

ST SYLVESTER'S PARISH NEWSLETTER

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THE PARISH NEWSLETTER is now available in holders on the wall to the right hand side of the church as you come in either door. If returning the newsletter please leave neatly in the folder or else on the table where they used to be.

SACRISTAN: For every second Sunday we hope to have a number of people, who attend a particular Mass on a Sunday, trained to set up the church for Mass. Serving Mass is not a requirement. **THIS IS TO ENSURE THAT THE PREPARATION OF THE CHURCH FOR SUNDAY MASS IS NOT CHAOTIC OR DOES NOT HAPPEN AT ALL**, Because this would be voluntary and for one Mass only and to allow people the freedom of not being a prisoner of this commitment we would need a number of people for each Mass. **WE ASK TO PARISHIONERS TO GIVE THIS MATTER SERIOUS CONSIDERATION.** If willing to help please contact the parish office – 01 8451244 or Fr Kevin Moore.

FRIDAY 8TH DEC – FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION AND A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION. MASSES:
Malahide: Fri 8th 10.00am & 7.30pm
Yellow Walls: Thurs 6.00 & Fri 10.30
Portmarnock: Thurs 7.30 & Fri. 10.00
Fri: Convent: 7.30am / Kinsealy: 11.00am

BAPTISM CERTIFICATE REQUESTS:
For those whose children were baptised in St. Sylvester's Church and who wish to get a Baptism Certificate, there are forms available for completion at the back of the Church or outside the Parish Office in the Parish centre.

Alternatively, please log onto the website malahideparish.ie and select Baptism Certificate Request Form (left hand side). Complete all the details on the form, copy and paste it into an email and send to stsylvesters@eircom.net (as on the website).

The certificate will be ready for collection in the Parish office after 5 working days between 10.30am – 1pm Mon to Fri.

PARISH MAIL DISTRIBUTION:

Every year at this time we send out a card with the Christmas timetable and a Dues envelope. Many people help with the distribution of the cards by delivering them into certain houses. For various reasons people cannot continue to do it or are doing less. There is always a need for some new people to help deliver the cards. If you think you can help we would be delighted. Please contact the parish office or Tel: 01-8451244.

MASS TIMES

ST. SYLVESTER'S CHURCH, MALAHIDE

Sunday: 10.am, 11.15am, 12.30pm and 5.30pm. Weekdays: 10 am.

CARMELITE CONVENT: Mon - Fri 7.30am; Sat & Sun 9.00am.

YELLOW WALLS: Sat 6:00; Sun 10:30 & 12:00; Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri 9:30am

PORTMARNOCK: Sat 6:30pm; Sun 10:30am & 12:00pm; Mon - Fri 10:00am.

KINSEALY: Sunday 11:00am; Mon, Tues, Wed & Fri 10:00 am.

***** PLEASE TAKE NOTE THAT THERE WILL BE NO 12.30PM MASS ON SUNDAY 24TH DEC. – WHICH IS THE MORNING OF CHRISTMAS EVE. IN IT'S PLACE, THERE IS MASS ON SATURDAY EVENING, 23RD DEC IN ST SYLVESTER'S AT 7.00PM FOLLOWED BY A SHORT PENANCE SERVICE. In Yellow Walls and Portmarnock there will be no 12.00 Mass on Sun 24th Dec**

THE PARISH CASROL SERVICE TAKES PLACE ON SUNDAY 17TH DEC. AT 3.00PM
It is a lovely occasion helping us step out from the rush and fuss associated with the lead up to Christmas and spend an hour through carols and readings capturing something of the real spirit of what Christmas is all about – the birth of God's Son, Jesus, who came among us to be our saviour. Please note the date and we look forward to your presence and participation in the Carol Service

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT - ST. SYLVESTER'S CHURCH

Mon: 10.30am – 10.00pm. Tues: 10.30am – 3.00pm; 7:00pm - 9pm.

Wed: 8.am-9.45am; 10.30am-2.pm; 7:00pm-9pm. First Fri: 10.30am-4.00pm

MASS INTENTIONS 3rd December – 10th December

SUN: 9.00am Elizabeth, Patrick & Con Burns (A); 10.00am Sarah McShane (A); 11.15am Dan & Margaret Murphy (A); Special Remembrance: Tom & Máire Cassin (A); 12.30pm John Forristal (A) & David Forristal (A) and Kathleen, Patrick & Patrick Jnr. Forrestal (A); 5.30pm Tom & Máire Cassin (A) MON: 7.30am Marie Whelan RIP; 10.00am Arthur McMahan RIP TUE: 7.30am Aileen Rigby RIP; 10.00am Jim Mangan (A) WED: 7.30am Patsy & Molly Curran (A); 10.00am Jim Flynn RIP; Special Remembrance: David Hand (A) THUR: 7.30am Ted & Liz Fitzgerald (A); 10.00am Special Intention FRI: 7.30am Catherine Moynihan (A); 10.00am Bernard Farrell (A); Special Remembrance: Thomas Monaghan (A) SAT: 9.00am Mary, Ann, Michael, Larry & Pat Tuite (A); 10.00am Eugene Cullivan (1st A) NEXT SUN: 9.00am Anthony & Ellen O'Mahony (A); 10.00am Gary McCaul (A); 11.15am Angela Collins and John & Bridie Strong (A); 12.30pm John & Veronica Donlon (A); 5.30pm John Gregan (A)

R.I.P. We extend our sympathy to the families of Dr. Patrick Ó'Mathúna and William Gaule whose funerals took place during the week.

BAPTISMS: We welcome into our Christian community the following who were baptised recently: Rory James Pennycuick, Robyn Carol Weinmann, Nicholas Fionn Marelli, Cormac Paul Fitzgibbon, Eddie Dillon Griffin, Conall Fleming, Killian Leo Sala Foley, Anna May Edwards, Oisín Michael Savage

CHURCH COLLECTIONS:

1ST COLLECTION Diocesan Common Fund for the remuneration of priests: €1,705; 2nd COLLECTION – SHARE: €1,284 for developing parishes and diocesan administration. Thank you for your continued support of the Sunday collections and your support of the parish by 1) Standing Orders or 2) Family Offering Envelopes or 3) The Parish Draw, which are the main sources of funding for the day to day running of the Parish. Parishioners are invited to think about contributing to the running of the Parish through any of the three options above.

CHY TAX RECLAIM: We ask those who received a CHY Tax Reclaim Form with their contributions acknowledgement letter to return it to the Parish Office as soon as possible. This is now an important part of parish funding.

BAMBENELLI SUNDAY, 17th December: This is an initiative of the Catholic Grandparents Association. On Sunday, 17th Dec. we invite parents/grandparents to encourage the children to bring their Infant Jesus from the crib at home to the church. During the Mass we invite the children to come forward with the infant Jesus for a special blessing ceremony. The Infant is then brought home and wrapped with Christmas paper. On Christmas Eve/Day the infant Jesus is the first gift to be unwrapped and is placed in the Family Crib of your own home and a prayer is said. We invite all households to participate in this special ceremony.

PARISH CHRISTMAS FAIR TODAY, SUNDAY, 3rd DEC. 10:30am – 3:30pm

PLEASE SUPPORT THE FAIR AND GIVE IT A VISIT AT SOME TIME TODAY

WE HAVE PLENTY OF RAFFLE PRIZES

STALLS OF HOME BAKED CAKES, JAMS, CHUTNEYS AND MORE, BOTTLES OF SPIRITS AND WINE, CHOCOLATES, BISCUITS, PERFUMES, FLORAL DECORATIONS, TOILETRIES, GIFTS, BOOKS, TOYS.

WE HAVE CRAFT STALLS IN THE GAFFNEY HALL

AND SANTA WILL BE ABOUT THE PLACE

ATTRACTIONS FOR YOUNG AND OLD.

Parish News & Forthcoming Events

EXPLORING CATHOLIC FAITH AND CULTURE: 4th Dec: The video based course on Catholic Faith and Catholic Culture continues on Mon, Dec 4th 7.30 - 9pm in the Parish Centre. Wk 9 topics will include: On **Catholic Faith:**

presentation on Vatican 2 addressing the subject of the Laity and Marriage. On **Key Saints / People / Events in Catholicism:** the theme of Mary through the Bible, focusing on the Rosary. On **Catholic Culture:** presentation on Catholic morality and engaging with moral relativism.

MALAHIDE BETHANY BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT TEAM are looking for new members. The next training course will commence on Saturday 27 January 2018 in All Hollows / DCU Campus, and run for 8 weeks on Thursday evenings from 1 February 2018. The Bethany Team support the bereaved of our parish in a number of ways. If you are interested and would like further information please contact Alan on 087 7585211.

CHRISTMAS MASSES STEWARDING: At Masses on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day we will need people to act as stewards. It is important that we have people who can help ensure that all goes well for everybody who comes to the church at Christmas. If willing to help at a particular Mass on Christmas Eve/Day please contact the Parish office or Fr K. Moore.

CHRISTMAS TREE AND CRIB: Some new people needed to help with those doing it at present and with a view to taking over. Contact the Parish office.

SPECIAL CHRISTMAS COLLECTION FOR ST. VINCENT DE PAUL: The SHARE Collection next weekend is being replaced by the Annual indoor Christmas Collection for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. This collection is vital for the V de P in enabling it to support and help those who are most in need at this time and throughout the year. We ask your generous support and thank you on behalf of the Society of St. V de P.

PETER J.V. SHEIL, RIP: Sunniva, with sons Charlie, Greg and Andrew and the extended family sincerely thank all who sympathised with them on Peter's death. The prayers and support of all are deeply appreciated.

PARISH OFFICE

St Sylvester's Parish Office open Mon - Fri from 10:30am to 1:00pm Tel: 01 845 1244.

PARISH CENTRE

Great facilities available. Contact Sharon O'Sullivan, Centre Manager, at 086 049 2369 or e-mail sharon@malahideparishcentre.com.

LECTIO DIVINA: Reflecting on the readings of the next Sunday takes place on Tuesdays at 10:30am in the Prayer Chapel.

A SPECIAL FIRST COMMUNION

PREPARATION MASS takes place next Sunday, 10th December at 10.00am Mass

MALAHIDE LADIES CLUB will meet on Wed 6th December at 8pm in the Grand Hotel - Bring and buy. Please bring €35 for the Christmas Party

FINGAL FOR LIFE: Tues 12th Dec, Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the unborn, Mass in Yellow Walls Church, at 7.30 pm to give thanks for the precious gift of life and to pray for the protection of our unborn children.

ADVENT TALKS by lay missionary and educator Frances Hogan on the theme of Advent @ 7.30 Mon 4th, 11th, 18th Dec. Talks will take place at 7.30pm in Yellow Walls Pastoral Centre. All are welcome.

Parish Draw for 2018

****THE END OF YEAR TOP PRIZES DRAW OF €10,000 & €3,000* happens 10.45 - 11.00, next Sun 10th Dec. in Parish Centre**

- ❖ **WE WELCOME AND THANK ALL WHO ARE NEW, FIRST TIME, MEMBERS OF THE PARISH DRAW. WE APPRECIATE YOUR COMMITMENT TO THE PARISH AND WISH YOU GOOD LUCK AT SOME STAGE IN THE MONTHLY DRAWS.**
- ❖ **THANK YOU TO ALL EXISTING MEMBERS OF THE DRAW WHO HAVE YOU RENEWED THEIR MEMBERSHIP OF THE PARISH DRAW AND WISH YOU GOOD LUCK. YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT ENABLES THE PARISH DRAW CONTINUE TO BE A VITAL FORM OF FUNDING TO HELP KEEP THE PARISH AND PARISH CENTRE FINANCIALLY VIABLE.**
- ❖ **A GENTLE REMINDER TO THOSE WHO MAY HAVE FORGOTTEN TO RENEW THEIR MEMBERSHIP OF THE DRAW THAT WE LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR RENEWAL IN THE VERY NEAR FUTURE.**

There are very valuable monthly cash prizes of €1,000, €500 and €250, as well as end-of-year top prizes of €10,000 and €3,000. The chances of winning are much greater than in most other draws. To enter the Parish Draw for the year will cost €120 through a variety of payment options. Established in 2013, the Parish Draw, which helped pay off the debt on the Parish Centre, is now an essential part of Parish funding to provide for naturally-occurring depreciation costs and capital expenditure as required to keep the Church and the Parish Centre maintained to a high standard and to try and avoid, if possible, any ongoing debt on the day-to-day running costs of the Church and the Parish Centre. Over the past 4 years, the Parish Draw has made a significant contribution to Parish Funds (to exceed €70,000 by the end of 2017) while, over the same period, 140 Draw Members will have shared almost €130,000 in prizes. The Draw currently has 450 members **AND WE EXPRESS OUR SINCERE THANKS TO ALL** of them and appreciate your continued support. Existing members who pay by Standing Order need take no action to remain in the Draw for next year. We would ask those who pay by cash or cheque to reply to the recent request (which they should have received in the post) to kindly subscribe for next year if they wish to remain in the Draw. There are brochures at the back of the Church, and also in the Parish Centre and Parish Office, incorporating a membership form and payment options. *****THE DRAW IS STILL OPEN FOR NEW MEMBERS TO JOIN*****

Please send news items to Malahide.parcsh.newsletter@gmail.com to reach us before 5:00pm Wednesdays