

CELEBRATING INVOLVEMENT – ST. SYLVESTER' CHURCH – 15TH NOVEMBER 2016

CHRIST BE BESIDE ME

Christ be beside me, Christ be before me,
Christ be behind me, King of my heart.
Christ be within me, Christ be below me,
Christ be above me, never to part.

Christ on my right hand,
Christ on my left hand,
Christ all around me, shield in the strife.
Christ in my sleeping, Christ in my sitting,
Christ in my rising, light of my life.

WELCOME (PPC)

Influence

Drop a pebble in the water,
And its ripples reach out far;
And the sunbeams dancing on them
May reflect them to a star.

**Give a smile to someone passing,
Thereby making their morning glad;
It may greet you in the evening
When your own heart may be sad.**

Do a deed of simple kindness;
Though its end you may not see,
It may reach, like widening ripples,
Down a long eternity.

OPENING PRAYER

**Father in heaven, we are you people
and wish to love you in ways that are
best. Help us to remember with
gratitude
the blessings we so often forget;
the air we breathe, the food we eat,
the friends we have, but, above all,
the joy we can give to others
by kindness, thoughtfulness,
courtesy,
a ready smile and a cheerful
manner.
From the example of Him who gave
the very best He had, our friend and
guide,
our comfort and support,
ever Christ, Your Son, our Lord,
Amen.**

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Jesus said, 'you are the light of the world. A city built on a hill-top cannot be hidden. No one lights a lamp to put it under a tub; they put it on a lamp-stand where it shines for everyone in the house. In the same way your light must shine in the sight of people, so that, seeing your good works, they may give praise to your Father in heaven.

**The Gospel of the Lord
R/ Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Fr. Kevin Moore – short address

YOU HAVE A PART TO PLAY

Each one of God's children
Has a special part to play,
Whether it be great or small,
We are needed every day.

**If your part seems very small,
Don't feel you're insignificant
Don't feel that you can't offer much
And you wouldn't make a difference.**

Though you're tempted to give up
And let another take your place
Remember, God gave you your gifts
And you cannot be replaced.

**And these gifts that God has given,
He longs for you to share
You're just as important as anyone,
So don't be in despair.**

The only one who matters most
Is watching for your part,
With much anticipation
And excitement in His heart.

**So do not disappoint Him
By not taking your cue,
Though you think it unimportant
This part is made for you.**

Don't let God walk away
With a disappointed heart
Because you felt so unworthy
Of your very special part.

**The parts that we've been given
Isn't based on size at all,
But rather on the abilities
And the gifting of the Lord**

For each part is important
To make the whole thing work,
So do your part with enthusiasm
And know that you have worth.

AMAZING GRACE

Amazing grace! How sweet he sound
that saved a wretch like me.
I once was lost but now I'm found
was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved.

How precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believe

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Help us, Lord, to see ourselves through your loving eyes. To see what you see in us and to come to realise that everything we possess comes directly from you. The gifts, the talents you've placed within are there for us to use.

- 1) We pray for our parish of St. Sylvester, Malahide,
that all in our parish would know God's love in their lives,
LORD HEAR US.
- 2) That we may recognise and use our talents and gifts
for the benefit of others and the glory of God,
LORD HEAR US.
- 3) For people who are in despair or have lost hope
that they may come to recognise that God's love shines even in their darkness,
LORD HEAR US.
- 4) We pray for those who have died and we remember in a special way
those who gave generously of their time and their talents
to the building up of the parish down through the years. May they rest in peace,
LORD HEAR US,
- 5) For those who are sick at home, in hospital or in nursing homes
and for those who care for the sick. May God's healing love
comfort and strengthen them,
LORD HEAR US.
- 6) For all volunteers who generously give of their time and their talents to various
organisations, charities and sporting groups and help make life better for all,
LORD HEAR US.
- 7) We pause in silence
as we place our own personal prayers and intentions before the Lord.....
LORD HEAR US.

Just One

One song can spark a moment,
One flower can wake the dream
One tree can start a forest,
One bird can herald spring.

**One smile begins a friendship,
One handclasp lifts a soul.
One star can guide a ship at sea,
One word can frame the goal**

One vote can change a nation,
One sunbeam lights a room
One candle wipes out darkness,
One laugh will conquer gloom.

**One step must start each journey.
One word must start each prayer.
One hope will raise our spirits,
One touch can show you care.**

One voice can speak with wisdom,
One heart can know what's true,
One life can make a difference,
You see, it's up to you!



Do More

Do more than belong:
PARTICIPATE.

Do more than care:
HELP.

Do more than believe:
PRACTICE.

Do more than be fair:
BE KIND.

Do more than forgive:
FORGET.

Do more than dream:
WORK

SWEET HEART OF JESUS

Sweet heart of Jesus, fount of love and mercy,
today we come, thy blessing to implore;
O touch our hearts, so cold and so ungrateful,
and make them, Lord, thine own for evermore

Sweet heart of Jesus, we implore,
O make us love thee more and more.

Sweet heart of Jesus
make us pure and gentle,

and teach us how to do thy blessed will;
to follow close the prints of thy dear footsteps,
and when we fall Sweet Heart, oh, love us still