

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

EASTER SUNDAY MASSES: Convent: 9.00am; St. Sylvester's 10.00, 11.15 and 12.30 pm. **NO 5.30pm Mass on Easter Sunday.**

MASS ON EASTER MONDAY, 6TH APRIL: There will be **ONE MASS** for a gathering of the parishes in our Cluster which will be celebrated in The Sacred Heart Church, **Yellow Walls at 10.00am** *Please note: There will be no Mass on Monday 6th April in St. Sylvester's, Malahide*

SERVICE OF THE WORD AND COMMUNION: It is planned that on Thursdays 9th & 16th April and again on Tuesday 21st April there will be a Service of the Word and Communion in St. Sylvester's Church.

EASTER GREETINGS: May the Blessings of the Risen Jesus, this Easter Sunday, be with all our parishioners, their families and friends. The New Paschal Candle, lit at the Easter Vigil, is the symbol of the New Life of the Risen Jesus shining everywhere for all. We thank all who attended the Holy Week Ceremonies, all who helped prepare and organise the ceremonies and all who helped decorate our church so that it might reflect the hope and light of the Resurrection.

Throughout the year a lot of people help out and support the parish in many different ways. To all who help in the various ministries, to all who help run or organise the various parish activities and to all who help, support or participate in the life of the parish in any way at all we say a sincere word of thanks. Your commitment makes the parish of Malahide special for us all.

****PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL: The current term of the Parish Pastoral Council ends in June. Any parishioner who is interested in serving on the Council should hand their names into the Parish Office. A number of vacancies will arise and after a brief training programme a selection will be made. The Council meets monthly, except for July & August and has an advisory role to assist the Parish Priest.**

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 in the Carmelite Convent 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.

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 and we would love to have you with us.

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.

COLLECTIONS: 1st Collection for the support of the priests of the Cluster and for sick and retired priests of the diocese -- €1,600. SHARE for the support of less well-off parishes and Diocesan administration - €1,130. Thank you very much 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: Tues –**Maurdy Mahon (A)** Wed: **Sharon Malone (R.I.P.)** Thursday **Service of Word and Communion**, Friday **John Grimes** and Saturday **Int. of Stephen Finnegan**.

BAPTISMS: We welcome the following to the Christian community: Tristan Victor Vargas, Joshua Thomas Connor, Sofia Lucia D'Emidio Moran, Frankie Richard Williams, Norah Marita Corcoran, Jamie Michael Lacey, Oisín Martin Donaldson, Isobel Hayley O'Donnell, Kate Christina Brennan and Leo Wells.

MALAHIDE YOUNG MUSICIAN OF THE YEAR: This competition will be held on Saturday 25th and Sunday 26th April. Entry forms are now available. Enquiries www.malahide-young-musician.com or phone 01 8454931.

TROCAIRE BOXES: From now on Trocaire Boxes may be returned to the sacristy. We thank all who took a Trocaire box and we have been asked to let you know that your contributions are urgently needed at this time.

MALAHIDE CAMERA CLUB PHOTOGRAPHIC EXHIBITION IN ST. SYLVESTER'S PASTORAL CENTRE continues for this weekend with a wonderful display of framed photographs on view in the Parish Centre representing some 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. There is a brochure available to help give an explanation to the photographs in the exhibition. Why not drop in and have a look around whenever you have a few minutes to spare. The display continues until tomorrow, Monday 6th April. We thank Malahide Camera Club for using our Pastoral Centre to hold their exhibition.

LEARNING ABOUT YOUR CATHOLIC FAITH: St. Sylvester's Parish Centre, Malahide will show the ten one hour videos of the famous "THE CATHOLICISM SERIES" on successive Friday evenings, starting on **Friday April 24th from 7.15 pm to 9.15 pm** (with the first two videos) and running through each Friday until the last session on Friday May 22nd. A brief introduction to these videos is as follows: Journey around the world and deep into the Catholic Faith – for the first time, the truth, goodness, and beauty of Catholicism are illustrated on video. Journey with Fr. Robert Barron of the Chicago archdiocese to more than 50 locations throughout 16 countries (including Ireland). Be illuminated by the spiritual and artistic treasures of this global culture that claims more than one billion of the earth's people. Learn what Catholics believe and why. Discover the full meaning of the faith. "The most important media project of the US Catholic Church" George Weigel, biographer of St. John Paul II. We hope that you can attend.

LOURDES VOLUNTEERS: Volunteers needed to work at the Hospitalite Notre Dame de Lourdes from the 5th to the 12th July or from the 12th to the 19th July. No previous experience required, full training. Enquiries to Liz Byrne 087 1926346 or lizbyrne@iol.ie.

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.

THE RESURRECTION by M.S.Lowndes

We hold so close to our hearts
The cross where Jesus died
But so much more than the blood-stained cross
Is that Jesus came back to life
The stone's been rolled away
The tomb lay open and bare
They looked for Him, and then the angel said
That He is no longer here
Oh what joy they must have felt
To see Him just once more

To eat with Him, to drink with Him
To receive Him back as Lord
So much did He accomplish
Through His death upon the cross
And in His rising from the dead
He reconciled us back to God
Nothing else could bridge the gap
That sin had wrenched apart
Now we can freely go to God
And receive Christ in our hearts

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND: The next weekend from 17th to 19th April (8.00 pm Friday to 4.30 pm Sunday) at the Cork International Hotel. Details on the website www.marriageencounter.ie or phone 01 832 4429.

IRISH CANCER SOCIETY: The Society wish to thank all for supporting the Daffodil Day Coffee Morning 2015 in Nautilus restaurant on Thursday the 19th March. The total amount raised came to just short of €2,500. They look forward to your continuing support in 2016.

PADRE PIO DEVOTIONS: Devotions are on Friday 10th April, in Sacred Heart Church, Seabury. Mass at 7.30 pm, celebrated by Fr. Angeles O'Neill O.F.M. Cap., who will give a Blessing with a relic of St. Pio.

M.A.R.A. Next meeting will be on Monday 13th April at 10.30 a.m. in Malahide Library. Speaker: John McMullen on Bees and Bee Keeping.

ST. SYLVESTERS 1,000 CLUB DRAW MARCH 2015: Results 1st Ticket 589, 2nd ticket 170, 3rd ticket 070 and 4th ticket 357. Congratulations to the lucky winners and to all who are members of the 1000 Club Draw we wish you good luck next time.

JOHN MAIN MEDITATION GROUP: Meetings will resume on Thursday 16th April at 6 pm in the Prayer Room in St. Sylvester's Church..

REDISCOVER HISTORY: Come and enjoy going back in time to learn and explore about people and places in a fun and informal way. This course centres on key events both in Ireland and Europe that changed the lives of everyone. Visits to relevant sites.....and much more. Eight weeks 75 euro, commencing 16th April Thursday 11.00 – 12.15. Phone Bernie 087 751830.

ONLINE BANKING: a PRACTICAL ONE HOUR GUIDE. Dates Tuesday 21st April and Tuesday 28th April, 10am to 11am in Malahide Library. Contact Bank of Ireland 01 8452666 or Malahide Library 01 8704430. If you have a device (smartphone/laptop/tablet) please bring it.

COMPUTERS FOR THE TERRIFIED! CLASSES FOR THE OVER 55'S: Malahide Library in association with Age Action will be running beginners' classes for older people who have little or no computer experience or for the absolutely terrified! Learn how to search the Internet, send and receive emails, shop and book flights. Small classes with one to one tuition, learn at your own pace. This free 2 hour course will run once a week for 4 weeks at the Malahide Library. For more information, or book a place, phone Age Action at 01 4756989.

SENIOR HELP LINE Do you need someone to talk to? 'Senior Help Line' is a confidential listening service for older people provided by trained older people for the price of a local call anywhere in Ireland, LoCall 1850 440 444. Senior Help Line is open every day from 10.00am till 10.00pm 365 days a year. Older people call us for many reasons. They may feel lonely, isolated or have family or health worries. A small proportion may fear or be experiencing elder abuse, or are depressed and feel they don't have the strength to carry on. Senior Help Line's trained older volunteers offer a friendly listening and non-Judgemental ear to all callers. They don't ask for or pass on any information of callers. So don't be alone with your problem. Lifting the phone lessens the loneliness. We will be waiting for your call.

MEDITATION FROM THE IRISH CATHOLIC CATECHISM FOR ADULTS: It is in regard to death that humankind's condition is most shrouded in doubt. Humankind is not only tormented by pain and the gradual breaking-up of its body but also, and even more, by the dread of forever ceasing to be. But a deep instinct leads humankind rightly to shrink from and to reject the utter ruin and total loss of its personality. Because humankind bears in itself the seed of eternity, which cannot be reduced to mere matter, it rebels against death. All the aids made available by technology, however useful they may be, cannot set humankind's anguished mind at rest. They may prolong a person's life-span; but this does not satisfy humankind's heartfelt longing, one that can never be stifled, for a life to come... The Church, taught by Divine revelation, declares that God has created humankind in view of a blessed destiny that lies beyond the limits of its state on earth.