

ST SYLVESTER'S PARISH NEWSLETTER

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Third Sunday of Easter, Cycle B

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New Document from Pope Francis

On Monday 9th April, Pope Francis released a new document (an Apostolic Exhortation) to the world entitled "Rejoice and Be Glad (Gaudium et Exsultate): On the call to holiness in the contemporary world". "My modest goal in the Exhortation", Pope Francis says, "is to re-propose the call to holiness in a practical way for our own time." The full text of the document can be found at https://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost_exhortations.index.html

Parish Pilgrimages

Parish Pilgrimages are taking place to Lough Derg on May 26th, Knock on June 23rd, and Lourdes from August 7th to 12th. Contact Jo Morris on 087 616 3648.

Knock: Annual Pilgrimage of Parish Cluster

(Eucharistic Adoration Apostolate) takes place on 29th April next. Cost is €35 which includes coffee/scone in Knock House Hotel and evening meal with tea/coffee in Gleasons of Roscommon on return journey. All are welcome. Please telephone Elizabeth 087 7509443 or Rita 087 9579164.

March 2018 Parish Draw Winners

Congratulations to the lucky winners in the March 2018 Parish Draw, which took place on 9 April 2018, namely: €1,000 First Prize: No. 684 — J McIlvenna; €500 Second Prize: No. 526 — D Wallace; €250 Third Prize: No. 148 — P Fitzsimons. Sincere thanks to all who support the draw and good luck to everyone in next month's draw.

The St Vincent de Paul would like to thank everyone who contributed to their last monthly collection. The amount collected was €2,585. All monies collected go to help needy families in both Malahide and Ballymun. Thank you.

Bible Study Group continues on Thursday next 19th April at 11.00am in the St. Finian Room, Parish Centre. The focus will be on the Gospel of Mark. All welcome.

Mass Times

ST. SYLVESTER'S CHURCH, MALAHIDE

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

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

YELLOW WALLS: Sat 6.00pm; Sun 10.30am & 12.00pm; 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 10.00am.

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

Mon: 10.30am – 10.00pm. Tues: 10.30am – 3.00pm; 7.00pm – 9.00pm.

Wed: 8am - 9.45am; 10.30am–2pm; 7.00pm - 8pm. First Fri: 10.30am - 4pm.

MASS INTENTIONS 15th April – 22nd April

SUN: 9.00am Eileen & Kevin Bourke (A); 10.00am Frank McCluskey (A); Special Remembrance: Ann & Eddie Moran (A); 11.15am Mary Staunton Smith (A); 12.30pm Donal Corbett (A); 5.30pm Maurice Leahy (A) and Eamonn Leahy RIP. **MON:** 7.30am Protection of the Unborn; 10.00am Séamus, Roisín, Séamus Jnr. & Joseph McAlister (A). **TUE:** 7.30am Thanksgiving Mass for a healthy mother and baby; 10.00am Vincent O'Gorman RIP. **WED:** 7.30am Sr. Thérèse; 10.00am Éamon Carroll (A). **THUR:** 7.30am Sr. Ann Reid RIP; 10.00am Special Intention. **FRI:** 7.30am Lily Earley (A); 10.00am Christopher Maher & Molly Cruise (A). **SAT:** 9.00am William Ginty RIP; 10.00am John Burke RIP. **SUN:** 9.00am Pat O'Connor (A); 10.00am Agnes Roche (A); 11.15am Mary O'Rourke (A); Special Remembrance: Liz Fallon (A); 12.30pm Seán Halpin (A); Special Remembrance: Michael Cave (A); 5.30pm John Joe & Tony Wren (A).

CHURCH COLLECTIONS

1ST COLLECTION: €1,630 supports the priests of our parish, sick and retired priests, priests in low-income parishes, and priests working in special ministries throughout our Diocese. **2nd COLLECTION:** €1,179 to SHARE provides essential pastoral services supporting all parishes. Share also provides support to low-income parishes and contributes to initiatives of the Irish Bishops' Conference.

Thank you for your 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. Enquiries to Parish Office.

CHY TAX RECLAIM: We ask those who received a CHY Tax Reclaim Form recently to return it to the Parish Office as soon as possible. This is now an important part of parish funding. If you are not a PAYE or Self-Assessed donor, unfortunately we cannot claim tax back on your donations and if you wish, you could let us know in order to avoid receiving future CHY documentation.

Easter Chicks and Eggs! A very sincere "Thank You" to all those who knitted Easter chicks and donated chocolate eggs too! We gave out over 100 knitted chicks and eggs to children at Mass on Easter Sunday, who were delighted with both chicks and eggs. We hope to build on this for next year and may have other projects in mind before then. So keep those needles handy!

Referendum on the Eighth 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, Issue 11:**

Emma Sisk, communications officer for the Irish Bishops' Conference: "I see abortion as incompatible with feminism because it doesn't recognise the strength we have as women. It deceives us into thinking we are not strong enough to be mothers. The founders of the early feminist movement were strong pro-life advocates. For me, being a feminist and pro-life are inseparable. True feminism cares about the rights of all women, born and unborn. Irish women deserve better than abortion. We deserve better supports and practical resources in pregnancy and motherhood. Abortion is a reflection that we have not met the needs of women in pregnancy. I was born seven years after the Eighth Amendment was introduced. I don't feel the law introduced in 1983 violates my rights as a woman."

www.dublindiocese.ie/choose-life-2018.

New book examining the Eighth Amendment 'Whistle-Blower: Life Death, Hope and the Eighth Amendment' by Fr. Pádraig McCarthy is a book that examines the proposals of the Citizens' Assembly and the Report of the Joint Oireachtas Committee in advance of the forthcoming referendum on the protection of human life. It is intended to contribute to a more comprehensive and rational debate on how we legislate and care for every member of the human family. 'Whistle-Blower' is available from Veritas and other bookstores for €5. The author, Fr. Pádraig McCarthy, is a retired priest of the Archdiocese of Dublin.

Parish News & Forthcoming Events

Exploring Catholic Faith and Culture: This course consists of 10 Monday-evening sessions from 7.30 to 9.00pm in St Sylvester's Parish Centre, providing contextual, exploratory and interview-based videos on our Catholic faith and culture. Each evening consists of three 25-minute videos. The course continues (week 9) on **Monday, April 16th** with the following topics: **Catholic Faith / Reflection** on how Divine Mercy Sunday came about (Saint Faustina and St. John Paul II); **Our Lady, Saints & Key People in Catholicism** on Our Lady as depicted in the Scriptures; **Catholic Family, Culture & Society** on one of the "When they say, you say" series on the 8th Amendment. You are welcome to all or any session. There is no cost.

WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES – Parish Conversations

In preparation for World Meeting of Families 2018 a series of 6 evenings called "Parish Conversations – Let's Talk Family" will be run in our Parish Grouping. These interactive sessions will focus on the content of Pope Francis document on the Family "The Joy of Love" (Amoris Laetitia), and on parishioners' own experience of family. No knowledge of the Pope's document is required. The sessions will incorporate videos of discussions of the document and will provide an opportunity for conversations around our understanding and experience of family. It is important to state that these evenings (and indeed World Meeting of Families itself) are for everyone – not just those who have a family. We have all come from families so all are invited! Dates for the 6 evenings (all Tuesdays at 7.30pm) are: Tues 24th Apr; Tues 1st May; Tues 8th May; Tues 15th; May; Tues 22nd May; Tues 29th May

ACCORD: If you think you would like to be involved as Marriage and Relationship Counsellors or Marriage Preparation Facilitators please contact 01 4784400 by tomorrow, 16th April.

SHARE COLLECTION: This is the second collection that takes place at Sunday and Holy Day Masses. It supports parishes in poorer parts of the diocese and helps finance the essential support services provided by the diocese to all parishes. Archbishop Diarmuid Martin wishes to express his gratitude to all in our parish for your very generous support of the SHARE collection which is an invaluable contribution to the work of the Catholic Church in supporting and maintaining our parishes for future generations. The special SHARE Newsletter with all details of Dublin Diocesan Finances is available at the back of the church. Please take a copy home with you.

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

Tourist Information Desk

Situated in the Parish Centre, it has a representative at the desk from Tuesday to Sunday, 9.30am to 5.30pm. Outside of those times, there is leaflet information available at the desk.

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

The Legion of Mary meets every Monday at 7.45pm in St Brendan's Room of the Parish Centre. New members especially welcome.

Indoor Bowls

Indoor Bowls take place on Fridays in the Parish Centre, 2.00pm to 4.00pm. All are welcome.

Senior Citizens' Bingo

Thursday mornings from 11.00am to 12.00 noon in St Ita's Room of the Parish Centre. Contact Gene McMahon on 01 845 0674.

Mindfulness & Meditation

Tuesdays in the Prayer Chapel at 7.00pm with Treacy O'Connor. Contact Treacy on 085 197 0566, or email: occonnortreacy@gmail.com.

Cappella Mixed Voice Choir – choral evening in St. Andrew's Church, Malahide on Friday 20th April at 8pm. €10 payable at the door.

Wed. 18 April **Malahide Horticultural Society** presents "Fuchsias – all shapes and sizes. A wonderful plant and so flexible" by Nick Egan at 8pm, in St Andrew's Parish Centre. Members €3, Non-members €4.

Please send news items to Malahide.pariah.newsletter@gmail.com to reach us before 12.00noon Wednesdays