



ST SYLVESTER'S PARISH NEWSLETTER

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This Sunday

How the wisdom of God differs from the wisdom of men! Christ chose simple fishermen and made them his assistants and his successors in the work that he had taken in hand. Christ was not influenced in his judgement by external, accidental qualifications. He judged the heart and the will. He knew the true worth of men. Furthermore, the society that he was about to set up was not a worldly business concern but a free transport system to heaven. The truths which he was committing to its keeping were not based on earthly wisdom which would require eloquence and prestige to bolster them up. They were the eternal, divine truths which needed no human propaganda, no help from mere men.

Our Lady of Lourdes: February 11th

On 8 December 1854, Pope Pius IX proclaimed the dogma of the Immaculate Conception in the apostolic constitution *Ineffabilis Deus*. 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.

Bereavement Support Course

The Bethany Bereavement Support Group will be holding a 5-week bereavement support course starting in February 2019. The aim of this course is to support those who have suffered a loss by encouraging them to explore and understand their feelings of grief. The course will run on five Monday evenings from February 18th to March 18th in the Parish Centre. Time is from 7:30 to 9:00pm with tea and biscuits provided. The course is free to attend and everyone is welcome. Bethany Bereavement members are trained to listen and offer you a safe, free supportive place to journey through your grief. Please contact the Bethany Team on 087 793 6189 to book your place.

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 Wednesday	8:30am

Confessions in St Sylvester's Church after Saturday 10:00am Mass.

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—9:00pm	10:30am—4:00pm

Mass Intentions: February 10th — 17th, 2019

Next Sun: 9:00am Mary Brady (A); 10:00am Bernie Lowry (1st A); 11:15am Mary & Gerry Costello (A); Special Remembrance: Timothy Oliver Clyne (Month's Mind); 12:30pm Frank Doherty (A); Special Remembrance: Michael Kelly (A); Jack & Bridget Kirwan 5:30pm Vincent Harmon (A). **Mon:** 8:30am Sr Brigid (Special Intention); 10:00am Mag Williams (A). **Tues:** 8:30am The Garrigan Family (Special Intention); 10:00am Niall & Violet Burgess (A). **Wed:** 8:30am Joseph Brophy (RIP); Special Remembrance: Colm Byrne (A) 10:00am Patrick Clarke (A). **Thur:** 8:30am Marjorie O'Connell (A); 10:00am Vincent Fennelly (1st A). **Fri:** 8:30am Marie Lowe (RIP) & her parents (A); 10:00am Denis Drum (RIP). **Sat:** 9:00am Elizabeth O'Dwyer (Healing Mass); 10:00am Fr Joseph O'Connor (A). **Next Sun:** 9:00am Special Intention; 10:00am Phyllis Hurley (Birthday); 11:15am Declan Dolan (A); 12:30pm John Cleary (A); Special Remembrance: Nicola Scott (Birthday Remembrance); 5:30pm Leo McNally.

Recent Bereavement

We extend our sympathy to the family of Philip (Phil) Maguire whose funeral took place during the week.

Church Collections

February 3rd: 1st Collection: €2,250 — which 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: €1,770 — 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; 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.

ACCORD Annual Collection: February 17th

The Diocesan Agency for Marriage and the Family takes place next Sunday, February 17th, 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.**

Diocesan Prayer Book 2019: "I am with you"

On the occasion of the 27th World Day of the Sick 2019, a renewed edition of the accessible and popular prayer book "I Am With You" is available for those experiencing suffering and illness and for those caring for those who are facing sickness. Copies of the prayer book, unit price €1.95, are available from Ms Anne Donnellan, Archbishop's House, Dublin 9, Tel: 01 837 9253, Extension 245 and from veritas.ie.

Parish News & Forthcoming Events

Mass Cards for a Shared Intention

People like to express their sympathy to those who are bereaved by giving them a Sympathy Mass Card. Very often it means a lot to the bereaved that you are having their loved one remembered at the celebration of a Mass. For some people, it can be a significant outlay of money having a Mass said and especially so if they were getting more than one. Sometimes all people wish to convey to the bereaved is the message that you are thinking about them and praying for their deceased loved one. It can be very comforting for bereaved people to receive your card and to know that you have arranged for their deceased loved one to have a special remembrance in a shared Mass. **A shared Mass is when a Mass is offered for a small number of intentions together. Here in Malahide Parish, we now have 'Sympathy Shared Mass Cards' available. They cost €3 each and will be available in the Parish Office from Monday morning onwards and at the Coffee Shop when the Office is closed.** As it is not possible to say all the requested Masses in Malahide, we have arranged with some of the religious orders to take our surplus Mass intentions. They, in turn, arrange with the priests of the order to say the Masses. For priests on the missions to receive our Mass stipends can be an essential source of income that enables them continue their missionary work.

World Day of the Sick: Mass on February 10th

Archbishop Diarmuid Martin will preside at a Mass today, February 10th, in Corpus Christi, Griffith Avenue, at 3:00pm, to mark World Day of the Sick 2019. This year, the main World Day of the Sick celebration will take place in Kolkata in India where Saint Mother Teresa founded the Missionaries of Charity, an order noted for its work in helping the sick, the crippled, the blind, the infirm and the dying.

MARA Meeting: February 11th

The next meeting of MARA will take place tomorrow, February 11th, at 10:15am. The Speaker (on security inside and outside the home) will be a Garda from Malahide Garda Station. All welcome.

Exploring Your Catholic Faith & Culture: February 11th

Continues on Monday, February 11th, 7:30pm—9:00pm in Malahide Parish Centre. In Week 3, the topics will include: On **Catholic Faith**: there will be a presentation by Deacon Burke-Sivers on the numerous scriptural references in the liturgy of the Mass. On **Key Saints / People / Events in Catholicism**: there will be a presentation on Pope Pius XI, the inter-war pope from 1922–1939 — a lot of world history! On **Catholic Culture**: this part will consist of a remarkable pro-life speech by Cardinal O'Connor (d. 2000) of New York in 1999. You are welcome to all or any session. No cost involved. Free parking in Malahide Castle Car Park.

Men's Bible Study: February 13th

To know who we are in Christ and to foster a personal relationship with God. Wednesdays 8:00pm in the Parish Centre. All welcome, We particularly welcome those from the younger generation. Drop in. Call Lorraine 087 219 1001 or e-mail mensbiblemalahide@gmail.com.

Valentine's Day: February 14th

The cynic will see it as a time of commercial exploitation and say it is a waste of time, energy and money. But every day will have its critics, if given a chance. We often take for granted the precious gift of love. It's great to have at least one time in the year when we put it top of our list again. The challenge then is to keep it up there each day. Love, like the wind, is constantly changing direction and strength. Love needs encouragement, time, effort, forgiveness, laughter and honesty. It takes a while to build up love, but only a second to lose it. You can't buy it or even sell it. It is up to us to treasure this precious gift from God. This coming St Valentine's Day could be a great time to start.

Bible Study Group: February 14th

Thursdays 11:00am in the Parish Centre. The Group on this occasion will explore the Book of Acts (of the Apostles). If you are interested, please contact Mary, Pastoral Worker, on 087 457 0981 as reading material is available in advance. Otherwise, just turn up on Thursdays at 11:00am. All welcome. The course has been informative and enjoyed by all who attend.

Anam Cara Bereavement Information Evening: February 20th

Anam Cara North Dublin, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, will be holding a bereavement Information evening on Wednesday, February 20th at 7:20pm, in the Carnegie Court Hotel, Swords, County Dublin. 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 before Tuesday, February 19th, or call the Information Line on 085 2888 888.

Alzheimer Café: February 26th

The Alzheimer Café takes place on the last Tuesday of every month between 7:00pm and 9:00pm in Clareville Centre, Clareville Court, Glasnevin. It is a safe and relaxed place where people with dementia, their families, and health and social care professionals can come together to talk, share and learn. Alzheimer Café evenings are free and everyone is 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 Pastoral 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

January 2019 Parish Draw Winners

Congratulations to the lucky winners in the January 2019 Parish Draw, which took place on 6 February 2019, namely: €1,000 First Prize: No. 587 — J & M Lawler; €500 Second Prize: No. 375 — W Kavanagh; €250 Third Prize: No. 589 — M O'Reilly. Sincere thanks to all who support the Draw and good luck to everyone in next month's Draw.

Congratulations

To the boys and girls preparing for the sacraments of First Confession and First Communion who are having special preparation Mass at 10:00 today. They are preparing very well.

SVP Clothing Appeal: "Thank You"

The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul would like to thank all who contributed to the Annual Church gate Clothing Appeal in St Sylvester's Church and the Carmelite Monastery.

28th Divine Mercy Conference

February 23rd/24th RDS, Ballsbridge. This year's theme is: 'Let Us Not Be Put to the Test', (Mt.6:13). All welcome.

Bethany Bereavement Service

The Group meets in the Parish Centre every Monday morning (except Bank Holidays) at 10:30am.

MARA Indoor Bowls

Fridays in the Parish Centre (Gaffney Hall), 2:00pm to 4:00m. Great Fun. New members welcome.

Senior Citizens Bingo

Thursday mornings from 11:00am to 12:00 noon in St Ita's Room. Contact Gene McMahon on 01 845 0674.

Malahide Men's Shed

10:30am every Wednesday at The Shed, St Benedicts, Estuary Road, Malahide. For all men in Malahide and its district.