



# Skerries Parish Bulletin

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## 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 35:4-7; Psalm 146; James 2:1-5; Mark 7:31-37

**'He has done everything well; He even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak' Mark 7: 37**

In today's first reading, Isaiah the prophet offers consolation and hope to the Jewish people at a time of political and religious collapse. Isaiah assures them that God will act for them so that their oppression will be reversed. God 'will come and save you, the eyes of the blind shall be opened and the ears of the deaf unstopped' God will bring about renewal of His people.

The second reading, James' letter is both clear and uncomfortable. His illustration of discrimination taken from his own time and culture fits any period in social history and any society. James urges his readers not to show favouritism or partiality. 'Did not God choose the poor to be heirs of the kingdom, the kingdom He promised to those who love Him?'

Psalm 146 reinforces the themes of the reading. The God 'who keeps faith forever' is the one 'who gives sight to the blind, who raises those who are bowed down' The story of the deaf and mute man in today's gospel is aimed at those who did not bear witness to Jesus because they failed to hear His word. Because they were deaf to the words of Jesus, they had a speech impediment in speaking about Him. In contrast to Jesus' disciples and other fellow Jews who did hear but did not listen, this deaf and mute Gentile man becomes a messenger of God's mighty deeds in Jesus.

This gospel story is evoked at the sacrament of Baptism when the minister touches the ears and mouth of the newly baptised and says 'Ephphatha; Be Opened'.

**Jesus said to him, "Ephphatha" that is 'Be opened'**

Bible Study Group

## Archbishop Farrell's Pastoral Letter: The Cry of the Earth - The Cry of the Poor

At this time every person on our planet is confronted with two interconnected crises: the coronavirus pandemic and the ecological crisis. Both define our age. Both require urgent action. But it is the reality of climate change that is 'humanity's defining challenge.' Over the coming decades, the havoc of the pandemic will pale when compared to that of climate change.

To respond to the climate crisis, and to mark the Season of Creation—which began on September 1st and continues until the Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi on October 4th—Archbishop Farrell has published a pastoral letter, *The Cry of the Earth—The Cry of the Poor: the Climate Catastrophe—Creation's Urgent Call for Change*. This pastoral is an invitation to all people—those in the Church and those beyond—to reflect on the climate crisis in new ways, so that the baptised may live the life of faith more vibrantly, and everyone may respond more actively to the serious situation in which the world finds itself. The pastoral letter is available online, as well as in hardcopy from Veritas.

### MASS INTENTIONS

- ✦ **Sat 4<sup>th</sup> 10am:** Caroline Heyenga (née Fagan), Colm O'Connor (BR), Special Intention for the boys & girls making First Communion & Confirmation, All who supported & prayed for the family of Bernadette Kinsella, Ted Barry (1<sup>st</sup> A).
- ✦ **Sat 4<sup>th</sup> 6pm:** Hughie Horan (1<sup>st</sup> A), Bernadette Kinsella (MM), Bert & Margaret Horan, Anne Kelly, Sadie & William Johnston, Ronald (Ronnie) Boylan, Mairead Donnelly.
- ✦ **Sun 5<sup>th</sup> 9.30am:** Charles & Maryanne McMorrough, Joe & Nancy Harford, Thomas & Mary Butler, Margaret Keogh, Ursula Rooney, Frank O'Brien.
- ✦ **Sun 5<sup>th</sup> 11am:** Michael O'Rourke, Christopher Everard, Mary & Mike Keating, Josie & Christy Rogan, Joe & Collette May, Robbie Treasa & Brian Cowley.
- ✦ **Mon 6<sup>th</sup> 10am:** Mass Card Intentions
- ✦ **Tue 7<sup>th</sup> 10am:** Essie Boylan

- ✦ **Wed 8<sup>th</sup> 10am:** Sam & Rena Condrot
- ✦ **Fri 10<sup>th</sup> 10am:** Gwen Morrison, Special Intention.
- ✦ **Sat 11<sup>th</sup> 6pm:** Joe Gordan (MM), John Archbold (MM), Joe & Andy Scully, Tim Counihan, Jean & Niall Wilde.
- ✦ **Sun 12<sup>th</sup> 9.30am:** Terry Woods (1<sup>st</sup> A), Evelyn Sheridan (1<sup>st</sup> A), Pauline Sullivan, Mary Kelly.
- ✦ **Sun 12<sup>th</sup> 11am:** Elizabeth Nevin, Bill Hayes, Pat & Patricia Fitzgerald, Niall Dungan.

### PRAYNG FOR VOCATIONS

Archbishop Farrell is asking for people and priests to pray for vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life on a regular basis. As you are well aware, the need is great, so let's answer God's call and "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send labourers into His harvest".

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## FEASTDAYS

8<sup>th</sup> Sept. – The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

9<sup>th</sup> Sept. – St. Ciaran

## WE WELCOME



Aoife O'Toole Dodd, Alex Duffy, Carraig O'Reilly, Isla Mae Quinn & Aidan McKenna who were recently baptised into our parish family.

## CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to all Leaving Certificate students from the Parish who will receive their results this week. Hopefully many doors of opportunity will now open for you!

## FINGAL POETRY FESTIVAL

Fingal Poetry Festival will take place from the 16<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> September, bringing safe, outdoor, in-person events to iconic locations in and around Skerries. Please check out our website for details.

<https://fingalpoetryfestival.com>

## THE PRIORY INSTITUTE – THEOLOGY COURSE

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## 30 YEARS AGO IN THE PARISH

- New volunteers were needed to help with the upkeep of the church weekly
- The Parish Pilgrimages to Holy Cross and Knock Shrine had been a great success
- Four places were available for the Parish Pilgrimage to San Giovanni and petitions to be placed on Padre Pio's tomb would be brought by the group
- Skerries Tidy Towns committee were starting their Autumn planting and volunteers were needed
- Congratulations were sent to Skerries Bowling Club members Martin Hogan, Peg Redmond, Liz Kenny, Mary Boyle, Eileen Reddin, Sheila Jackson, Gladys Burtenshaw who had such great success in the recent LBL championships
- Winner of the Carmichael Cup at the last Swimming Club sea races of the season was T. Duff, and points winners for the season were David Moloney and Geraldine Thornton.

## SKERRIES LADIES BOWLS



Well done to our Junior Pairs Nancy O'Rourke and Sheila Kelly who are now in the semi-finals of the LBLI championships - a great win last Tuesday against Greystones. Best wishes to Eugenie Walsh who will play her singles match in Greystones on Sunday.

The Monday morning Autumn competition will get underway this **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> Sept.** Sign in by 10.15 to start at 10.30. €1 per week.

## SKERRIES HARPS GAA CLUB



Good Luck to Lyndsey as Dublin Ladies go for 5 in a row v Meath on Sunday next. Tickets for the final are available on Ticketmaster.

Commiserations to Robyn Buckley and Dublin Minor camogie team – lost by just one point to Cork in the All-Ireland semi-final.

**Fixtures:** Sunday. Minor Football Championship v Lucan, home, and B team v Fingallians, away – both at **11am**. Junior Hurling B team v Na Fianna, away, 3pm in Championship.

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup>:** Senior Football Championship v Clontarf, in Balgriffin at 7.30pm

Check fixtures/results on [www.skerriesharps.ie](http://www.skerriesharps.ie)

Club Bar open to members on Fri/Sat/Sun. Club Shop is open on Thursday evenings from 8 to 9 pm for playing gear and leisure wear.

Zingo for 29<sup>th</sup> August: 5-6-1-4-7-2-3. We had no winners so next weeks Jackpot is €1,100. Draw in the Club at 6.30pm on Sunday - enter Online, or by Envelope, €5 for 3 lines.

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENT - BERNIE KINSELLA RIP

Jimmy and family would like to thank all our wonderful neighbours and friends who came to support and sympathise with us on Bernie's recent passing. To those who called, sent cards, flowers and meals, we can never thank you enough.

To Fr Melvyn and Fr. James for all their love and support.

To Joey Lannon, who cut short his family holiday to be with us. We greatly appreciate all of your kindness. The Holy Sacrifice of the mass will be offered to your intentions with sincere gratitude.

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