



## 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: Isaiah 35:4-7, Psalm 145(146):7-10, James 2:1-5, Mark 7:31-37

### Be open to hear the good news



At a family Baptism recently, we noticed that the priest touched the baby's ears and mouth. He quietly prayed that God would open the baby's ears to receive His words and open his mouth to tell others about God. This is the Ephphatha prayer. Ephphatha means "be open". Jesus used the same word in the Gospel we heard today. Jesus "makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak."

That prayer was said at our baptisms. We are that baby and we are the man who was deaf and was unable to communicate. Like him we are being asked to listen to the rich readings on Sundays. But we are not simply hearers. We too can talk about what we know about God.

Sometimes we can be shy about speaking out about the good news that God has come to save us. We might begin by talking to ourselves about what we believe and why we believe it. Sometimes an opportunity may arise, perhaps when a child asks us a question, to quietly, and with conviction, be ready to answer anyone about the faith we have.

Key ideas in today's readings are about love, hearing, speaking, healing and the power of God to help us. James (2:1-5) invites us to hear in particular that "it was those who are poor according to the world that God chose, to be rich in faith and to be the heirs to the kingdom which he promised to those who love him."

### Church Readers

#### ANNIVERSARY / SPECIAL INTENTION MASSES

- ✦ **Sat 7<sup>th</sup> 10am:** Hughie Horan, The Savage Family (Rem), Michael Loughnan (RD)
- ✦ **Sat 7<sup>th</sup> 6pm:** Berna Dennis (MM), Mary & Robert Kelly, Florence Clinton, Essie Boylan, Harry, Damian & Amy Boylan (Rem), Margaret Guinan (Rem)
- ✦ **Sun 8<sup>th</sup> 9.30am:** Charles & Mary Anne McMorrow, Angela Sheils, Rose Murray, Esther (June) Kearins, Ursula Rooney, Special Intention
- ✦ **Sun 8<sup>th</sup> 11am:** Maureen Hughes (1<sup>st</sup> A), Packie Markey (1<sup>st</sup> A), Michael O'Rourke, Joe & Nancy Harford, Mary Rogan, Christopher Everard
- ✦ **Mon 9<sup>th</sup> 10am:** Mass Card Intentions
- ✦ **Wed 11<sup>th</sup> 10am:** Ita Martin, Evelyn Sheridan, Jean & Niall Wilde,
- ✦ **Fri 13<sup>th</sup> 10am:** Leo Bolton (BR)
- ✦ **Sat 14<sup>th</sup> 10am:** Patrick & Catherine Fitzgerald

- ✦ **Sat 14<sup>th</sup> 6pm:** Clare McGloughlin (1<sup>st</sup> A), Joe Scully, Andy Scully, Tim Counihan, Joan Smyth, Kenneth Jones
- ✦ **Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> 9.30am:** Treasa, Brian and Robbie Cowley
- ✦ **Sun 15<sup>th</sup> 11am:** Elizabeth Nevin, Tony Grimes, Bill Hayes, Niall Dungan, Noeline O'Connor, Nellie & J.J. Gilsean

#### FEASTDAYS

- 9<sup>th</sup> Sep – St Ciaran; 12<sup>th</sup> Sep – St Ailbe,
- 13<sup>th</sup> Sep – St John Chrysostom,
- 14<sup>th</sup> Sep – The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

#### OUR SYMPATHY

To the families of Lynda O'Connor, Shenick Avenue, Phyllis Chapman, Rush, and Damian O'Leary, Shenick Avenue, who died recently. May they Rest in Peace.

#### WE WELCOME

**Oisín Joseph Fogarty** who was recently baptised into our parish family.

### CROSSCARE ANNUAL APPEAL

Next weekend 14/15<sup>th</sup> September, the Annual Crosscare Appeal for Homeless Prevention Services takes place at all Masses. This will replace the second Share collection. Crosscare seeks your support to prevent more people from losing their homes as the housing and accommodation crisis continues. As well as providing residential homeless services, Crosscare is working with families and individuals who are at risk of losing their existing accommodation. Please support the Crosscare collection next weekend at all Masses. Thank You.

### THANK YOU

Thank you to all who supported the recent Dublin Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes. The collection raised €3,783.55. This will provide enormous help to the organisers planning to bring sick and elderly people to Lourdes

**LEGION OF MARY** Annual pilgrimage to Knock Shrine on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2024. Pick up points are: St Patrick's Church Skerries, 7.00am, and St Maur's Church car park, 7.15am. Contact Mary: 087 6741472 or Lorraine: 087 6203317.

### ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Monthly Collection will be on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> September for the St Vincent De Paul. Any contribution, no matter how small, will be truly appreciated.

### ACTIVE RETIREMENT

club starts back Monday 9<sup>th</sup> Sept at 2pm with chair exercises, bingo and tea. All welcome, including new members.

### 30 YEARS AGO IN THE PARISH

- At a special Mass the Parish took the opportunity to thank Canon Liam Shanahan for his years of service as Parish Priest of St. Patrick's and a warm welcome was extended to Fr. Leo Quinlan, who took up duty as our new Parish Priest
- Final arrangements were being put in place for the Parish Pilgrimage to San Giovanni
- St. Vincent de Paul Society was looking for new members to work in the parish
- Marian Drama Society was auditioning for a production of Brian Friel's "Philadelphia here I come"
- Millhill Badminton Club was holding a 24 hour badminton marathon to raise funds for Rwanda

### SKERRIES FORGET ME NOT CAFÉ

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September, 11am – 1pm at Skerries Harps GAA, Dublin Road. The café is free of charge and open to people living with dementia, their families, carers and friends. Come for tea and biscuits, a chat, or to meet others on a similar journey. More information from [skerriesforgetmenotcafe@gmail.com](mailto:skerriesforgetmenotcafe@gmail.com) or phone/text to 083 1192972.

### SKERRIES HISTORICAL SOCIETY

resumes its programme with a presentation titled **Lambay** by Dr Eithne O'Connell - the history of the island and the speaker's memories of growing up there. **Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September**, 8.15pm, Skerries Bowling Club. All welcome; non-members contribution €5.

### SKERRIES LADIES BOWLS

A great result for Skerries Div 2 team this week when they took full points against Westmanstown. Only one match left in this years league. Div.3/McIntyre Cup team finished their season with a very good win and ended the season mid-table. Due to on-going works on the clubhouse, it has not been possible to have a Ladies Meeting recently.

### SKERRIES HARPS GAA CLUB

In football championship games, Minor girls won, Minor A boys drew and Minor B boys won. Sunday: Minor hurling v Erin go Bragh, home at 11 am; Junior football away v St Finians at 3pm: Senior football ch'ship v St Vincents in Parnell Park at 4.15 pm – This game will be shown live on Dubs TV. Monday: Minor girls v St. Sylvesters, home, 6.30 pm. The Juvenile Academy has resumed on Saturday mornings at 9.45 am, suitable for boys & girls aged over 4 years. Places limited. Register at [www.skerriesharps.com/academy](http://www.skerriesharps.com/academy). Club Shop will be open during Academy – Super Sale now on for leisure wear. Zingo for 1 September: 6, 4, 7, 1, 5, 2. 3. No winners. Jackpot now €4,100 and Dividend €1,000. Draw every Sunday at 6 pm with free In-House draw for all present. Skerries Forget Me Not Cafe resumes next Wed. 11 Sept at 11 a.m. Details from 083 1192972. Bingo will run fortnightly for the Autumn/Winter – next session on Monday 16 Sept at 8 pm.

### LOST

Large blue umbrella with 12 stars – if found, please return to the parish office.