

--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 -10.00 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

REFLECTION

Each of us is like a grain of wheat
planted by the heavenly Father.

The grain must die if it is to produce a harvest.

This dying to self is a gradual process
and happens in very ordinary ways.

Every act of kindness involves dying to meanness.

Every act of love involves dying to selfishness.

Every act of humility involves dying to pride.

Every act of courage involves dying to cowardice.

Every act of forgiveness involves dying to bitterness.

When a person's life is producing
a rich harvest of such acts,
it means the grain of wheat
has well and truly died.

The false self is dying
and the true self, made in God's image,
is slowly being born.

It is the true self alone

that will inherit eternal life

for there is no place for what is false
in the presence of God.

It would melt like snow before the sun.

QUIET TIME

There are 1,440 minutes in any given day.

Between 400 and 500 are given over to sleep.

That leaves about 1,000 minutes to use positively.

Many of these will be used for essential tasks.

Some will be used for relaxation and leisure .

How many will be used for quiet time and prayer?

The benefits of taking a few minutes

for essential quiet time each day are many.

It is quality time and a time to recharge our inner selves.

It is quality time that can be used to pray to God quietly.

Whether or not prayer is on your agenda

there are very few genuine arguments

to counter the benefits of quiet time each day.

BAPTISMS Welcome to the Christian Community to Ella Anne Bohan; Sophia Kristina Byrne; Ben John Garry; Seán Pádraig Riley

ADVOCATE COLLECTION/SUNSHINE HOUSE: The sunshine Fund of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul is holding its annual collection outside the Church and all Dublin Churches next weekend, Palm Sunday weekend. Each year, the Sunshine Fund provides much-needed holidays for approximately 1,100 of Dublin's less fortunate children. The Advocate Collection is the only way the Sunshine Fund can finance these holidays. Please be as generous as you can.

THANK YOU FROM THE LOCAL BRANCH OF THE St VINCENT dePAUL for your generous support of their monthly in March of €1,810

CONFIRMATION SPONSORS: The 10.00am and 5.30pm Masses this weekend are special Confirmation Preparation Masses celebrating the importance of the Confirmation Sponsor. We thank those who have accepted the invitation from the Confirmation candidates to be their sponsor. A Confirmation sponsor is a person whom the candidates look upon as a good role model of those qualities and values in life that are best for us all and reflect our faith on God.

SERVICE OF LIGHT: We ask you to keep in your prayers the pupils from sixth class in St. Oliver Plunkett's school whose Service of Light, which is part of the Confirmation Ceremony, takes place in our church on next Wednesday evening, 25th March, at 7.30p.m. This is where it is acknowledged that they are now at a stage in life when they take on a greater responsibility for their own Christian faith and their own lives whilst still needing the support of parents and home.

At this ceremony they will also take their Confirmation pledge not to drink alcohol until a certain age which they will have discussed with their parents. The second pledge they take is to never have anything at all to do with drug abuse. We can all appreciate the importance of this occasion for them and the pledges they make. We hope that it will be an occasion that has a positive influence on their lives in the years ahead. Congratulations to all the candidates on reaching this special occasion on their Christian journey of faith.

ADORATION INFORMATION: Due to the Service of light next Wednesday Adoration will **NOT** take place from 7 – 9 next Wed, 25th March.

FATIMA: Parish Pilgrimage of Sacred Heart and St. Sylvester's Churches is planned for 21st – 28th May, Cost €699 full board. Contact Jo Morris 087 6163648. A full agenda has been planned - visiting the homes of the children of Fatima, The Loco do Cabeco and Valinhos where the Virgin Mary and the Angel appeared to the children. There will be Mass in the convent in Coimbra where Lucia lived as a Carmelite nun, a visit to the Irish Dominican Sisters in the Pius XII Monastery in Fatima where a 'Cupán Tae' will be 'ar fáil', a day trip to Lisbon and visits to other places of interest. We would love to have you with us.

PALM SUNDAY is next Sunday and Palms will be blessed at all Masses.

M.A.R.A. Next meeting **Monday 23rd March at 10.30 am**. In Malahide Library. Musical entertainment Jim Collier.

COFFEE AS GHAEILGE: We meet weekly in **Malahide** (Siopa Tae, Wed 10.30 am) and **Skerries** (Divino Tapas Tue 12 pm); **Donabate** (Cates Café Sat. 2 pm), **Swords**, (The Cottage Café Sat 12.30 pm), Contact Diarmuid 086 1755343.

[Each day is God's gift to you. What you do with it is your gift to God]

PENANCE SERVICE FOR PARISH CLUSTER IN PREPARATION FOR EASTER take place on Monday week, 30th March, at 7.30pm here in St. Sylvester's Church for Kinsaely, Malahide, Portmarnock and Yellow Walls parishes. We ask you to note the date and hope that many will be able to participate in our communal service of reconciliation as we prepare to celebrate the most important aspects of our Faith.

THE CHRISTIAN ROAD SAFETY AUTHORITY TEN COMMANDMENTS FOR MOTORISTS: 1) Begin every journey with a prayer; 2) if you start late, arrive late; 3) Alcohol is for the radiator, not for the operator; 4) if entry into the flow of traffic is facilitated by the courtesy of another driver, wave in appreciation; 5) If you inadvertently endangered the safe passage of another vehicle, wave a genuine apology; 6) Make it easy for aggressive opportunity snatchers to get ahead of you – far ahead; 7) So drive that the sudden appearance of a Garda car or speed camera is a pleasant sight; 8) Give plenty of space to cars marked with dents; 9) Gently accelerate - and decelerate, if advisable, when another car wishes to enter your lane; 10) End every trip with a prayer of thanksgiving.

DAY OF REFLECTION on Saturday 25th April for those involved in any of the parish Ministries or Parish Groups in St. Sylvester's including those involved in the church of the Carmelite Sisters. It will take place from 10.00am – 4.00pm and will be led by Máire Boyle who has a wonderful way of bringing the scriptures spiritually to life for people. We need to have an idea of numbers attending and would appreciate it if you could let us know by contacting the parish office.

MALAHIDE CAMERA CLUB PHOTOGRAPHIC EXHIBITION IN ST. SYLVESTER'S PASTORAL CENTRE: For the next two weeks there is a wonderful display of photographs on view in the Parish Centre with framed photographs of the best pictures taken by the members of Malahide Camera Club. There is a great variety of subject matter in the pictures. People of all ages will find something of interest to gaze and look upon in the display. Why not drop in and have a look around whenever you have a few minutes to spare over the next two weeks. Congratulations to all involved.

THE SHROUD OF TURIN - St. Mary's Pro-Cathedral hosts the major replica of the Shroud of Turin from 13th March until Palm Sunday 29th March. All are welcome

THE GIFT OF READING: Barnados are looking for adults aged 55 and over for a voluntary reading programme in primary schools in Finglas Dublin11. Volunteers will provide one-to-one reading sessions to children in 1st and 2nd class, 2 to 3 times a week with two children. Contact Suzanne Connolly, at 01 7080431 or e-mail volunteers@barnados.ie.

LENTEN ECUMENICAL TALKS The Christian Churches of different denominations in Malahide and Portmarnock 2015. *'Following the Pilgrims Way, living the Christian Faith at its best'* – Concluding talk next **Wednesday 25th March @ 8pm** St. Andrew's Church, Malahide. Archdeacon Gordon Linney, (former Archdeacon of Dublin).

As Archdeacon, Gordon spoke out many times on Radio and T.V. and in the papers against many injustices in society. He is one of the writers of the column 'Thinking Aloud' in the Sunday edition of the Irish Times. There will be time for Q&A, refreshments, All welcome.

LECTIO DIVINA on Tuesdays in the Prayer Chapel, St. Sylvester's Parish Centre from 10.30-11.30am. Reflect and discuss the following Sunday's Gospel. Those who participate find it very helpful when attending Mass the following Sunday. **More info. Tel. Phil 086-0638074.**

COLLECTIONS: 1st Collection for the support of the priests of the Cluster and for sick and retired priests of the diocese - €1,945, 2nd Collection - SHARE - €1,560 for the support of less well-off parishes and of Diocesan administration. St. Vincent de Paul collection: €1,810. We are very grateful to you for your support of the Sunday collections and your support of the parish through standing orders and the envelope collection.

ST. SYLVESTERS SENIORS SOCIAL GROUP meet in The Parish Centre **EACH WEDNESDAY FROM 10.45-12.45PM** Tea/Coffee-Music & Sing-a-long, Poetry, Gentle Exercises, Chat etc. ALL WELCOME.

MASS INTENTIONS: Sunday 10am **Peadar Collins (A); 11.15 Catherine McMahon; 12.30 Fr Michael Troy & Nancy Troy (A); 5.30 Bernard Murphy; (A) Convent 9.0am Paul Dooley (1st A) - Mon – Alo and Jean Kelly (A) Tues –Tom & Kathleen McCarthy (A) Wed: Gabriel Layden (A) Thursday – Michael Prendergast (A) – Fri – Brigid Heffernan (A) -. Sat – Helene Cullen (A.).**

SYMPATHY: WE extend the sympathy of all in the Parish to Sr. Margaret, our parish secretary, on the death of her sister, Cathy O'Callaghan, last weekend. May she rest in peace.

BETHANY BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP Every Monday morning from 10.30 – 11.30am at St. Sylvester's Pastoral Centre in St. Ita's Room. You can also contact the group at 087 7936189

LEGION OF MARY meet on Monday evenings in St. Brendan's Room in St. Sylvester's Pastoral Centre from 8.00 – 10.00pm.

WORDS OF WISDOM: 1) People who jump to conclusions rarely land on them; 2) Beds are the most dangerous places in the world. At least 80% of people die in a bed; 3) Some people change their ways when they see the light, others only when they feel the heat.

BECOME A VOLUNTEER FOR ACCORD DUBLIN Supporting couples as they prepare for marriage. If you think you might be interested, find out more at one of the following information evenings. *Donaghmede* – St. Kevin's School, Newbrook Rd, Thursday 19th March, 8.00 – 9.30 pm. *Blanchardstown* – ACCORD House, Church Ave, Tuesday 24th March, 8.00 – 9.30 pm. *Harcourt Street* – ACCORD House, 39 Harcourt St, Thursday 26th March, 7.00 – 8.30 pm. Tel. 01-478 44 00. www.accord.ie

MALAHIDE PASTORAL CENTRE: The Pastoral Centre is very busy with a lot of activity going on everyday providing a convenient outlet for many local groups and organisations. The Pastoral Centre has rooms that can be hired, subject to availability, for groups or organisations on a regular weekly/monthly basis or on a one-off basis. It is also available to hire for social occasions. Many of the rooms are equipped with audio/visual facilities along with access to WiFi. The Coffee Shop in the Pastoral Centre with lovely coffee/tea and great food is open from 9.00a.m. to 6.00p.m. seven days a week for snacks or something more substantial. To book the Centre or for more information contact Sharon O'Sullivan at the Pastoral Centre or on Tel: 086 0492369 or email sharon@malahideparishcentre.com

WHY NOT DROP INTO THE CENTRE AND TAKE A LOOK AROUND IT ESPECIALLY WITH THE PHOTOGRAPHIC EXHIBITION TAKING PLACE

[God is a circle, whose centre is everywhere, and whose circumference is nowhere]