

#### **PARISH OFFICE**

St Sylvester's Parish Office open Mon - Fri from 10:30am to 1:00pm Tel: 01 8451244.

#### **PARISH CENTRE**

Great facilities available. Contact Sharon O'Sullivan, Centre Manager on 086 0492369 e-mail [sharon@malahideparishcentre.com](mailto:sharon@malahideparishcentre.com).

#### **CLOTHING APPEAL**

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul will have its Annual Clothing Appeal on **Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> January**.

Bags will be left in the Church on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> Jan for collection on Sun. 28<sup>th</sup> Jan.

The appeal is for clean, good-quality clothes, bedclothes, curtains, shoes etc.

#### **PARISH DRAW**

#### **DECEMBER 2017 PARISH DRAW WINNERS**

Congratulations to the lucky winners in the December 2017 Parish Draw, which took place on 10 January 2018, namely: €1,000 First Prize: No. 535 — K McClean; €500 Second Prize: No. 107 — E Boshell; €250 Third Prize: No. 456 — N & M Canavan.

**SINCERE THANKS TO ALL WHO SUPPORT THE DRAW AND GOOD LUCK TO EVERYONE IN NEXT MONTH'S DRAW.**

#### **ST. OLIVER PLUNKETT'S ENROLMENT 2018**

If your child is due to start Junior Infants in September 2018, you should collect an application form from the school office any day between 8.30 and 4pm. The closing date for applications is 31<sup>st</sup> January 2018.

**BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT:** Training course starts on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> Jan in All Hollows/DCU Campus for 8 weeks on Thursday evenings from 1<sup>st</sup> Feb.

The Malahide Bethany Team support the bereaved of our parish in a number of ways.

If you are interested and for more information contact Alan on 087 7585211.

**PARISH LITURGY GROUP MEETING** next Wed, 17<sup>th</sup> Jan, 2.30pm. All welcome.

**SENIOR CITIZENS BINGO** takes place every Thursday in the Parish Centre from 11.00 - 12.30. It is good fun in a relaxed environment that is enjoyed by all who attend. All Seniors are more than welcome to come along and enjoy the fun.

**INDOOR BOWLS** take place on Fridays in the Parish Centre from 2pm to 4 pm. Good fun is had by all and **ALL ARE WELCOME**

**MALAHIDE LADIES CLUB** will meet on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> January at 8pm sharp in the Grand Hotel Malahide. The Guest speaker is Carol O'Neill, Solicitor.

**UNWANTED GIFTS** can be left in the sanctuary of the church or the parish office and they will be donated to the Alice Leahy Foundation at a special Coffee Morning.

#### **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.

#### **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 - 9pm. First Fri: 10.30-4.00

#### **MASS INTENTIONS 14<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup> January**

**SUN: 9.00am** Matthew Lynch (A); 10.00am The Family of Rupert Bissett to help cope with their loss; 11.15am Mannix Smith (A); Special Remembrance: Séamus Doyle (A); 12.30pm Tom Morris (A); 5.30pm May, Clare, Thomas & Cecil Fogarty RIP **MON: 7.30am** Joseph Brophy (A); 10.00am Patrick Clarke RIP and Violet & Niall Burgess RIP; Special Remembrance: Nuala Stephenson (A) **TUE: 7.30am** Pat Fitzpatrick RIP; 10.00am Molly Gallagher RIP **WED: 7.30am** Celia & Annie Earley (A); 10.00am Jimmy Gouldsbury (1<sup>st</sup> A) **THUR: 7.30am** Pat Fitzpatrick RIP; 10.00am Margaret Carthy (A) **FRI: 7.30am** Pat Fitzpatrick RIP; 10.00am Pat Dooley RIP; Special Remembrance: Geraldine Foley (A) **SAT: 9.00am** Chrissie Ruane RIP; 10.00am Maureen & Jim Shortall RIP **NEXT SUN: 9.00am** Mary Brady (A); 10.00am Bridie Byrne (A); 11.15am Stannie & Mona Wrafter (A); 12.30pm Sheila O'Donoghue (A); Special Remembrance: Robert Mooney (A); 5.30pm Marie Cassidy (A); Special Remembrance: Patrick Cronin - Month's Mind

**COLLECTIONS:** 1<sup>ST</sup> COLLECTION Diocesan Common Fund for the remuneration of priests: 6<sup>th</sup> Jan. €380 and 7<sup>th</sup> Jan. €1,870; 2nd COLLECTION: SHARE: 6<sup>th</sup> Jan. €183 and 7<sup>th</sup> Jan. €1,350 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.

*Standing Order forms are available at the back of St. Sylvester's Church*

**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.

**ECUMENICAL COMMITTEE:** The Next meeting is on Wednesday next, 17<sup>th</sup> January at 3.30pm in St Sylvester's Prayer Chapel

#### **'THE SUNDAY THOUGHT' ~ MARY KIRK PPW ~ Gospel Reading John 1:35-42**

In the Gospel reading this Sunday we hear about the initial meeting of Jesus with some of his first disciples. As a result of the witness of John the Baptist, two of the disciples are compelled to follow Jesus, who turns and asks them the question "What are you looking for?" At one level, he could simply be asking why they are walking after him. On the other hand this is the fundamental question Jesus asks of all disciples: What do you seek when you come to follow Me? Their reply might seem strange to us: "Rabbi (Teacher) where are you staying?" But it really points to their need to know where Jesus is on a permanent basis, so that they can be in his presence always. Jesus responds with an invitation "Come and see" - again at a deeper level this is an invitation to approach Jesus with an openness to see through the eyes of faith. And as a result of the encounter and the time they spend with Jesus they are transformed, becoming faithful disciples, and are moved to pass on the news to others - they too must "come and see".

It is good to stop from time to time and ask myself, what am I looking for? Where am I looking? Who am I following? Do my choices and actions reflect what I really want and need in life?

#### **We pray:**

Shake us up, Lord, and help us to see ourselves as we truly are, often settling for less, for the moderately good and the reasonably faithful. Give us a longing for more, for all you have in store for us, and on the way bless us with exhilaration that we may be joyful bearers of your Good News. Amen. (from [www.tarsus.ie](http://www.tarsus.ie))

**EXPLORING YOUR CATHOLIC FAITH AND CULTURE** - This course consists of 10 Monday evening sessions from 7.30pm to approx. 9pm in the Malahide parish centre, providing contextual, exploratory and interview based videos on our Catholic faith and Catholic culture. These videos are primarily EWTN based, meaning that they are of high quality and well presented by some of the best experts in the English speaking world in the particular topics. These include personalities such as Fr. Robert Spitzer SJ, Bishop Robert Barron, Prof. Scott Hahn, Dr. Edward Sri, Fr. Andrew Apostoli, Fr. George Rutler, Matthew Kelly and a host of other presenters. The sessions focus on the core aspects of a topic, in order to guide one in an authentic and orthodox direction for more detailed study & understanding of our Catholic Faith and Culture. Attendees are encouraged to suggest specific topics of interest to be covered in the course, where possible, and participate in discussion where time permits.

It starts on Monday February 5<sup>th</sup> until end April / start May. Each evening will generally comprise of a series of 3 videos, each video approx. 25 minutes long, as follows:

The first series, focusing on our **Catholic Faith / Reflection**, presents videos that clarify the nature and particulars of our faith, the triune God, Christ our Redeemer, The Holy Spirit, The Eucharist, the catechism, the bible and so forth.

The second series, focusing on **Our Lady, Saints & Key People in Catholicism**, presents videos regarding key personalities in Catholicism that inspire us. This includes Our Lady in particular, and the role she plays in our faith.

The third series, focusing on **Catholic Family, Culture & Society**, presents videos that addresses key issues on living our faith in the world and how that is manifested through catholic social teaching, natural law, the catholic family, current social issues such as the 8<sup>th</sup> amendment, interaction with business, economics, psychology, the arts and other areas, how to evangelise, the writings of G.K. Chesterton and other areas of interest.

You are welcome to all or any session. No cost involved. Free parking Castle car park. Contact : Shane Melvin, 0872405197.]

**DARKNESS INTO LIGHT:** Volunteers are required to steward the DARKNESS INTO LIGHT WALK that will take place in Malahide Castle on the morning of Saturday, May 12<sup>th</sup>. Stewards will be required from 1.30am – 5.30am. In willing to volunteer and be involved contact Martin at 0863214336 or email mpbmalahide@eircom.net

**ANAM CARA**, supports bereaved parents and is holding its next monthly Parent Evening, Wed 17<sup>th</sup> Jan. 7:30 - 9:00 in the Carnegie Court Hotel, Swords, Co. Dublin. This event is open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age of the child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether the death was recent or not.

**LAUDATE FESTIVAL 2018** - celebrating Families of Faith Tue30 January at 7p.m. Our Lady of Victories Church, Ballymun Road. All are welcome (parents, families, friends and parishioners), with free entry, to the Laudate Festival night.

**VACANCY FOR A RESEARCH COORDINATOR** to support the work of Bishop's Council for Justice and Peace (CJP) which is responsible for promoting the social justice teaching of the Church. Details available at [www.dublindiocese.ie/jobvacancies](http://www.dublindiocese.ie/jobvacancies)

**WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES** seeks to hire Exhibition Sales Coordinator, Event Services and Logistics Coordinator – Details on website: [www.worldmeeting2018.ie/jobs](http://www.worldmeeting2018.ie/jobs)

**COMMUNITY GAMES Chess- Trials** will be held on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> January in Malahide Library from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. for boys and girls who would like to play for Malahide in the forthcoming Dublin Games Chess Competition for those born on or after 1 August 2005. Further information from Tom (087 2853031) or Jimmy (086 1045004)

**LECTIO DIVINA** Tuesdays at 10.30am in the Prayer Chapel to reflect and pray with the Sunday Gospels

**VOLUNTEERS FOR LOURDES:** If you would like to travel with us to volunteer in the Service of Hospitalite Notre Dame de Lourdes from :- 8<sup>th</sup> July to 16<sup>th</sup> July. Please contact Liz Byrne. Email:- [lizbyrne@iol.ie](mailto:lizbyrne@iol.ie). Tel. 087-1926346.

We will also travel early September. Definitive dates later.

**SHORT COURSES IN THEOLOGY** at Loyola Institute  
**Liturgical Theology** - Thursdays (3 - 5pm); **God: One and Three** (Tuesdays 10:00-11.00; Wednesdays 12:00 – 1.00);  
**The Development of Wisdom Literature** (Mondays 10:00 - 11.00 and Tuesdays 12:00-1.00); **The Book of Kells: A Theological Reading** (Wednesdays 4.00 - 6.00); **Ethics and Society in Catholic Traditions** (Thursdays 10:00 - 11.00 and Fridays 10:00-11.00) Please contact [Loyola@tcd.ie](mailto:Loyola@tcd.ie) or 01/8964790.

### **WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS AND REFUGEE - THE DEEP END: Come and see**

Today is the 104<sup>th</sup> World Day of Migrants and Refugees, and this year's theme is 'Welcoming, protecting, promoting and integrating migrants and refugees'.

In his message to mark the day, Pope Francis spoke of our responsibility, as individuals, communities and Church, to welcome everyone, particularly those who have been forced to leave their home in search of a better future.

Every stranger who knocks at our door is an opportunity for an encounter with Jesus Christ, who identifies with the welcomed and rejected strangers of every age ... This is a great responsibility, which the Church intends to share with all believers and men and women of good will, who are called to respond to the many challenges of contemporary migration with generosity, promptness, wisdom and foresight, each according to their own abilities.'

Pope Francis has spoken often of our 'brotherly responsibility' towards our fellow human beings, and how our welcome ought to be a response to the Lord's supreme commandment to love the other, the stranger, as ourselves. We all have opportunities to do this in our communities.

In today's gospel Jesus invites the disciples to 'come and see' where he lives. He welcomes them into his home and they stay with him for the rest of the day. The example of Jesus encourages us to be welcoming, to extend a warm invitation, and to spend time with others in friendship.

*Triona Doherty – Intercom*

**IMMIGRANT FAMILY PRAYER:** God our Father we thank you for the gift of family life. We ask you to provide protection and care for all families especially those who face danger, hardships and threats as they move in search of safety and a better life. Be with those who travel in danger and in your loving kindness lead them to a place of safety, peace and rest. Show comfort to those who are alone and who fear for their families who have been separated by violence, war, injustice and famine. As we remember the difficult journey that the Holy Family faced as refugees in Egypt, help us to remember the suffering of all migrant and refugee families. Give us the courage to welcome every stranger as Christ in our midst. ~ Extract from prayer by Fr Willie Purcell

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