



ST SYLVESTER'S PARISH NEWSLETTER

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This Sunday

Jesus proclaimed the coming of the Kingdom, by preaching and by the healings that signalled the Kingdom's mysterious coming in his own person. Critical studies of the miracle narratives of the four gospels have produced important conclusions. They concern a relatively small number of events — about 30 in all. These narratives offer a distinct contrast to the characteristics of typical “wonder stories”. Though part of the Christian message from the beginning, they are constantly associated with a concern that they not give rise to a superficial popular enthusiasm, but be understood as signs of the coming of the Kingdom. We have already recognised the importance of this concern of Mark. His account of the healing of the leper, as Jesus begins his Galilean ministry presses home the point.

Our Lady of Lourdes

On 11 February 1858, Our Lady first appeared to 14-year-old Bernadette Soubirous. Later Bernadette, under pressure from her parish priest, asked her, “Who are you?” and heard from Our Lady's own lips, “I am the Immaculate Conception”. Pius XI beatified Soubirous on 6 June 1925 and canonized her on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception on 8 December 1933 and determined her Feast Day to be February 18th. In 1992, Pope John Paul II instituted the World Day of the Sick to be held on February 11th, the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes.

Ash Wednesday: February 14th

Ashes will be distributed at all Masses next Wednesday, February 14th. Lent is a time of year when we are asked to take a look at our lives and see if there are ways that we can come closer to God and be a better person. Prayer and good works are at the heart of how we observe the season of Lent. Masses on Ash Wednesday are as follows: Carmelite Convent at 7:30am and St Sylvester's at 10:00am & 7:30pm. Mass in the other Parishes in the Cluster will be: Yellow Walls at 9:30am, and Kinsealy & Portmarnock at 10:00am.

Church Notices

Parish Cluster — Weekly Mass Schedule (Winter)

	Kinsealy	Malahide	Portmarnock	Yellow Walls	The Convent
Saturday		10:00am	6:30pm	6:00pm	9:00am
Sunday	11:00am	10:00am 11:15am 12:30pm 5:30pm	10:30am 12:00pm	10:30am 12:00pm	9:00am
Weekdays	10:00am except Thursday	10:00am	10:00am	9:30am except Friday	7:30am

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	First Fridays
10:30am—10:00pm	10:30am—3:00pm 7:00pm—9:00pm	8:00am—9:45am 10:30am—2:00pm 7:00pm—8:00pm	10:30am—4:00pm

Mass Intentions: February 11th — 18th, 2018

Sun: 9:00am Sr Brigid; 10:00am Lillian Collins (A); 11:15am Gerry & Mary Costello (A); 12:30pm Michael Kelly (A); 5:30pm Frank Fraser (A). **Mon:** 7:30am A healthy mother & baby; 10:00am Nuala Stephenson (A). **Tues:** 7:30am Séamus & Irene Morgan (A); 10:00am Janet Hand (A). **Wed:** 7:30am Marjorie O'Connell (A); 10:00am Deceased family members of Olivia Lynch. **Thur:** 7:30am Colm Byrne (A); 10:00am Dermot Fitzpatrick RIP. **Fri:** 7:30am Joseph Morgan (A); 10:00am Eilish Coogan (A). **Sat:** 9:00am Bridie & John Burke (A); 10:00am Pat Gannon RIP. **Next Sun:** 9:00am Paddy Murphy RIP; 10:00am Nicola Scott (A); 11:15am Declan Dolan (A); 12:30pm Joe & Lil O'Loughlin RIP; 5:30pm Tom O'Hara & Jim McCue (A).

Recent Bereavements: We extend our sympathy to the families of Emma Lambe and Alice Kinsella whose funerals took place during the week.

Recent Baptisms: We welcome into our Christian community the following who were baptized recently: Alex Conor Moore, Cillian Keith Deery, Evan David Rafferty, Eve Helen O'Hara, Emilia Petra Pringle, Cameron Cormac Cronin Maher, Fionn Aengus Gardiner, Eoin Brian Klinkusoom, Joseph Patrick Flanagan

Church Collections

February 4th: 1st Collection: €1,804 — to the Diocesan Common Fund for the remuneration of Priests; 2nd Collection: €1,397 — to SHARE for developing parishes and diocesan administration. Thank you for your support of the Sunday collections and for 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. Enquiries to the Parish Office.

Parish Pastoral Council Questionnaire: February 11th

The Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) consider that it is important every now and again to give parishioners a chance to express how they feel about the Parish and that it shares this information with parishioners. With that in mind, the PPC is giving all who come to Mass this Sunday, February 11th, a questionnaire with a few general questions to which you circle your response as: (A) Satisfied; (B) Not Satisfied or (C) Neutral. The questionnaire will be anonymous and should not be signed.

ACCORD Annual Collection: February 18th

The Diocesan Agency for Marriage and the Family takes place next Sunday, February 18th, and will replace the SHARE collection. ACCORD offers: Marriage Preparation Courses; Counselling for couples and individuals experiencing difficulties in their relationships; Marital Sexual therapy; and a Relationship and Sexuality Programme. ACCORD needs your support. PLEASE GIVE GENEROUSLY.

Referendum on the 8th Amendment

The weekly "Choose Life 2018" Newsletter promotes the Church's position on unborn human life. The full text of the Newsletter is available at the back of the Church.

Extract from Choose Life 2018 No. 2: *Is a view on abortion solely a question of religious belief? The right to life is not just a question of religious belief. As the first and fundamental human right, it affects people of all faiths, and none. You do not have to be from any particular faith tradition to agree that human life should be protected and that intentionally ending the life of another human is never justified. Supporting and sustaining a culture of life is in the interest of every citizen, Catholics and all people of goodwill because it defines us as a society. What is the view of the Church? The Church teaches that life is sacred from conception to natural death and that there is no such thing as a life without value. This belief is based on reason as well as faith. Our Church rejects the suggestion that any person can decide when it is time for another person to die. www.dublindiocese.ie/choose-life-2018.*

Parish News & Forthcoming Events

World Meeting of Families 2018 — Host Families

If you would like to offer accommodation to visiting families/pilgrims from abroad from August 20th to 27th during the World Meeting of Families week, please e-mail us at hostingteam@worldmeeting2018.ie or call 01 567 6831.

Calling All Knitters!

Could you help us by making little Easter chicks for use in Easter celebrations? Please contact Mary Kirk, Pastoral Worker, at 087 457 0981 for copies of the knitting pattern or e-mail mary.kirk@dublindiocese.ie and the pattern will be e-mailed to you.

St Valentine's Day — Thinking Outside the (Chocolate) Box

Following Pope Francis' calls to celebrate St Valentine's Day in a more meaningful way, couples are invited to think beyond the traditional box of chocolates to gifts that will help them grow in their love. World Meeting of Families 2018 is offering free Saint Valentine's Day Gift Tokens with a difference, for couples to give to their loved ones. These include going for a hand-in-hand walk together; or cooking a special meal for each other etc. Tokens and cards are available at the back of the Church this weekend.

Exploring Your Catholic Faith & Culture: February 12th:

Each evening will consist of a series of three 25-minute videos. On week 2, the topics will include: **1.** The nature and details of our faith focussing on the Work of the Holy Spirit in the Church; **2.** Key personalities in Catholicism based on Saints from the Eastern / Russian Orthodox Church; and **3.** Respect for Life by Cardinal Wuerl of Washington DC. You are welcome to all or any session. There is no cost.

Bereavement Information Evening: February 12th

Anam Cara, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding a Bereavement Information Evening on Monday, February 12th, at 7:30pm in the Maldron Hotel, Whitestown Way, Tallaght, Dublin 24. This is a free event and open to all bereaved parents. As Anam Cara will need to confirm numbers for teas, coffees, etc, please RSVP to info@anamcara.ie or call the Information Line on 085 2888 888.

200th Anniversary of St John Vianney, the Curé of Ars: February 13th

10:00am Mass on February 13th at St John Vianney Church, Ardlea Road, Artane, celebrated by the Apostolic Nuncio. Evening Prayer and Benediction at 7:30pm. Veneration of the Relics and Confession after each service.

Is Food A Problem For You?: February 14th

Do you worry about the way you eat? Does food rule your life? *Overeaters Anonymous* may have the answer. Meeting in St Brendan's Room (downstairs in the Parish Centre) on Wednesdays from 7:30pm to 8:00pm, No weigh-ins, no fees! For more information, please call Catherine on 087 357 6335.

Malahide Young Musician of the Year: March 10th & 11th

This competition is open to young musicians who live, attend school or attend music lessons in Malahide, Portmarnock or Kinsealy. For details phone 01 845 4931 or 01 846 2310, or visit www.malahide-young-musician.com.

Indoor Bowls

Indoor Bowls take place on Fridays in the Parish Centre from 2:00pm to 4:00pm.

Our Parish

Mission Statement

The mission of St Sylvester's Parish, Malahide, is to seek and proclaim a meaning for life based on the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Parish Office

St Sylvester's Parish Office is open Monday to Friday from 10:30am to 1:00pm Tel: 01 845 1244.

Parish Centre

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

Special Notices

Bethany Support Group

Have you suffered a bereavement? Are you still feeling that loss? Would you like to talk to someone about it? Malahide Bethany Bereavement Support Group have organised support sessions for the four Mondays in February, commencing on Monday, February 5th, at 7:30pm in the Parish Centre. If you are interested in attending or would like further information, please contact the Bethany Team on 087 793 6189 to avail of this free and confidential service.

Lenten Ecumenical Talks

The Lenten Ecumenical Talks take place again this year on Wednesday, February 21st, and the following four Fridays. Speakers are Canon Dr David Tuohy SJ on "Educating Christians Today"; Dr Martyn Cowan on "Crazy Busy"; Philip McKinley on "The Welfare of Asylum Seekers"; Ven Andrew Orr on "A Christian View of the Environment". The speakers are interesting people with a special message that is relevant to the season of lent. We hope that many parishioners will be able to attend.

Active Retirement Group

The next meeting of the Malahide Active Retirement Group is tomorrow, February 12th, at 10:15am in Malahide Library. The Speaker on "Nutrition and Food Safety" will be Caroline Tuohy .

Senior Citizens Bingo

Senior Citizens Bingo takes place every Thursday in the Parish Centre from 11:00am to 12:30pm. It is good fun in a relaxed environment.

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