

Are we in need of healing?

In today's gospel we hear the story of Jesus healing a man who was deaf and had an impediment of speech. His friends had brought him and asked Jesus to lay his hands upon him.

Can we see ourselves in need of healing? How often are we unable to hear? Are we too busy with our own concerns to hear the voices of those around us? Do we listen with care to the voices of our children, of our parents, our spouses, our friends, our neighbours? In the comfort and security of our own country do we hear the cry of the poor of the world, of the refugees, of the hungry, of the prisoners of unjust regimes? There are so many crying out that it seems impossible to give attention to all, so maybe we give attention to none.

Jesus not only gave the gift of hearing to the man in today's gospel he also gave him the gift of speech. We also have that. Whilst we cannot attend to all the needs of the whole world, we can make an effort to listen more attentively to those around us. We can also speak out whenever we are aware of injustice.

St. James in the second reading gives us sound advice about treating everyone fairly.

Lord, we ask you to give us ears to hear and wisdom and courage to speak.

Lydia Gillen (Bible study group)

ANNIVERSARIES REMEMBERED

- ✦ Wed 12th 10am: Patrick Fitzgerald, Pauline Sullivan, Jean & Niall Wilde
- ✦ Fri 14th 10am: Kenneth Jones
- ✦ Sat 15th 10am: Fr Bob Curley, Jack McGuinness, Joan & William Ruigrok, Sam & Rena Condrot
- ✦ Sat 15th 6pm: Michael, Esther, William & Mary Armstrong, Thomas & Bridget Ferguson, Dick O'Toole, Jack, Nellie & Andrew O'Toole, Kevin Duff, Bert McGee
- ✦ Sun 16th 9.30am: Margaret Farrington, George Worrall
- ✦ Sun 16th 11am: Annie Fitzpatrick, Tony Twomey, Tony Grimes, Cillian Shanley, John Mansfield

MONTH'S MIND MASS

Sunday 16th 11am: Jenny Memery

OUR SYMPATHY

To the family of **Ethel Byrne** who died recently. May she Rest in Peace.

WE WELCOME

Laoise Therese Fleming, Joey Hess, Fiadh Rose, Anna Kate Garrigan, Emilie Rose Martin who were recently baptised into our parish family.



FEASTDAYS

13th: St John Chrysostom; 14th The Exaltation of The Holy Cross; 15th Our Lady of Sorrows

CROSSCARE

Annual Collection for Communities & Homeless Services will take place at all Masses next weekend 15/16th September. It will replace the normal Share collection.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR



Practice will resume this Friday, 14th Sept from 4.30-5.30pm in the Church. Registration for new members, boys and girls, from 1st class and up, will be at 4.15pm before practice. We particularly welcome those making their 1st Communion or Confirmation this year. For further information, contact Paula (087-9657290) or Suzanne (086-2654327).

YOUTH GROUP

Practice will start back this Tuesday, 11th September at 8.00pm. New members are very welcome. Please call Suzanne (086-2654327) for further information.

LEGION OF MARY PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK

Sunday 30th September. See Notice Board for details or contact Lorraine 0876203314 or Mary 0876741472.

PRAYER FOR GRANDPARENTS



Lord Jesus, look with love on grandparents the world over. Protect them! They are a source of enrichment for families, for the Church and for all of society. Support them! As they grow older, may they continue to be for

their families strong pillars of Gospel faith, guardians of noble domestic ideals, living treasuries of sound religious traditions. Make them teachers of wisdom and courage, that they may pass on to future generations the fruits of their mature human and spiritual experience.

Mary, Mother of all the living, keep grandparents constantly in your care.
Amen. *(Pope Benedict XVI.)*

THE LIVING WATER PRAYER GROUP

meet every Wed at 8pm in the Glass Area at the back of our church. Our meetings resume on Wed 19th Sept. We extend a warm welcome to all to come and pray for the needs of our town, country and our troubled world.

BETHANY BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

Public Talk "How Bethany helped me on my Grieving Journey" by Nuala Casey - Wednesday 19th September 2018 at 7.30pm - St Xavier's Church, Gardiners Street, Dublin 1. All welcome, No charge.

WEDNESDAY SINGERS

We meet again on Wednesday night next in Ollie's at 8.30pm. Hope to see you all there.

SKERRIES ARCH CLUB

Is a recreational club for people with learning disabilities and meets every Wednesday, from 8 to 10pm in Prosper Fingal, Strand Street, Skerries. We are urgently looking for helpers to assist in the running of the Club. If you could help out once a week, or every other week, we would love to hear from you. Garda vetting will apply. If you would like to have more information please contact Pauline on 086 8109917 or Mary on 087 9650440.

SKERRIES ACTIVE RETIREMENT

Mon 10th Club reopens at 1.30 for dance practice: 2pm Bingo. Remaining monies for trip will be collected. Tues 11th Bowls restarts. Looking forward to welcoming you all back.

30 YEARS AGO IN THE PARISH

- Newly baptised were Claire O'Shea, Jack Halpin, Damien Keena and Claire Mulryan
- Newly appointed Principal of Holy Faith/de la Salle College was Sr. Antoinette
- Congratulations to Skerries Community Games Chess team who were narrowly beaten into Silver position in the National Finals. And good wishes to Olivia Hurley and Mark O'Shea taking part this weekend in the Athletics finals
- Congratulations to members of the Hills Cricket Club who had such a good season; the Fourth XI won the Jun. B League and the Minor Cup. u-11's won their league

SKERRIES CHESS CLUB

has reopened for the new season in **St. Patrick's Senior National School** and meets every Tuesday at 7pm. All are welcome including adults and juniors at all levels from beginner to expert. We have a vibrant club with two, mainly adult, teams climbing up the Leinster Leagues and juniors who take part in many competitions. See skerrieschess.com for details or visit us any Tuesday. It's your move!

SKERRIES HOCKEY CLUB

Winter hockey for juniors resumes on 30th Sept at the All Weather pitch. **Registration** will take place on Sunday 23rd September, 11.30 to 12.30 at the Community Centre. Please note that there is a waiting list for Junior and Senior Infants.

SKERRIES HISTORICAL SOCIETY

presents a talk on "Sinking of the RMS Leinster – October 1918" by Niall O'Reilly in the Bowling Club, Tennis Court Lane, on Tuesday, 11th September 2018 a 8.15 pm. All are welcome.

SKERRIES HARPS GAA CLUB

Congrats to the Dubs – with major input from Bryan Cullen - on the 4 in a row. Skerries interest in Croke Park continues today (Sunday) with Aisling Spillane and Dublin Junior Camogie team v Kerry in the All Ireland final. Good Luck Aisling. Next Sun (16th) Dublin play Cork in All Ireland Ladies final with Lyndsey Davey pulling the strings. We are organising Tickets and Transport for anyone interested in going to Croke Park. Text names to Chris at 087 9725519 by today, Sun 9th. Sat 15th Senior Championship v Na Fianna in Parnell Park at 5.30 pm. Ladies Junior team won the Shield final v Cuala and Adult Hurlers are in promotion play-off in League Div.5. Juvenile Academy resumes next Sat 15th at 10 am. Zingo. 1,4,6,3,7,5,2. No winner – Jackpot now €1,400. Our sympathy to Pat Dwyer, on the death of his mother, Frances. RIP.