

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

THE MASS SCHEDULE COMMENCING 30TH NOVEMBER FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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)*

*** Mon 8th Dec. – Feast of the Immaculate Conception and a Holy Day of Obligation – Mass at 10a.m. and 7.30p.m.**

NOTHING MORE THAN NOTHING: A wise owl asked a mouse the weight of a snowflake. "Nothing more than nothing" was the answer. "In that case I must tell you a marvellous story" the owl said. "I sat on the branch of a fir tree, close to its trunk when it began to snow. So as I didn't have anything better to do, I counted the snowflakes settling on the twigs and needles of the branch I was next to. Their number was exactly 3,741,952. When the next snowflake dropped on to the branch, 'nothing more than nothing', as you say, and the branch broke off!" The little mouse scurried off with nothing to say. It may only be a story but it highlights **THE POWER OF ONE**, the power of something tiny and insignificant, **the power of a kind word, a hug, a moment of silence, a moment of prayer.** There is no end to the list or to the strength and power of something that may seem tiny and insignificant.

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.

We are experiencing the benefits of these recent developments. We have a

STATE OF THE ART PASTORAL CENTRE
AND A COMFORTABLE REFURBISHED CHURCH THAT IS
FOR MANY A SERENE AND PEACEFUL SACRED SPACE.

**TO JOIN THE 1000 CLUB DRAW
FILL IN AN APPLICATION FORM
AND YOU NEVER KNOW**

BUT YOU COULD BE THE NEXT LUCKY WINNER

Apologies (K.M.): Last week's winning numbers should have read:
TICKET 188 ~ €10,000. ~ TICKET 001 ~ €3,000.

PARISH CHRISTMAS FAIR
(for the best bargains and fun THIS weekend)

THIS

Sunday, December 7th

Gaffney Hall

Malahide Parish Pastoral Centre

From 10.30 am to 5 pm

**BE SURE AND DROP IN
AND HAVE A LOOK AROUND AND SEE WHAT'S
ON OFFER**

**Homemade jams, chutneys, cakes,
Bottle Stall, Fresh Fruit and vegetables, Good
as new clothes, Wheel of Fortune, Bric-a-Brac, Monster Raffle,
Tea/Coffee, Mulled Wine and LOTS, LOTS MORE.**

SANTA WILL BE VISITING TOO!!! 

SENIOR HELP LINE – WHEN LISTENING IS HELPING - The National Confidential Listening Service for Older People - LoCall 1850 440 444: It is a **FRIENDLY** telephone listening service for older people; **PROFESSIONAL** ~ provided by trained older volunteers; **AVAILABLE** ~ open 365 days a year from 10a.m. till 10p.m.; **CONFIDENTIAL** ~ it does not ask for or pass on any information about the callers; **AFFORDABLE** ~ land line calls cost no more than a one minute local call. For more info go to www.thirdageireland.ie – email: info@tirdageireland.ie or Tel: 046 9557766

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

1st Collection €1,780.00 (blue basket) towards maintenance of your local clergy and the clergy of the Archdiocese

2nd collection €1,270.00 (red basket) for Share

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

The SHARE Collection next 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. The Group will hold a Support Group meeting on Monday 8th December at 8.00 pm.

Mass intentions for this week

Monday: Funeral Mass for Rose Verschoyle R.I.P.

Tuesday: Thomas Monaghan (A)

Wednesday: The deceased members of the Markey family

Thursday: Fr. Daniel Murray (A)

Friday: Paddy Clarke (R.I.P.)

Saturday: John & Veronica Donlon (A)

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

Malahide Lions Club:- The Annual Christmas Appeal is on the 11th-13th December at the usual venues. Your continued support will be much appreciated for our worthy causes.

MYYAM: 5.30pm evening Mass in St. Sylvester's Church recommences this **Sunday 30th November.** MYYAM invite any young adults (late teens to mid 30's) who would like to assist them in leading the music at this Mass or with the readings, prayers, offertory, basket collecting, set-up etc. To contact them at 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 to receive a full brochure on these charity fundraising trips. Information www.diabetes.ie

DEATHS: We extend our sympathy to the families of **Sheila Langan, Rose Verschoyle, Seamus Ward** and **Daniel Murphy** who are recently deceased.

Carmelite Monastery, Star of the Sea. His Excellency, the Papal Nuncio, Dr. Charles Brown, will celebrate 9 am Mass on Sunday 14th December and afterwards meet parishioners and the Carmelite community in the Edith Stein room. All are welcome.

MYYAM invite young people aged 16 – 35 to join them at the Youth 2000 Christmas Retreat from Friday 12th to Sunday 14th December at Newbridge College, Newbridge, Co. Kildare. This annual retreat brings together young people from around the country and includes inspiring talks, music, prayer, workshops, share groups, and much more. It is a packed program but there will be plenty of time for chilling out and meeting new people. Its donation only, bring a sleeping bag, go for as much or as little as you like, free buses on Friday and Sunday. For details check out www.youth2000.ie or contact Myyam at myam.admin@gmail.com

DO THIS IN MEMORY The 10.00a.m. Mass next Sunday will be a special Mass for the pupils in 2nd Class in St. Oliver Plunkett's School who are preparing for their First Holy Communion and First Confession. These Masses help to highlight that First Communion Preparation involves not just the school but the home and the parish. At the Mass next Sunday the boys and the girls will be thinking about Advent and preparing for Christmas. {N.B.parents meeting Tues (9th) 9.15am Pastoral Centre}

Come and Join in the Festival of Carols

Sunday December 21st at 3.00 p.m.

In St. Sylvester's Church

Local Choirs Scripture Readings Congregational Singing

To mark the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, MYYAM will host a young adult prayer meeting including Rosary, music, reflection on the Gospel and time for Eucharistic Adoration, this Monday (8th December), from 8.15 – 9.15 pm in the Prayer Chapel of St. Sylvester's Church. Those in their late teens to mid-30's are particularly invited to attend.

St. Doulagh's Annual Candlelight Service of Carols Sunday 14th December at 4pm. Music by 1st Dublin Company Boys' Brigade Brass. Parking in grounds of St. Doolagh's Park (opposite)

St. Vincent de Paul Shop is open on Sundays from 2 to 6pm until Christmas

FAMILY MASS: On most Sundays the 10.00 Mass is a Family Mass encouraging the involvement of children during the Mass. In particular 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.

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.

Holy Days - Vigil 6.30pm, Holy Day 10.30am