

ST SYLVESTER'S PARISH NEWSLETTER

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First Sunday of Advent - Cycle B

2nd December 2018

PARISH OFFICE

St Sylvester's Parish Office is open Monday to Friday from 10.30am to 1.00pm Tel: 01 845 1244

PARISH CENTRE

Facilities available for meetings or training sessions. Contact Sharon O'Sullivan, Centre Manager, at 086 049 2369 or e-mail

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****Check out Parish Centre availability to hire/cater for family occasions or a get-together of family and friends.**

SATURDAY 8TH DEC – FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION AND A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION. MASSES:

Malahide: SAT 8th Dec at 10.00am
Yellow Walls: Fri 6.00 & Sat 10.30
Portmarnock: Fri 7.30 & Sat. 10.00
Sat: Convent: 9.00am / Kinsealy: 11am
SAT. Evening: Normal W/End Masses

BAPTISMS: We welcome into our Christian community the following who were baptised recently: Nathan Oliver Milliken, Liam John Greene, Emily Mary Rodgers, Heidi Charlotte Blacklock, Joshua James Rooney, Cooper Dylan Leen, Jack William Sutton and Oliver Maurice Coogan.

PARISH MAIL DISTRIBUTION:

Every year at this time we send out a card with the Christmas timetable and a Dues envelope. **We ask those who help with the distribution of the cards if they would call to the parish office later in the week.** We always need new people so if you can help, please contact the parish office or Tel: 01-8451244.

PADRE PIO DEVOTIONS are on Fri. 7th Dec in Yellow Walls church. Eucharistic Adoration at 7pm followed by Mass / choir at 7.30pm celebrated by Fr. Michael Duffy O.F.M.Cap. who will give a blessing with a relic of St Pio. All are welcome.

A Little Lifetime Foundation Special Christmas Service of Remembrance in Francis Street Church, D8 this Sun 2nd Dec at 7pm. **Christmas Tree Lighting Service** Sun 9th Dec. New Angels Plot Glasnevin cemetery 4pm. All welcome

AIDBHINT: Fanaigí in bhur ndúiseacht, agus bígí ag guí gan stad' le go n-aithneoid an Cuaiteoir atá ag teacht inár measc; Iósa, Mac Dé.

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 9am.

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

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

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

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

Monday: 10.30am – 10.00pm (Except Bank Holidays)

Tuesday: 10.30am – 3.00pm; 7:00pm - 9pm.

Wed: 8am - 9.45am; 10.30am – 2pm; 7pm - 9pm. First Fri: 10.30am - 4pm

MASS INTENTIONS 2nd – 9th DECEMBER

SUN: 9:00am Elizabeth, Patrick & Con Burns (A); 10:00am Eileen O'Sullivan (A); 11.15am Séamus & Rita Cullen (A) and all the deceased members of the Cullen, Hyde and Stuart families; 12.30pm Dan & Margaret Murphy (A); Spec. Rem: Philip Ahearne (Month's Mind); 5.30pm James & Kathleen Kiernan (A);

MON: 7.30am Niall Canavan (Get Well); 10.00am Lawrence Tuite (A);

TUES: 7.30am Niall Canavan (Get Well); 10:00am Ann Hand (A);

WED: 7.30am Niall Canavan (Get Well); 10.00am Michael Keogh (A);

THUR: 7.30am Patsy & Molly Curran (A); 10.00am Mary Moore (A);

FRI: 7.30am November Altar List; 10.00am November Altar List;

SAT: 9:00am Gretta & Paddy Carroll (A); 10.00am Bernard Farrell (A); Spec. Rem: Andrew Keogh (A); Spec. Rem: John Scully (A) and all who sympathised with Karen Clarke's family

SUN: 9:00am Anthony & Ellen O'Mahony (A); 10:00am McShane Family; 11.15am John Gregan and deceased members of the Gregan Family (A); 12.30pm Angela Collins and Bridie & John Strong (A); 5.30pm Stephen O'Reilly, his father Michael and his grandparents Edward & Máire Roche (A)

RECENT BEREAVEMENTS: We extend our sympathy to the families of Dr. Noel Russell and Violet McCluskey whose funerals took place during the week.

CHRISTMAS MASS CARDS in which people share in Masses that the parish of Malahide will arrange to have said for the intentions of the person receiving the Christmas card. The cards will cost €3 and are **AVAILABLE IN THE PARISH OFFICE.**

CHURCH COLLECTIONS: Oct. 28th 1st Collection: €1,865 for the Diocesan Common Fund which supports the priests of the Diocese. **2nd Collection SHARE:** €1,448 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.

SHARE SUNDAY NEWSLETTER which was to be available last weekend is now available at the back of the church. We invite parishioners to take home a copy **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. The local branch assists people here in Malahide and also in Ballymun. We ask your generous support on behalf of the Society of St. V de P.

BAMBENELLI SUNDAY. On Sunday, 16th Dec. we invite parents/grandparents to encourage the children to **BRING THEIR INFANT JESUS FROM THE CRIB AT HOME** to the Church. During **ALL** the Masses 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 CAROL SERVICE: Sun 16th Dec. 3.00pm in St. Sylvester's Church. Prepare for Christmas by taking time out from the pressures of this time of year to enter the real spiritual beauty of the mystery and wonder of God's love among us in the birth of Jesus. This happens through the singing of the Carols by the parish choirs and the telling of the story from scripture readings. Mark the date and come along

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PARISH CHRISTMAS FAIR TODAY, SUNDAY 2nd DEC. 10:30am – 3:00pm

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

STALLS OF HOME BAKED CAKES, JAMS, CHUTNEYS AND MORE, BOTTLES OF SPIRITS AND WINE, GOOD AS NEW ITEMS OF ALL SORTS, PERFUMES, FLORAL DECORATIONS, TOILETRIES, GIFTS, BOOKS, TOYS.

WHEEL OF FORTUNE, BOTTLE STALL ~ ATTRACTIONS FOR YOUNG AND OLD.

COME ON IN, LOOK AROUND, HAVE A CUPPA AND CAKE ~ WE HAVE PLENTY OF RAFFLE PRIZES

AND SANTA WILL BE ABOUT THE PLACE LOOKING FORWARD TO MEETING YOU.

MEETING FOR MINISTERS OF THE WORD NEXT Tues 4th Dec at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre. This meeting is to finalise a new approach to the Readers rota which will be starting in Jan 2019 so it would be important for as many Ministers to attend as possible. In advance of the meeting Readers are requested to contact the Co-ordinator Ray Daly to confirm attendance and inform him of any weeks of unavailability next year. A draft rota will be presented to Tuesday's meeting.

CATHOLIC FAITH AND CATHOLIC CULTURE: This course continues **Monday, November 26th** from 7.30pm until 9pm in the Malahide Parish Centre. On week 6 the topics will include:

On **Catholic Faith:** there will be a presentation by Fr. Dave Pivonka continuing the theme of how the Holy Spirit can become an integral part of our lives.

On **Key Saints / People / Events in Catholicism:** there will be a presentation on St. Catherine Labouré and the story of the Miraculous Medal.

On **Catholic Culture:** A presentation on a fictional encounter / "debate" between Thomas Hobbes, noted atheist and materialist and GK Chesterton, defender of Christianity / Catholicism

You are welcome to all or any session. No cost involved.

Free parking nearby in the Castle car park opposite the centre.

YOUNG MEN'S BIBLE STUDY: To know who we are in Christ and to foster a personal relationship with God. Wed. evenings at 8pm. Tel Lorraine 087-2191001/email mensbiblemalahide@gmail.com

CHRISTMAS ART EXHIBITION IN MALAHIDE PARISH CENTRE by Portmarnock Art Group next Sat, 8th Dec. FOR ONE DAY ONLY for the discerning art lover or to get someone a gift.

MALAHIDE LIONS CLUB would like to thank parishioners of St Sylvesters and Yellow Walls for their support and amazing generosity at their recent Church Gate Collection which raised €2,072 which will go a long way in putting on a terrific Christmas Party for our Senior Citizens.

ADVENT CHURCH SYMBOLS: 1) **Advent Wreath:** The four Sundays of Advent – Peace, Hope, Joy, Love. 2) **The Jesse Tree:** Genealogy of Jesus as the Promised Messiah

ST. SYLVESTER'S GAA HEALTHY CLUBS INITIATIVE. The sixth in our series of local walks will take place on Sunday Dec.9th. Meet at Clubhouse at 11.30 am. Route - Circuit of Castle Grounds. All welcome. Wear comfortable footwear. Dress for the prevailing weather. Dogs welcome if on a leash. Tea/coffee in clubhouse afterwards.

SENIOR CITIZENS Bingo: Thursdays in the Parish Centre, 11 –12
INDOOR BOWLS: Fridays 2pm in the Parish Centre. All welcome

BETHANY BEREAVEMENT SERVICE: Meet in the Parish Centre every Monday morning at 10.30am except Bank Holidays. For more info. Contact Bethany Team 087 7936189.

LECTIO DIVINA: Sunday readings, Tues 10:30 Prayer Chapel

ADVENT RETREAT AT MANRESA RETREAT CENTRE, CLONTARF - 8:00pm Fri 7th to 2.00pm Sun. 9th Dec, 2:00pm. GIVING ATTENTION to the place of WAITING - a core Advent theme with time to appreciate the season's message by spending time praying alone and in company and by meeting with a spiritual director or just catching your breath if life seems too busy.

MALAHIDE LADIES CLUB are having a meeting on Wednesday next, 5th December 8.00pm in Grand Hotel. The Talk is by Pat Murphy on his round the world sailing trip.

FINGAL ACADEMY OF MUSIC presents its Christmas Choral Concert in St. Sylvester's Church, Malahide, on Friday 7 December at 8pm. This wonderful evening of festive singing features three prize-winning choirs - Fingal Children's Choir, Fingal Youth Choir, and Cór Fingal. The songs performed on the night come from all over the world and include traditional and contemporary compositions. Tickets €10 available on the door. To book in advance, visit www.fingalacademyofmusic.com.

PARISH DRAW FOR 2019

***** THE END OF YEAR TOP PRIZES DRAW OF €10,000 & €3,000 *****

TAKES PLACE AT THE START OF THE REBECCA STORM CONCERT ON FRIDAY 14TH DECEMBER

- ❖ 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. The Parish Draw is 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. We would ask those who pay by cash or cheque 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*****

