

## ST. SYLVESTER'S PARISH NEWSLETTER

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**MALAHIDE PARISH CENTRE** – we welcome all visitors to Malahide especially from outside Ireland. Our Parish Centre is open for refreshments all day every day – We take this opportunity to remind people to visit our Prayer Chapel.

Please be aware of the new Mass schedule now in place. Mass times in our grouping are available on our website: [www.malahideparish.ie](http://www.malahideparish.ie)

### THE CLUSTER MASS SCHEDULE

**Saturday Vigil: 6.30pm Yellow Walls and Portmarnock**

**Sunday: \*\*9.00 am Carmelite Convent \*\*\*11.00 am Kinsealy (9.00a.m. in Kinsealy discontinued)**

**10.00 am Malahide 10.30 am Yellow Walls 10.30 am Portmarnock**

**11.15 am Malahide; 12.00 noon Yellow Walls; 12.00 noon Portmarnock 12.30 pm Malahide & \*\*\*5.30 pm in Malahide (N.B.)**

*(N.B. No 5.30p.m. Mass mid June to Sept.) (\*\* denotes change of time) (\*\*\*) Denotes Mass time restored)*

**\* Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> December: Carol Service at 3.00p.m. in St. Sylvester's Church**

**Mon. 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec. Penance Service for Kinsealy, Malahide, Portmanock & Yellow Walls at 7.30p.m. in Yellow Walls Church**

**AN ADVENT MORNING PRAYER:** Thank you, O Lord, for loving me. You are with me always. I thank you for the gift of being alive this morning. I thank you for the sleep and rest which has refreshed me. I thank you for the chance to begin life all over again. Lord, this day is full of promise and opportunity. Help me to waste none of it. This day is full of mystery and the unknown. Help me to face it without fear or anxiety. Help me to be fully alive to it all. During this day may I become a more thoughtful person, a more prayerful person, a more generous and kindly person. Help me not to be turned in on myself but to be sensitive and helpful to others. Let me do nothing today that will hurt anyone, but if I do, help me to get back on track again. I ask you to bless me throughout this day in all I hope to do. Later on when evening and night comes, may I look back on this day without regrets. May I be grateful for all my blessings. I make this prayer in Your name, Amen.

**Lectio Divina:** Prayer Chapel, Tuesdays 10.30 – 11.30 am. Reflect and pray with the Sunday gospels in an informal setting. We are an ecumenical group and all are welcome Contact Phil at 086 0638074.

#### **1000 CLUB DRAW:**

*Is up and running for the coming year.*

*\*\*The entry date has been extended to 31st Dec 2014\*\**

**Have you renewed your membership for this coming year -???**

**NEW MEMBERS INVITED to join the 1000 CLUB DRAW.**

*Any new members wishing to join by Standing Order (S/O) need to **amend** the **start date** of the S/O form from 12/12/14 to **20/01/15** and **initial** the change of date. Because of extending the entry date there will be two draws in January covering Dec 2014 & Jan 2015*

The 1000 CLUB DRAW IS to help with the debt on the Parish Pastoral Centre and the refurbishment of the church.

The benefits of these recent developments are that We have a

STATE OF THE ART PASTORAL CENTRE

AND

COMFORTABLE REFURBISHED CHURCH

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**TO JOIN THE 1000 CLUB DRAW  
FILL IN AN APPLICATION FORM**

**YOU**

**YOU COULD BE THE NEXT LUCKY WINNER**

#### **PARISH**

#### **CHRISTMAS**

#### **FAIR**

Last Sunday we had the Parish Christmas Fair organised by Maisie Darcy and an excellent committee of dedicated and hard working people who put in hours of work and organisation to a very well run Christmas Fair that has to rank as probably one of the best in the country. For weeks back the work was underway gathering material, selling tickets and publicising the event. Last weekend it all began to come together. Friday saw lots of boxes and various items being delivered to the Pastoral Centre. Saturday saw a nice buzz around the place with a large group of people all working away at various points getting the Gaffney Hall ready. By 5.00pm on Saturday the place was laid out as good as any shop could be. On Sunday the real buzz began as all day people came and went, bargained and bought, tried their luck at the draws and the wheel, sampled mince pies, cakes and mulled wine, met old friends and acquaintances and a lovely atmosphere prevailed the whole event. Our thanks to all who organise the Christmas Fair which is a special part of the tradition of the parish. The work you do is amazing and very much appreciated. Our thanks to all who come and support the Christmas Fair because without that support it would not happen and we hope you got something nice and enjoyed the visit. The Christmas Fair raised €12,600.00. GO RIABH MÍLE MÍLE MAITH AGAIBH GO LÉIR.

**Malahide Mini-Nightfever Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> December 7.30-10.30 pm.**

**Night-Fever is an event which combines street evangelisation with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. It involves mission teams going into the nearby streets to offer people a candle with no conditions, inviting them into the church to light it and spend some time in silence, in song, in prayer. If you would like to help with the upcoming Mini-Nightfever in Malahide (whether out on the street, at the welcome table or as an intercessor praying for the success of the mission, please email: [myam.admin@gmail.com](mailto:myam.admin@gmail.com) You are very welcome to join us on the night.**

**Weekly Collection: We thank people for their contribution towards last Sunday's collections -**

1<sup>st</sup> Collection €2270.00 (blue basket) towards maintenance of your local clergy and the clergy of the Archdiocese

2<sup>nd</sup> collection €1910.00 (red basket) for Share

#### **SPECIAL CHRISTMAS COLLECTION FOR ST. VINCENT DE PAUL:**

The SHARE Collection this weekend is being replaced by the Annual indoor Christmas Collection for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. This collection is vital for the V de P in enabling it to support and help those who are most in need at this time and throughout the year. We ask your generous support and thank you on behalf of the Society of St. V de P.

**Malahide Bethany Bereavement Support Group** holds a Support group meeting for the bereaved on the second Monday of each month at 8pm in the Parish Centre. A support group meeting for the bereaved is held every Monday morning at 10.30am in the Parish Centre in St. Ita's room.

**Mass intentions for this week**

**Monday: Patsy & Molly Curran (A)**

**Tuesday: Lily Earley (R.I.P)**

**Wednesday: Gabriel Layden (A)**

**Thursday: Caroline Doherty (A)**

**Friday: Maura Byrne (A)**

**Saturday: Aidan & Wena McDonald (A)**

**Meals on Wheels** Drivers and cooks required for Meals on Wheels - Monday, Wednesday & Friday Please contact Parish Office at 01-8451244

**Suicidal/Feeling Alone over the Christmas Period??**

**Dare to Live SOS Have a Christmas Presence for you Christmas Day Helpline 12pm – 3pm 01-8576901**

**MYIAM:**

invite you to join them for their **Advent Evening Prayer** in Taize Style on **Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December from 8-9pm in the Prayer Chapel of St. Sylvesters Church.** All welcome.

For further information contact us on [myam.admin@gmail.com](mailto:myam.admin@gmail.com) or come to meet us.

**Diabetes Ireland** Fundraising trips 2015:- September for all fitness levels *Walking the Camino* / August for more experienced hikers *Tour du Mont Blanc* Phone 8428118 or email [gary.brady@diabetes.ie](mailto:gary.brady@diabetes.ie) to receive a full brochure on these charity fundraising trips. Information [www.diabetes.ie](http://www.diabetes.ie)

**DEATHS:** We extend our sympathy to the family of **Patricia Reilly** recently deceased.

**Jennifer Snow Concert:** Last Friday night (5<sup>th</sup>) we had a really special night of music and song with Jennifer Snow and guests. The singers and musicians were excellent. The setting, the atmosphere, the performances and the sense of occasion combined to give all present a night to remember and cherish. Our thanks to all who attended and entered into the spirit of the occasion. A special thanks to all who provided the very welcome refreshments at the interval. Our heartfelt thanks to Jennifer Snow for taking on to organise the concert and to all the musicians, singers and choirs who also took part and added greatly to the occasion. Behind any such occasion are many other unsung heroes who help out and without whom such occasions would not happen and we extend our thanks to all who helped in any way at all with the organising of the concert. The occasion was also to raise funds to help with the parish debt on the Pastoral Centre and the Church.

**Anam Cara** is holding its monthly **Parent Evening on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December from 19.30pm – 21.00pm** in Applewood Community Centre, Swords, Co. Dublin. For further information see [www.anamcara.ie](http://www.anamcara.ie). Email: [info@anamcara.ie](mailto:info@anamcara.ie) or tel: 01 – 4045378.

**CHRISTMAS FROM AROUND THE WORLD with ENCHIRLADIS CHAMBER CHOIR on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December at 8pm – Seabury Church, Malahide. Tickets: €5 Family Tickets: €15.**

**Attention Males!!!** Retired, unemployed, at a loose end?? Why not join others in the same situation and expand the activities of **Men's Shed!!!** For more information contact: 01-8453786 or email@ [swords@menssheds.ie](mailto:swords@menssheds.ie). Meetings each Wednesday 10 am-12.30 at the Riasc Centre, Feltrim Road.

**FAMILY MASS:** children are involved in the procession at the beginning of the Mass, doing the Readings and the Prayers of the Faithful and bringing up the Bread and Wine. Names of those who would like to be involved are being taken at the back of the church after Mass each Sunday for the next Mass. We encourage children to volunteer and ask the support of their parents.

**Come and Join in  
the Festival of Carols  
Sunday December 21<sup>st</sup> at 3.00 p.m.  
In St. Sylvester's Church**

**Local Choirs Scripture Readings Congregational Singing**

**CHRISTMAS DAY HELP NEEDED:**

During the Christmas Masses we will need to have some extra people to help steward and organise people at the different Masses particularly if there is a large attendance with the need to have an overflow brought into one of the rooms of the Pastoral Centre where Mass can be screened live. We are looking for some extra people who might help at the Masses and if you give your name to members of the Liturgy Group at the back of the church after Mass along with the Mass you can help out at, we would be very grateful. We would then meet with you for a few minutes after Mass next weekend to explain what would be happening. You can also leave your name in the Parish Office during the week or phone 01 8451244.

**WEEKDAY AND HOLY DAY MASS ROTA**

**Kinsealy:** Weekdays: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday - 10.00am.  
**Holy Day** 11.00am.

**Malahide:** Weekdays: 10.00am, **Holy Days:** 10.00am and 7.30P.M. on the Holy day

**Carmelite Monastery:** Weekdays: Mon-Fri 7.30am. *Sometimes weekday Mass is at 9.00a.m. during holiday time)*

**Portmarnock:** Weekdays: Monday-Friday 10.00am. **Holy Days:** Vigil 7.30p.m.

**Yellow Walls:** Weekdays: Monday – Friday 9.30am.