

ST. SYLVESTER'S PARISH NEWSLETTER

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

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: Mon: 10.30am -10.00 p.m. Tues: 10.30am – 3.00pm & 7 -9pm.

Wed: 8.00am -9.45am, 10.30am – 2.00pm & 7 -9pm; First Fridays: 10.30am – 7.30pm

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

WHAT MAKES A DAD

God took the strength of a mountain,
The majesty of a tree,
The warmth of a summer sun,
The calm of a quiet sea,
The generous soul of nature,
The comforting arm of night,
The wisdom of the ages,
The power of the eagle's flight,
The joy of a morning in spring,
The faith of a mustard seed,
The patience of eternity,
The depth of a family need,
Then God combined these qualities
When there was nothing more to add,
He knew His masterpiece was complete,
And so,
He called it ... Dad

MASS TIMES DURING THE SUMMER: some changes in Mass times in the Cluster now in place until the end of August
Yellow Walls: Sat **6.00** (new permanent time) & Sun **11.30**. **Kinsealy: Sunday 11.00am (No change)**
Portmarnock: Sat **6.30**; Sun. **9.30 & 11.00**
Malahide: NO 5.30pm Mass during July & August

ST. SYLVESTER'S PARISH CENTRE At the heart of the community. *The Coffee Shop is open every day from 9.00am – 6.00pm* There are lots of activities taking place in the Centre: Social, recreational, spiritual, business, community, personal wellbeing and many more. **HAVE YOU VISITED THE PRAYER CHAPEL – A LOVELY QUIET SPACE IN THE HEART OF MALAHIDE. IT IS LOCATED TO THE RIGHT OF THE CHURCH. IT HAS ITS OWN SEPARATE ENTRANCE OR CAN BE ACCESSED IN THE CHURCH THROUGH THE DOOR ON THE RIGHT HAND SIDE NEAR THE TOP OF THE CHURCH.**

SUMMER CAMPS RUNNING THROUGHOUT THE SUMMER INCLUDE:

Junior Einsteins Science, Creative Writing, Project Fashion Design, Cecilain Arts Theatre School & Little Fingers Arts & Crafts.

See Noticeboard for these activities or contact Sharon, Centre Manager at 086 0492369 or visit her in the Centre itself.

WORDS OF WISDOM: 1) Don't let the littleness in others bring out the littleness in you; 2) Some things are true whether you believe in them or not; 3) None of us is as smart as all of us. 4) It is well to remember that the entire population of the world, with one trifling exception, is composed of others; 5) You aren't wealthy until you have something money can't buy.

A FATHER'S DAY PRAYER

God our Father, we give you thanks and praise
for fathers young and old.
May they know our appreciation and love
for their goodness to us.

We pray fathers newly embracing their vocation.
May they find courage and perseverance
to balance work, family and faith
in joy and sacrifice.

We pray for Fathers around the world
whose children are lost or suffering -
May they know that the God of compassion
walks with them in their sorrow.

We pray for grandfathers, great grandfathers
and thank God for their wisdom and kindness.

We pray for men who are not fathers
but still mentor and guide others
with fatherly love and advice.

We remember fathers, grandfathers and great grandfathers
who are no longer with us
but who live forever in our memory
and nourish us with their love. Amen

Children's Intensive Swim Lessons, July 2015 Monday-Friday:- 10-10.40 or 10.40-11.20am PSLC Portmarnock. Contact 01-8462122 or info@pslc.ie

THE LONGEST DAY: Today is Midsummer's Day. Darkness will be limited to just a few hours. There are times when we fear the dark. That is not something new. It stretches back thousands of years. It is true that God loves the light but it is also true that God also loves the darkness. In the book of Exodus we are told that the people stood at a distance while Moses drew near to the darkness where God was. Life is a mixture of light and darkness for all of us. We flourish and thrive when we are in the light and we often struggle in the dark. But from God's point of view, God is with us in light but also in darkness. So no matter how dark, sad, dreary or depressing our lives may be at times, our heartfelt belief is that somehow **GOD IS PRESENT IN THERE AS WELL.**

10.00am FAMILY MASS: The choir that sings at the 10.00am Mass on most Sundays during the year will be taking a summer break after today's Mass until next September. The parents who organise the children to do the readings and take part in the Mass in various ways will also be taking a break for the summer months after this Sunday's Mass. We thank the parents for their help and commitment to this Mass and encouraging children to take part in the Mass. It is very much appreciated and helps make the Mass special for all both young and old. We look forward to their return in September. We thank the children's choir for their lovely singing at the Mass throughout the year and for their commitment and dedication. We thank Nicola who is the choir director and always puts a lot of work and effort into the choir and Cara who assists and helps Nicola with the choir and we thank the parents who attend and help out with the choir practices on Wednesdays. The help and support of all is very

important and much appreciated. People love to hear the young people's choir singing at 10.00am Mass on Sundays. We look forward to hearing them sing again in September.

TRAVELLING SOLO: In his poem Travelling Light, poet and theologian Pdraig Ó Tuama talks about the different ways we have of approaching life's journey. At different times, he says, we can find ourselves travelling alone or in the dark, heavily or lightly.

Sometimes we 'travel dark', unable to conjure up an image of 'sunrise or moonrise or starlight or fire'. Sometimes we decide to 'travel solo', forgetting 'all the others we've travelled with'.

The final verses remind us that there are times when we need to 'travel lightly': *'Because sometimes we/ need to be/ travelling lightly/ because sometimes we're in need of/ regular reminding/ that light comes in circles/ and waves/ and small moments'.*

The poem concludes: *'and light/ comes to find us/ and light comes with hope.'*

Life can be complicated and difficult, and it can weigh us down at times. We can end up thinking, feeling, and even acting as if we are alone on our journey.

Today's Gospel reminds us that we are not alone. Even when God seems to be sleeping, and the storm is rising, and we are in danger of being swamped, he is there. At a simple request from the disciples in the boat, Jesus quietens the wind and allays their fears. All is calm again – all it takes is a little faith and trust that we are not alone. *Triona Doherty ~ Intercom*

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 10.00am till 10.00pm 365 days a year.

LEGION OF MARY: meet Mondays 7.45pm in St. Brendan's Room (Downstairs) in Parish Pastoral Centre. All welcome.

COLLECTIONS: 1st Collection for the priests of the Cluster and for sick and retired priests of the diocese – €1,515 2nd Collection Share - €1,130. Thank you for your support of the Sunday collections and of the parish through standing orders and the envelope collection.

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

MASS INTENTIONS: Sunday:- 9.00am Tommie Boyle (R.I.P), 10.00am Annie & Steve McKenna (A), 11.15am Josephine (Josie) Nolan (A), 12.30 John O'Donovan (A)
Monday: Get Well Intention, Tuesday: Michael Gaffney (R.I.P), Wednesday Connie & Nora Cahill (A), Thursday: Richard Collins (A), Friday: Mary Quirke nee Grimes (R.I.P), Saturday: James Sheridan (A)

We keep in our prayers the victims of the tragedy in Berkeley, California and their grieving families and friends. We pray for the injured and ask God's healing upon them and their concerned families.

MALAHIDE BETHANY BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP Meeting for the bereaved every Monday morning @ 10.30am and on the second Monday of the month at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre. All Welcome.

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST MEETING: There will be a meeting of the Ministers of the Eucharist next Wed. 24th June at **8.00pm** in the Parish Centre. – Please note change of time.

The Lourdes Pilgrimage of the parishes of St. Sylvester and Sacred Heart on 18th-23rd August. All Welcome. Contact Jo Morris: 087-616 3648

St. Vincent de Paul Collection for Sunday 14th June €1930 – Many thanks for your support

MARIAN MOVEMENT: Annual Cenacle in St. Sylvester's Church Sunday 28th June coinciding with the International Cenacle of Bishops & Priests in Collevallenza, Italy.– Eucharistic Adoration 6.45 - 9.30pm Evening Prayer 8.30. Rosary 9.00 – All Welcome

AWARE supports those who experience depression and other mood disorders as well as their family and friends. One key service is its support line available to callers from 10am to 10pm seven days a week, 52 weeks a year. They are currently recruiting for volunteers in the Dublin area for this vital service. Training is in September. Applicants must be over 23 years of age. To apply log on to www.aware.ie and click the volunteering button on the homepage or Tel: 01 2374914.

MYAM NOTICE BOARD:

1) "As young people we face many challenges....so did Jesus!
6 WEEK BIBLE STUDY COURSE exploring passages from the Bible of Jesus and his followers facing challenges similar to those faced by many young people today, such as work/life balance, battling temptations, betrayal, loss of someone close, struggles with parents/family and experiencing rejection. Monday evenings (starting Monday 22nd June) from 8-9pm, St. Finian Room, Malahide Parish Centre (next door to Malahide train station in the Malahide village). Open to all in their late teens, 20's and 30's. For more details contact myam.admin@gmail.com"

2)"**WORLD YOUTH DAY – KRAKOW, POLAND** – July 2016 – book your place now! World Youth Day – the biggest gathering of young people in the one place anywhere in the world, takes place in Krakow, Poland from 25th to 31st July 2016. The WYD program includes several days of Main Events with the Pope as well as spiritual and cultural events such as liturgies, catechesis, concerts, performances, and encounters with renowned communities and religious movements from around the world. If you're aged between 16 and 35, MYAM invite YOU to join them for this unforgettable experience of coming together with 1,000s of other young people from all over the world to celebrate our faith. There's also an opportunity for any of you who are over 18 to take part in a special "Anchor" leadership training course in order to travel to World Youth Day as leaders. For any of you would like to come and join us to experience this really unique event, or if you have any questions, email: myam.admin@gmail.com"

3)"**CALLING ALL MUSICIANS AND SINGERS** – three exciting music ministry events over the Summer:
•**Youth 2000 National Music Ministry Day** – Sat 27th June – 12 noon-7pm, Hampton, Grace Park Road, Drumcondra. Email: christopher@berkeley.ie; •**Irish Church Music Association 46th Summer School** - Thurs 2nd to Sun 5th July, Maynooth – check out: <http://www.irishchurchmusicassociation.com/icma-summer-school-2015.html>; •**Music Ministry Together** – inaugural Summer School - Tue 4th to Sun 9th Aug, Roscrea – check out: <http://musicministry.ie/> For anyone who would like to connect with other young people from North County Dublin in respect of one or more of the above email: myam.admin@gmail.com"

PRAYERS AND BLESSINGS OF THE GRAVES:- in Yellow Walls Cemetery will take place at 3pm on Sunday 28th June.

**Malahide Citizens Information:Legal Session in Malahide
Library Saturday 27th June 10.30am-12.30pm**

**If you would like to hire the centre for an activity
you wish to organise - Contact Sharon, Centre
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