

ST. SYLVESTER'S PARISH NEWSLETTER

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MALAHIDE PARISH CENTRE – we welcome all visitors to Malahide especially from outside Ireland. **A SPECIAL WORD OF WELCOME TO ALL WHO ARE HOME WITH FAMILY FOR CHRISTMAS OR SPENDING CHRISTMAS HERE WITH FRIENDS.**

Our Parish Centre is open for refreshments all day every day – We invite you also 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 CLUSTER SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil: 6.30pm Yellow Walls and 6.30p.m. Portmarnock

Sunday: 9.00 am Carmelite Convent 10.00 am Malahide 10.30 am Yellow Walls 10.30 am Portmarnock

11.00 am Kinsealy

11.15 am Malahide;

12.00 noon Yellow Walls;

12.00 noon Portmarnock;

12.30 pm Malahide;

5.30 pm in Malahide (N.B. No 5.30p.m. Mass mid June to Sept.)

CHRISTIAN NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS

How can I use the New Year
to better serve my Lord?
I'll read my Bible every day,
and be more in accord.

I'll find new ways to serve others;
I'll love my neighbor, too.
I'll focus on "give" instead of "get"
in everything I do.

I'll forgive the people I'm mad at;
angry feelings I'll discard;
I'll try to love my enemies,
even though it's hard.

In the new year, I'll lift people up,
instead of putting them down.
I'll fill my heart with love and joy,
and never wear a frown.

I'll let go of my worries;
I'll put it all in His hands;
I'll repent and try to sin less,
and obey all His commands.

These new year's resolutions
are difficult, at best,
but there's something I can do each day
that will put my soul at rest:

I'll love my Lord with all my heart,
with all my mind and soul,
and if I do that essential thing,
all the rest will be in control.

By J By J Fuchs

THE EPIPHANY:

The feast of the Epiphany, 6th January, is celebrated with great joy, particularly in many Eastern countries. Such is the significance of this feast that in some countries Christmas gifts are given out on this day. Today is also traditionally known as 'Women's Little Christmas' or 'Nollaig na mBan'. The Wise Men were searching for something they knew they had to find. It was a journey with many questions and a journey that took time, patience and faith. It was a journey that may have seemed futile and pointless. Why bother? why take a risk? The Wise Men knew better. The Feast of the Epiphany feast is a reminder to keep searching and to keep going as best we can on our daily journey, even when we don't have all the answers. Like the Wise Men, the end result is what it's all about.

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

25th Dec. 1st Collection €5,020 (blue basket) towards maintenance of your local clergy and the clergy of the Archdiocese, Share €4,980. 28th December (blue basket) €1.850 and Share €1.680.

ST. VINCENT de PAUL COLLECTION: A sincere word of thanks to all our parishioners for your very generous response to last Sunday's special indoor collection for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. The collection realised **€21,699** which was a wonderful response from everybody. The society of St. Vincent de Paul wish to thank you very much for your generosity and support which is so important and vital to the work that they do for those most in need here in our parish and in Ballymun where the local conference also serves. **THANK YOU VERY MUCH TO ALL.**

The Malahide branch of Comhaltas Ceoltoiri Eireann will resume their weekly classes on January 13th in Scoil Iosa. Lessons are offered in a wide range of instruments for children and adults of all levels. An introduction to music classes will also run for children from 5 years old. Further details from www.malahidecce.com or 086 2097594 or call Scoil Iosa between 6.45 and 9 pm on

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: Funeral Mass at 10.30a.m. (N.B. No Mass at 10.00a.m.)

Tuesday: 10.00 Joe Kinahan,

Wednesday: Maurice & Maurdy Mahon (R.I.P.)

Thursday: Peadar O'Reilly (A)

Friday: John Joe Earley (A)

Saturday: Thomas Monaghan (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**

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION will take place after 10.00am Mass on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays, and First Fridays during the year.

Monday: 10.30a.m. to 10.00 p.m.
(N.B. *This Monday adoration **BEGINS** at 12.00 noon and there will be **No** adoration from 7 – 8 p.m.*)

Tuesday: 10.30a.m. to 3.00pm & 7.00 – 9.00pm

Wednesday:
8.00a.m. to 9.45a.m.; 10.30a.m. to 2.00 pm
7.00 pm to 9.00 pm.

DEATHS: We extend our sympathy to the families of **Eibhlis MacGabhann** and **Margaret Murphy** and **Angela Aungier** recently deceased.

Marriages: We congratulate

Brenda O'Neill & Diarmaid McStay

Deidre McCaul & Ronan Lenihan

Michelle Flannery & Emmett McGonigle

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. Meetings each Wednesday 10 am-12.30 at the Riasc Centre, Feltrim Road.

Malahide Rugby Club will hold a **car boot sale** on the 10th January and each consecutive Saturday.

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.

1000 CLUB DRAW

We thank all who have joined the 1000 Club Draw for the coming year, which will help greatly with the debt on the Pastoral Centre and the refurbishment of the church. We wish you all success with the draw in the coming months.

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

Bridge Beginners' Course Phase 2.

Commencing Tuesday January 6th 2015 at 10.30 am, class duration 2 hours. Term 2-8 Lessons 6th Jan – 24th Feb. 2015, full course notes will be provided.

Presenters: Leslie Geraghty and Anne Doyle. To enrol: email lesger1@netscape.net or call Leslie 087 9271947 or Anne 086 1630640

Tuesday 6th January

Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord

Mass: Carmelite Convent 7.30 a.m.

St. Sylvester's: 10.00 a.m. & 7.30 p.m.

Surplus gifts may be left at the crib up to the 6th January which will then be given to the Alice Leahy Trust for those in need.

We wish you all a happy new year.