



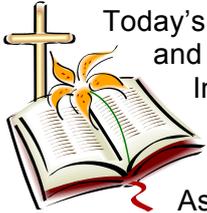
# Skerries Parish Bulletin

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## Here I am Lord! I come to do your will.

Samuel 3:3-10. 19 Psalm. 39. 2,4,7-10.R.vv8,9. St. Paul to the Corinthians 6:13-15.17-20  
Gospel of St. John. 1:35-42.



Today's Liturgy is about respect, listening to the elders, turning away from evil and doing what is right and just.

In the first Reading, which is an extract from a full text, outlining what was in store for the boy Samuel as he grew up to be a Prophet, it is clear that Samuel was serving the Lord under the direction of Eli, who was almost blind, but a man whom he respected.

As Samuel slept in the Sanctuary, the Lord called him three times. Each time Samuel ran to Eli thinking it is Eli who called. Finally Eli told Samuel to answer the call with "Speak Lord, your servant is listening". He did as he was told and the Lord told Samuel about the destruction he was going to carry out against Israel and Eli's family, because of the evil things they were doing and because Eli did not stop them. Eli insisted that Samuel tell him all the Lord had told him.

As Samuel grew up, the Lord was with him, so everything the Lord had told him was done so that the people of Israel knew that Samuel was indeed a Prophet of the Lord.

In the second Reading St. Paul warned the people against evil. The body is the temple of the Holy Spirit and so we should always strive towards the Glory of God.

*Church Readers*



**Our Sympathy** is extended to the family of Jim Slattery, Shenick Ave., Ann Potter, Sandy Banks, and Eileen Williams, Shenick Road who died recently. May they Rest in Peace.

### **Covid-19 Community Response Group**

Given the renewed urgent request for the more vulnerable among us to stay at home if at all possible, the Skerries Covid-19 Community Response Group is offering once again to help with shopping, prescription collection etc. The group of local Skerries residents is working with the Skerries Community Association and Skerries Age Friendly. Just call or text either of these numbers: 085 8128509 or 083 0105946 Phone lines are open from 8.00am to 8.00pm every day. In using this service, please understand that the volunteers will be strictly adhering to health guidelines as outlined by the HSE in order to protect both the volunteers, and those we are helping, from any spread of the virus.

**All Masses are being broadcast by Webcam/Radio. Each day once Mass is finished, the church will be open for Private Prayer.**

### **Feastdays**

16<sup>th</sup> Jan – St. Fursa, 21<sup>st</sup> Jan – St. Agnes

### **Mass Intentions:**

- ❖ **Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> 10am:** The Brennan family, Tommy Rooney, Mary Rice, Canice McGuinness (RD)
- ❖ **Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> 9.30am:** Tommy Ryan, Fran Carabini, Harry, John and Gerry Grimes, Noel McDonough, Martina McGovern.
- ❖ **Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> 11am:** Michael McCourt (RD), Tom and Belle McCourt, Annie Power, Michael Phelan, John Galvin, Sean McDermott and Rosemary Daly, Lisa Dunne and Philip Dunne.
- ❖ **Monday 18<sup>th</sup> 10am:** Mass Card Intentions.
- ❖ **Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> 10am:** Rose Harrison.
- ❖ **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> 10am:** Special Intention. Liam Matthews and decd. members of the Matthews and Flynn families.
- ❖ **Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> 10am:** May Towson (MM), George Towson, Laurence and Sheila McNally, Angela Lynch, Margaret McNally (BR).
- ❖ **Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> 6pm:** John and Eithne Everard.
- ❖ **Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> 9.30am:** Margaret Branagan, Brendan Branagan, Mary Branagan, Stephen and Jane Comey snr. and family.
- ❖ **Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> 11.00am:** Joe Boylan (1<sup>st</sup>A), Denis McKeown, Carmel Boylan, Patrick, Elizabeth and Helen Clarke, Eddie and John Dunne and all decd. members of the Dunne family.

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## Aware - Support & Self Care Groups



If you, or those with whom you work, wish to connect with people in relation to mental wellbeing, please consider using the Phone In

and Zoom Support & Self Care Groups, the Support Line or Support Mail. These services provide support, coping skills and information – and most importantly help people who are in distress to know and feel that they are not alone in their experience. For more group information <https://www.aware.ie/support/support-groups/> and all of our services on [www.aware.ie](http://www.aware.ie)

## COVID-19 Support Line for Older People

ALONE manage a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to COVID-19 (Coronavirus). Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. The support line is open **seven days a week, 8am to 8pm, by calling 0818 222 024**. Calls to the ALONE National Support Line cost no more than a local call to a landline. Calls from Vodafone or landline bundles, PAYG bundles, and mobile contracts are free.

## 30 Years Ago in the Parish

- Christmas and January baptisms included Alexander Sharpe, Ross Hughes, Emma Spillane, Katie Coleman, Keith O'Callaghan, Elizabeth Leonard, Michael Grant, Henry Delaney, Emma Taaffe, Maria Mc Cann, Conor McGovern, Thomas Hooper, Sophie Greene, Colin Tucker, Declan Graham and Rebecca McGilloway.
- Holy Faith/de la Salle College pupils were holding a Day of prayer to prevent war in the Gulf
- Thanks were sent to all those who had contributed flowers and foliage for the decoration of the Church over Christmas
- Dates for Skerries Parish Pilgrimage to Lourdes were announced and a savings scheme started
- Skerries Active Retirement Group regretted that the planned outing to the Gaiety Panto had to be cancelled because of bad weather conditions
- Storytime for children 8-10 years old was organised in the Library on Tuesday afternoons

**During the current Covid restrictions please remember to respect others and stay safe by adhering to HSE guidelines.**

## Skerries Town Twinning Association

Newsletters were received recently from the Canton of Guichen (Brittany) and Srem (Poland) which describe their traditions and typical celebrations at Christmas and New Year. The newsletters are in French, Polish and English. If you would like to get copies of these newsletters please email us at [skerriestwinning@gmail.com](mailto:skerriestwinning@gmail.com).

## Irish Hospice Foundation - Living with Loss

We are now accepting bookings for the 2021 series of Workshops on Loss and Bereavement which will be delivered online via Zoom from January - June. Details and booking process can be found on the following link <https://hospicefoundation.ie/education-training/bereavement-training/workshops/> Please note bookings and payment for the workshops can only be made by using the following link to Eventbrite <https://www.eventbrite.ie/o/irish-hospice-foundation-31883804183>

## Skerries Harps GAA Club



Given the current exceptional rise in infection rates of Covid-19 and the increased risk of community transmission, the GAA has taken the decision that there will be no collective training permitted for inter-county teams for at least the remainder of the month of January. In addition, Club and County gyms must stay closed until further notice. As previously advised, neither training nor games are permitted at club level and our grounds remain CLOSED. Members are requested to respect this ruling. Current Level 5 restrictions will run until January 31 at which point the GAA will review the situation and advise. Our annual Golf for St Vincent de Paul Society funds was cancelled due to Government issued restrictions. Paul has set up an online donation page at [www.idonate.ie/skerriesharpsforsvp](http://www.idonate.ie/skerriesharpsforsvp). The page will be live till 31 January. Term 2 (for children born 2014 to 2016) of our Allcare Pharmacy sponsored Juvenile Academy is deferred. You can still register interest by filling in the google form provided by Louise, who will then keep you informed. Numbers will be restricted in accordance with guidelines. Zingo result for 10 January: 5-1-6-7-4-3-2. Next Sundays Jackpot is €4,700 and Dividend is €500. Enter online via the link on our website for just €5 for 3 lines. Thanks to all who support Zingo. Membership for 2021 is now open and can be paid online. Full details are on club website or contact club Registrar, Stuart Bund at [skerriesharps.registrar@gmail.com](mailto:skerriesharps.registrar@gmail.com) New club website is [www.skerriesharps.com](http://www.skerriesharps.com)

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