & Sat & Sun 10am – 5pm  
[www.hse.ie](http://www.hse.ie)

## SKERRIES LADIES BOWLS CLUB



Regrettably the Bowls Club has decided to close the greens and Clubhouse for the coming period. Hopefully you will all stay well and active in other ways.

Ladies teams have been accepted for Division 1 and Division 3 for the LBLI season when it gets underway. All current plans for LBLI Unfurling and Open Competition have been held over.

## SKERRIES HARPS GAA CLUB



Strange Times! On Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March, the Executive Committee of Skerries Harps took the decision to close down club activities due to the Covid 19

outbreak. This immediately affected the Fashion Show and Allcare Pharmacy Juvenile Academy plus the many classes run in the clubhouse. The GAA followed with a shutdown of all games.

A decision was taken to temporarily run the Zingo draw behind closed doors as members have paid online and/or by standing order. The Zingo results for **Sunday 15 March** were - **3,4,1,7,2,5,6**.

Next Jackpot is **€2,700**. Play online via link on website [www.skerriesharps.ie](http://www.skerriesharps.ie)

We urge our members to follow **HSE guidelines** and to stay safe. Our Juvenile players may wish to follow the link to the 3 exercise videos which our GPO Louise has put up on our website.

## MASS CARDS

Easter & Exam Mass Cards are now available in the Parish Office

## 30 YEARS AGO IN THE PARISH

- The new parish Reconciliation room for Confession was opened
- Skerries Harps congratulated Player of the Year, Andrew Butterly, from u-11's
- St. Vincent de Paul Society was looking for a ladies bicycle and a carrycot
- Crann Phadraig recorded that they had planted 350 new trees around Skerries over the past few months
- The Marian Society had organised a special Mass to mark the 80<sup>th</sup> birthday of founder member, Patricia Fox, followed by supper and entertainment
- Thanks were expressed to all those who had supported the recent church gate collection for the Bulletin.