



ST SYLVESTER'S PARISH NEWSLETTER

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This Sunday

Our gospel readings from Mark have brought us to his account — typically brief — of the feeding of the crowd with the loaves and fishes. The liturgy of this and the next four Sundays develops this theme by switching to readings from the extended meditation on the Eucharist in the sixth chapter of St John's Gospel. As we become familiar with the style of John's gospel, we recognise that today's account of the feeding of the crowd — the introductory section of this long meditation — has strong overtones of the Eucharistic celebration: it is announced that the 'feast of Passover' is approaching; Jesus 'gives thanks' as at the Last Supper; Jesus himself distributes the loaves to all present. This incident reminds us that the Saviour, whose Paschal Mystery we share in as we celebrate the Mass, is concerned for the welfare of God's people at every level.

Guí an Phobail

(1) Don Eaglais: Go dtuga Dia inspioráid do mhuintir na hEaglaise i dtreo is go mbeidh siad in ann beanachtaí Dé a scaipeadh go forleathan, cosúil le bia spioradúil a thabharfadh beatha buan don té a ghlacfaidh leis. A Thiarna, éist linn.

(2) Do thaoisigh timpeall an domhain: go raibh siad cosúil le hÍosa, ag tabhairt aire orthu dóibh siúd atá i gcruachás, faoi mhí-bhuntaiste nó scartha amach ón tsochaí ar fáthanna éagsúla. A Thiarna, éist linn.

(3) Dóibh siúd atá tinn: Go bhfaighe siad leigheas an Tiarna trí chumhacht na bpaidreacha, len iad a threorú ar bhóthar na sláinte arís, má tá sé sin in ann dóibh. A Thiarna, éist linn.

(4) Dúinn ar fad: Go gcuimhní muid ar chorp Íosa atá mar bhia dúinn go buan, agus nach mbeimid riamh ocrach go spioradálta má chasann muid Air díreach mar a dhein an slua sa Soiscéal. A Thiarna, éist linn.

A Thiarna, bí ceabsa agus éist linn.

Happy to be Holy?

Messenger Publications have recently published "Happy to be Holy?" — a short, simple commentary on Pope Francis' *Gaudete et Exsultate* by Fr Alan Hilliard of the Archdiocese of Dublin. Tel: 01 775 8522.

Church Notices

Parish Cluster — Weekly Mass Schedule (Summer)

	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	9:30am 11:00pm	11:30am	9:00am
Weekdays	10:00am except Mon & Thu	10:00am	10:00am	9:30am except Wednesday	7:30am

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	First Fridays
10:30am—10:00pm except Bank Holidays	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: July 29th — August 5th, 2018

Sun: 9:00am Patrick & Jeanne (A); 10:00am Des Barnes (A); 11:15am Anne Guilfoyle (A); 12:30pm Mary Loughnane (A). **Mon:** 7:30am For the intentions of those who sympathised with the Byrne Family on Elizabeth's recent passing; 10:00am Ray Cox RIP. **Tues:** 7:30am Mary Moriarty RIP; 10:00am Ann Drummond RIP. **Wed:** 7:30am Mary O'Byrne RIP; 10:00am Madge Hyland RIP. **Thur:** 7:30am A Healthy Mother & Baby; **Fri:** 7:30am November Altar List; 10:00am November Altar List. **Sat:** 9:00am Special Intention; 10:00am John Byrne (A). **Next Sun:** 9:00am John & Kathleen Hurley (A); 10:00am Poppy Scanlan (A); 11:15am Andrew Patrick Murray (A); 12:30pm Carl McDermott (1st A).

Recent Bereavements

We extend our sympathy to the families of Mary McCartney and Meaghan Miller whose funerals took place during the week.

Church Collections

July 22nd: 1st Collection: €1,677 — to support 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: €1,265 — to SHARE, providing 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 through (1) Standing Orders (*Standing Order Forms are available at the back of the Church*); 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.

Morning Prayer Services

There will be a few days in August when it may not be possible to have weekday Mass here in St Sylvester's Church. While we hope that daily Mass would be the norm, it is important that we have in place a meaningful Prayer Service that allows people to gather in prayer as a community of faith on days when Mass is not celebrated. A Service of the Word is an important celebration that we need to develop in our Parish. We now have a meaningful Service of the Word ready to use on those days and we have some people who are willing to lead this Prayer Service. Through prayer and highlighting God's Word, we allow God to feed us spiritually and in an enriching way with His Word. The distribution of Holy Communion should only happen in the context of the celebration of Mass and therefore would not happen when a Prayer Service takes place. People often ask why we cannot receive Holy Communion at a Service of the Word and this will be explained in detail in a forthcoming Newsletter. We would ask those who normally attend daily Mass that, on such occasions, they would continue to attend the Church and enter into the prayerfulness of the Service and allow it to awaken our spiritual nature in a new way.

WMOF 2018 Information

Be Part of the Holy Communion Team at the Papal Mass: August 26th

The WMOF 2018 Committee is seeking the generous help of around 4,000 ministers of Holy Communion to volunteer for one day to be Christ's disciples helping to give Holy Communion to the people at this historic Papal Mass. This is open to any of those who are already trained and assisting with the distribution of Holy Communion in their own parishes. We are looking for the help of lay people, priests, deacons and religious Ministers of Holy Communion.

Those volunteering need to be trained and functioning Ministers of Holy Communion in your own parish community. You will need to be Garda-vetted for this event, even though you have been vetted for this ministry in your own parish (if you are already Garda-vetted for WMOF2018, that suffices). You will need to be in the Phoenix Park by 10:30am on Sunday, August 26th. To volunteer to be a Minister of Holy Communion at the Papal Mass click here: <https://bit.ly/2uJMgPb> or log on to www.worldmeetin2018.ie.

One-Day Volunteers for the Papal Mass: August 26th

With just six weeks to go to the World Meeting of Families 2018 in Dublin from August 21–26, we are opening up a new opportunity for those who have availability to volunteer for one day for WMOF2018. We are asking for Volunteer Papal Mass Stewards for the Closing Mass of WMOF2018 which will take place in the Phoenix Park on Sunday, August 26th. www.worldmeeting2018.ie/en/Get-Involved/Volunteer/Volunteer-for-One-Day.

Rebecca Storm in Concert: December 14th

The concert takes place in St Sylvester's Church on Friday, December 14th, at 8:00pm. Tickets €30 from Sharon (086 049 2369) at the Malahide Parish Centre Manager's Office. Rebecca will treat us to a medley of her favourite songs over her career, and it promises to be a wonderful night. Reserved seating — book early.

Other Parish News & Forthcoming Events

Coordinators/Drivers Required for Meals on Wheels

Starting in September, Malahide Meals on Wheels are looking for volunteers to coordinate or drive or help prepare meals one day per month for approximately 4 hours. Please contact Sharon on 087 254 7037.

Talbot Bridge Club

Open to all for the months of June and July. Join us in the Presbyterian Hall Malahide. Play begins at 7:30pm sharp. We are also taking names for membership in September — contact Imelda 087 792 0207.

Zumba Fitness with Keelan

'Dance and be Fit — Dance and be Happy'. Zumba fitness sessions take place on Wednesday evenings from 8:00pm to 9:00pm in the Gaffney Hall of the Parish Centre. The sessions are on drop-in basis and cost €8 a session. For info: Facebook and Instagram: **zumba fitness with keelan** or e-mail: zumbakeelan@gmail.com. All are welcome.

Malahide Horticultural Society: July 29th

The Society will conclude its Annual 2-Day Summer Show today, Sunday, July 29th (12:30pm to 5:00pm), in St Andrew's Parish Centre, Church Road, Malahide. Plant Sale, Raffle and Refreshments available. Admission €3.00. Exhibitors and accompanied children free.

Reliquary of St Therésé of Lisieux: August 30th — 31st

The reliquary of St Therésé of Lisieux and that of her parents, Saints Louis and Zélie Martin, will arrive at the Star of the Sea Chapel, Seapark, Malahide at 3:00pm on Thursday, August 30th, and there will be a short Service of Prayer to welcome them. Public veneration of the relics will take place from after the Prayer Service until 9:00pm. The Chapel will reopen at 6:00am on the morning of Friday, August 31st. Mass will take place as usual at 7:30am. Public veneration will continue after Mass until 10:00am on Friday Morning when the relics will depart from the Convent.

St Sylvester's Parish Golf Outing

St Sylvester's Parish Golf Outing will take place at Malahide Golf Club on Friday, September 7th. This is a 4-Person Team Event costing €400 per team and includes a Gala Dinner, great entertainment, an auction with fantastic Spot Prizes on the night. Come along — your support will be greatly appreciated. To book, please contact Patsy on 087 241 9012. Proceeds to help with the debt and maintenance of St Sylvester's Parish Centre.

The Legion of Mary

Meets every Monday at 7:45pm in St Brendan's Room of the Parish Centre. New members especially welcome.

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 are available for meetings or training sessions. For all weekly activities, check our Information Sheets in the Parish Centre. 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, where enquiries can be made about Malahide, in particular, and the Fingal area in general. The Malahide and Fingal areas. Outside of those times, there is leaflet information available at the desk for people who are passing by.

Special Notices

Bethany Bereavement Service

Have you suffered a bereavement? Are you feeling that loss? Would you like to talk to someone about it? Malahide Bethany Bereavement Support Group have organised support sessions on Monday mornings at 10:30am in St Sylvester's Parish Centre. Bethany Team contact: 087 793 6189.

Pathways Programme

The Pathways Programme is suitable for adults who wish to explore issues and questions of faith, ministry, the Church today and the nature of belief, in an environment appropriate to Adult Learning and Adult Faith Development. Pathways is a two-year, one-evening-a-week course. It takes place on Thursday evenings in Holy Cross College, Clonliffe Road from September to May (7:00pm — 9:30 pm). Booking is now open. Early application is advised as places are limited. Contact: Pathways Director, Eileen Houlihan at 01 808 7594 or pathways@dublindiocese.ie Web: www.evangelisation.ie.

New Stamps Marking Papal Visit

An Post released 2 new stamps on July 26th marking Pope Francis' visit to Ireland for WMOF 2018 — a €1 stamp showing Pope Francis and a €1.50 international stamp showing a family scene. The two stamps were designed by Vermillion Design.