

ST. SYLVESTER'S PARISH NEWSLETTER

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Mass Times: Sunday: 10.00am, 11.15am, 12.30pm & 5.30pm. Weekdays: 10.00am

Exposition: Mon 10.30am -10.30 p.m. Tues. 10.30am – 3.00pm & 7 -9pm. Wed 10.30 -2.00pm & 7 -9pm.

Malahide parish is clustered with the parishes of, Kinsealy, Portmarnock and Yellow Walls

MALAHIDE PARISH CENTRE –Our Parish Centre is open for refreshments 9.00am -6.00pm – Please visit our Prayer Chapel. Information about the Centre/to book a room contact Sharon Tel: 086 0492369 or email sharon@malahideparishcentre.com

WINDOWS ON LIFE

Take into account that great love
and great achievements involve great risk.

When you lose, don't lose the lesson.

Follow the three R's: Respect for self;
Respect for others
and Responsibility for all your actions.

*Remember that not getting what you want
is sometimes a wonderful stroke of luck.*

Learn the rules so you know
how to break them properly.

Don't let a little dispute injure a great relationship.

When you realise you made a mistake,
take immediate steps to correct it.

Spend some time alone every day.

Open your arms to change,
but don't give up your values.

*Remember that silence is sometimes
the best answer.*

Live a good honourable life, then when you
look back, you'll be able to enjoy it a second time.

*A loving atmosphere in your home
is the foundation for your life.*

In disagreements with loved ones,
deal only with the current situation.

Don't bring up the past.

Share your knowledge.

It is a way to achieve immortality.

Be gentle with the earth.

*Remember the best relationship is one
in which your love for each other
exceeds your need for each other.*

Judge your success by what you had to give up
in order to achieve it.

ACCORD Annual Collection will be made at all Masses this Sunday 15th Feb. and replaces the SHARE collection. ACCORD Dublin throughout the diocese offers: *Marriage Preparation Courses, *Counselling for couples and individuals experiencing difficulties in their relationships; *Marital Sexual therapy; *A Relationship and Sexuality Programme in Schools. ACCORD Dublin needs your support. PLEASE GIVE GENEROUSLY. ACCORD seeks to help people discover the deeper authentic truths to life that help us build solid and secure foundations to our relationships.

ASH WEDNESDAY is this coming Wednesday, 18th Feb. Ashes will be distributed at Masses. Lent is a time of year when we are asked to take a look at our lives and see if there are ways that we can come closer to God and be a better person. Prayer and good works are at the heart of how we observe the season of Lent. Ash Wednesday Masses are: **Carmelite Convent** 7.30am; **St. Sylvester's** 10.00am & 7.30pm; **Yellow Walls** at 9.30am; **Kinsealy** at 10.00am; **Portmarnock** at 10.00am & 7.30pm

LENTEN ECUMENICAL TALKS: This year we will again have a series of talks from some well known people whose working and personal lives are centred on their Christian faith. They are people who are well known for the inspiration and encouragement they give to others. The first of the talks will take place **in St. Sylvester's Church on Wednesday 25th February at 8.00pm** when the speaker will be **Ger Brennan**, the well known Dublin Gaelic Footballer and All Ireland Medal Winner who works as a Catechist in a Dublin second level school.

Wednesday 4th March at 8pm in Malahide Presbyterian Church **Tom Tate** former Youth Worker in St. Andrew's Malahide & now Youth Officer in DunLaoghaire Presbyterian Church.

Wednesday 11th March at 8pm in St. Anne's Church Portmarnock **Father Damien McNeice** from Navan Road Parish who is master of Ceremonies to Archbishop Diarmuid Martin & first Roman Catholic Chairperson of Dublin Council of Churches.

Wednesday 18th March at 8pm in St. Andrew's Church Malahide **Donal Harrington** Theologian and Pastoral Consultant who teaches Pastoral Theology at All Hallows College and at the Church of Ireland Theological Institute.

Wednesday 25th March at 8pm in St. Andrew's Church Malahide **Archdeacon Gordon Linney** (former Archdeacon of Dublin) who spoke out many times on Radio on T.V. and in the papers against many of the injustices in society. He is one of the writers of the column "Thinking Aloud" in the Irish Times Newspaper in the Saturday edition.

COMMISSIONING OF LEADERS OF SERVICES OF THE WORD AND COMMUNION takes place today at the 11.15am Mass. As already mentioned, due to the reduction of priests in the cluster, it is no longer possible to celebrate Mass in every church every day. We also need to be ready to deal with an unforeseen emergency occurring on a Sunday. Though our hope is that such a crisis on a Sunday can be avoided it is best to have something ready and in place because of the increased potential for it to happen. The newly commissioned leaders will enable the parish community to gather for prayer and be led through a prepared Service. These are people from our community trained to lead us in prayer with Christ also present in the community gathered in prayer. Those being commissioned today agreed, upon request, to be part of an initial group to help us establish the practice of prayer Services. We would hope that others would join them and ask that if anyone would also

like to be part of the group of leaders of these Services to let Fr. Moore or Gertrude Gill know or to leave their name in the parish office.

It is important at this time to state that the Services of Word and Communion are not some new way or new form of celebrating Mass. The celebration of Mass or of the Eucharist as it is also referred to, is the very essence of our faith. The priest at the altar acts in the person of Christ. He takes the Bread and the Wine and blesses it, and through the Prayer of Consecration it becomes for us the Body and Blood of Christ. We see Christ present in the Eucharist with the eyes of faith. Only one lawfully ordained can celebrate the Eucharist.

LENTEN SCRATCH CARDS: How it works - Each day you would scratch off the appropriate date on the Lenten Calendar to reveal a task to be undertaken for that day. These tasks are very simple and achievable and are related to the Gospel message of each day eg: 2nd March "Give someone a surprise" 25th February "Pray a grace before meal". The act of scratching off the calendar to reveal a task engages you with the season of lent. **Cards will be available on Ash Wednesday and will cost €1 of which 70c will be donated to Trocaire when costs have been deducted.**

TROCAIRE INTRODUCE MAHLET This Lent TROCAIRE introduce you to Mahlet, who lives in a community in Ethiopia experiencing the serious impacts of climate change and whom TROCAIRE hope to help along with her family and community through the TROCAIRE Box Lenten appeal. Her family, along with fifty other households in Sebeya, will soon join an irrigation scheme being built this year by the Adigrat Diocesan Catholic Secretariat (ADCS) with support from Trócaire. When there is rain, their family have just one harvest a year, but with the new scheme they are hopeful that they will have three!

See www.trocaire.org

TROCAIRE BOXES ARE AVAILABLE AT THE BACK OF THE CHURCH.

MASS INTENTIONS Monday: Sé (Seamus) McGowan Tuesday: Jim Kelly (R.I.P.) Wednesday: John Joe Earley (A)
Thursday: Katie Collins (A) Friday: Mary Heelan (A) Saturday: Annie Donlon (A)

RECENTLY DECESED Prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of **Gerard (Gerry) Finnegan**

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS We thank people for their contribution last Sunday. **1st Collection** towards maintenance of your local clergy and the clergy of the Archdiocese €1,720 **2nd Collection** for SHARE €1,258

LECTIO DIVINA FOR LENT 7.30 – 8.30 pm. St. Ita's Room, Pastoral Centre. If you would like to pray with the Sunday Gospel please join us. All are Welcome. For information please contact Phil. At 086 0638074.

ST. SYLVESTER'S SENIOR'S SOCIAL GROUP Each Wednesday from 10.45 to 12.45 in Parish Centre. Tea/Coffee, Music & "Sing Along", Poetry, Gentle Exercises, Chat etc. All are Welcome

MALAHIDE LADIES CLUB Grand Hotel next Wednesday 18th February at 8pm. Featuring Problem Skin Care by Moo Goo

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2015 Friday 6th March at 7.30pm Ladies of the Bahamas Presbyterian Church - Men & Women All Very Welcome

MYAMM 15 minute MINI LENT RETREAT FOR YOUNG ADULTS 6.30-6.45pm each Sunday of Lent (commencing 22nd February) in Prayer Chapel for short time-out with reflection on Sunday Gospel, quiet time and prayer. Late teens/ 20's/ 30's Lenten Evening Prayer Taizé Style 24th February 8pm – 9pm in Prayer Chapel. Taizé chants, scripture, prayers of intercession and time of silence. All Welcome

MALAHIDE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY "Preparation and Presentation of Show Exhibits" by John Warren followed by AGM Wednesday 18th at 8pm in St. Andrew's Parish Centre, Church Road. €3 Members, €4 Non-Members includes tea/coffee

LENTEN BIBLE STUDY St. Anne's Parish Pastoral Centre, Portmarnock. Tuesday 24th at 8pm (5 weeks duration) All Welcome

CENTRAL REMEDIAL CLINIC ART EXHIBITION Saturday 28th February 11am – 6pm Sunday 1st March 11am – 5pm
Central Remedial Clinic, Vernon Avenue, Clontarf

TALK ON SYNOD ON THE FAMILY & ITS IMPLICATIONS FOR OUR UNDERSTANDING OF MARRIAGE Bishop Kevin Doran will present this talk in Holy Trinity Church, Donaghmede on Monday 23rd February at 7.30pm

VENERABLE FATHER JOHN SULLIVAN ANNUAL MASS The February Monthly Mass in thanksgiving for the life of Venerable Fr John Sullivan SJ, and in prayer for his canonisation will be celebrated by the Archbishop of Dublin, Diarmuid Martin In St. Francis Xavier Church, Gardiner Street on Saturday 21st February at 11am with a blessing with the crucifix of Fr John.