

ST SYLVESTER'S PARISH NEWSLETTER

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LENT 2019

THE MYSTERY OF OUR FAITH

(Scripture Course):

Join us on our journey through Lent as we explore the Sunday Readings (Old Testament and New), helping us to draw nearer to Jesus, and leading us to a richer and deeper understanding of God's plan of salvation as we draw near to Easter. Sessions will be given by Mary Kirk, Pastoral Worker in St Sylvester's Parish, who has completed Scripture Studies in St Patrick's College, Maynooth and The Priory Institute, Tallaght. Every Tuesday evening until April 9th in Yellow Walls Parish Centre at 7:30pm. Handouts given each evening and refreshments. All welcome – just drop in!

PORTMARNOCK/MALAHIDE

PARKINSONS SUPPORT GROUP meets every Tuesday morning @ 10.30am in Naomh Mearnóg, GAA grounds Portmarnock. Contact Tony Brady 01 8463513 or 087 7953302.

LECTIO DIVINA Prayer Chapel 10.30 on Tuesdays. Phil 086 0638074.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY: Wednesday evenings at 8pm in Parish Centre. All welcome, we'd particularly welcome those from the younger generation. Drop in. Call Lorraine 087-2191001/email mensbiblemalahide@gmail.com

FIRST CONFESSION: Congratulations to the boys and girls from St. Oliver Plunkett School who had their First Confession last Thursday. They were excellently prepared by their teachers in the school. They were very good in the way they took part in the ceremony and were a credit to themselves, their parents and their teachers. It was a special occasion for their parents celebrating the special way they are bringing them up to know God and His love for us all.

THE BIBLE STUDY GROUP continues on Thursdays at 11.00am in the Parish Centre. If you are interested please contact Mary, Pastoral Worker on 0874570981 or just turn up on the day at 11.00am. All welcome. The course has been informative and enjoyed by all who attend.

MASS TIMES AT ST. SYLVESTER'S CHURCH, MALAHIDE

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

CONFESSIONS after 10.00am Mass on Saturdays

CARMELITE CONVENT: Mon – Fri 7.30am during lent; 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.

DURING LENT MASS IN THE CONVENT IS AT 7.30am, MON – FRI

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.

Wednesday: 8am - 9.45am; 10.30am – 2pm; 7pm - 9pm.

First Fridays: 10.30am - 4pm

MASS INTENTIONS 10TH – 17TH MARCH

SUN: 9:00am Sr. Therese (RIP); 10:00am Nora & Connie Cahill (A); 11.15am Tontine Society – Members Mass; Spec. Rem: Leo Kiernan (Month's Mind); 12.30pm Brian Gregan (A) and deceased members of the Gregan Family; Spec. Rem: Alec Tyrrell (Month's Mind) and Sheila Tyrrell (RIP); 5.30pm Frank Fraser (A);
MON: 7.30 Sr. Ann Reid (A); 10.00 Jack & Esther McLean (A) Andy & Marie Mullen (A);
TUES: 7.30am Sr. Therese Murphy (RIP); 10.00am Louisa Kenny (A);
WED: 7.30am Ethel McMullan (RIP); 10.00am Rita Ryan (A);
THUR: 7.30 Anne's Sp. Int; 10.00am Niall & Violet Burgess (A) and Patrick Clarke (A);
FRI: 7.30am Marie Lowe (RIP) and her parents (A); 10.00am Ollie Clyne (RIP);
SAT: 9:00am Larry Smith (RIP); 10.00am Aoife Garvan (Special Intention);
NEXT SUN: 9:00am Preschez & Paul Families (Special Intention); 10:00am George Byrne (RIP); 11.15am Andrew Keogh (A); Spec. Rem: Catherine McMahan (A); 12.30pm Andrew Hogan (A) and Annie Letts (A); 5.30pm John Bernard Murphy (A);
RECENT BEREAVEMENTS: We extend our sympathy to the families of Hugh Curran and John Egan whose funerals took place during the week

CHURCH COLLECTIONS: **1ST Collection:** €1,699 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:** € 1,491 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 the Parish Office

LENTEN ECUMENICAL TALKS Wednesday 13th March at 8.00pm

Malahide Presbyterian Church

Speaker, Rev Trevor Johnston

Subject: 'My Truth, your truth, and the truth'

Trevor is from South Armagh, former University Chaplain, and now ministers in a highly diverse university area (All Saints' Parish, Belfast).

Married to Joy, a newcomers teacher, with 5 children.

ON THE FOLLOWING WEEKS (2) Nora Owen, March 20th, in Kinsealy Church – Subject: "The Administration of Justice: Juggling Punishment and Protection"; (3) Fr Gerry Tanham, March 27th, in St Andrew's Church – Subject: "Ministry Challenges in Today's World"; (4) Lucy Michael, April 3rd, in Yellow Walls Church – Subject: "Strengthening communities through restorative justice"; (5) Ger Gallagher, April 10th, in St Sylvester's Church – Subject "Teens, Twenties and Faith". The talks will begin each evening at 8:00pm followed by light refreshments. We hope that many of you will be able to attend some if not all the talks. See poster for more details.

LOST REMOTE CONTROL: ON WEDNESDAY LAST, A SMALL REMOTE CONTROL WAS INADVERTENTLY ATTACHED TO SOMEONE'S KEYS WHEN THEY CAME in to get their car park fob reprogrammed. If you have a small dark blue remote on your keyring which you don't recognise could you, please bring it to the Parish Centre.

Please send news items to newsletter@malahideparish.ie to reach us before 12 noon on Wednesdays

MALAHIDE ACTIVE RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION: The next meeting is tomorrow Monday 11th March in Malahide Library at 10.15am. Speaker: Pat Keegan who is going to talk about her time working for Lord and Lady Talbot in the Castle.

M.A.R.A. INDOOR BOWLS: Fridays in the Parish Centre (Gaffney Hall), 2-4pm. GREAT FUN. New members welcome.

TROCAIRE BOX: The Trócaire Lenten Campaign this year focuses on land-rights. Trócaire Boxes are available at the back of the Church. Please take one.

THE WAY FORWARD: A Pro Life and Pro Family Event Hosted by Fingal for Life and The Iona Institute: David Quinn from the Iona Institute will speak on the Pro Life Movement in Ireland and The Way Forward. Maria Steen from the Iona Institute will discuss the proposed changes in the Relationships and Sexuality Education (RSE) programme in schools and concerns parents have its apparent liberal and possibly compulsory programme. Please come and support this very important event. Time and Venue: 8.00pm on Wednesday, 20th March at the Grand Hotel, Malahide, Co. Dublin.

ANNUAL DAFFODIL DAY COFFEE MORNING in aid of The Irish Cancer Society will be held on Thursday 14th March 2019 @ 10.00am to 2.00pm in Nautilus Restaurant in Malahide. So, whether you pop in for a coffee or volunteer your time on the morning, your continued support will be greatly appreciated. Any queries contact Sheila Morris 086 888 9552

EXPLORING YOUR CATHOLIC FAITH: "The course on Catholic Faith and Culture continues on Monday, March 11th from 7.30pm until 9pm in the Malahide Parish Centre. On week 7 (of 10) the topics will include:

On Catholic Faith: there will be a presentation by Fr Cedric Pisegna, a Texas based Passionist priest and TV evangelist, on a Lenten theme.

On Key Saints / People / Events in Catholicism: there will be a presentation on Baroness Nuala O'Loan, a prominent Irish Catholic and pro-life advocate.

On Catholic Culture: there will be a presentation of Chesterton's book on Heretics and his witty take on "modernism". You are welcome to all or any session. There is no cost involved. Free parking available nearby in the Castle car park."

HOWTH LIFEBOAT: Irish Coffee Morning on St Patrick's Day Sunday March 17th at Malahide Yacht Club 12.30 -3.30pm in aid of Howth Lifeboat. All welcome.

ANAM CARA NORTH DUBLIN, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding a Parent Evening for bereaved parents on Wednesday 20th March at 7:20pm in the Carnegie Court Hotel, Swords, Co. Dublin. This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether their death was recent or not.

INTO THE WILDERNESS

Lent is a great season where we are called to fasting, almsgiving and prayer. While our motivations may vary from weight loss to genuine spiritual journeying, this is a season where we take time to stop and take stock of our lives. What's there? What's there that shouldn't be there? Are there things in my life that I need to change, to move around, to let go of? Are there obstacles in the way of my relationship with Jesus and with the world around me?

Given the extent of the climate crisis that the world now finds itself in, and Ireland's dismal record on climate action, Lent would be an excellent time for each of us to examine our relationship with the earth in the hope that we might recognise the interconnectedness of all things. We might fast from our cars when we can, or look at how much food, clothes and energy we consume. How are our recycling habits? You might pledge to read Laudato Si, Pope Francis' encyclical on the environment, during Lent, and perhaps to ask a few friends to join you. Whatever you decide to do, embrace this very special time. In the Gospel we are given encouragement as we read that Jesus is being led by the Spirit into the wilderness. The wilderness is not a place to be feared: it can be a place of transformation; a place where God is ultimately in control. We might encounter our demons and temptations there, but that is part of the journey. As with all things, we will get out of Lent what we put in. The more we put in, the greater the celebration on Easter Sunday morning.

From 'The Deep End' Intercom

A PRAYER: Lord, over time loving relationships are tested by the demands we make upon each other. May we see that perfect love is found only in you and that the bonds we pledged and share can be strengthened as we humbly recognise our mutual humanity and frailties. Love bears all things, believes all things hopes all things, endures all things. Let our love cover the multitude of our faults. Through Christ our Lord. Amen. *By Fr Paul Clayton-Lea,*

THE PARISH CENTRE HAS

great facilities for meetings / activities:

info: contact Sharon: 086 0492369, or email:

Sharon@malahideparishcentre.com or [follow us on Facebook.](#)

Check out Coffee Shop – great coffee & food!

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO SUPPORT AND USE THE PARISH CENTRE

10.00AM MASS on SUNDAYS has a children's theme and participation of children is encouraged. Forms are available at the back of the Church.

MALAHIDE BETHANY BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP meet in the Parish Centre every Monday morning at 10.30am except Bank Holidays

SENIORS GET TOGETHER: Please join us for a get together with a cup of tea and a chat every Wednesday from 10.30am in the St Ita room.

SENIOR CITIZENS BINGO: Thursdays in the Parish Centre, VERY ENJOYABLE 11am–12noon. All welcome.

MALAHIDE MEN'S SHED. Every Wednesday 10.30am at The Shed, St Benedicts, Estuary road, Malahide.

HUGH CURRAN RIP: The death during the week of Hugh Curran, recently retired Deputy principal in St. Oliver Plunkett School, brought a lot of sadness to the lives of many people in the parish. Originally from Gweedore in Co. Donegal he had spent the past 45 years teaching in St. Oliver Plunkett School where his influence touched many generations of pupils and their families. Hugh was also very involved in our parish and was Chairperson of the Parish Finance Committee and a long time Minister of the Eucharist. He did great work in the promotion of Gaelic Games among young people in the school and in association with St. Sylvester's GAA Club. Hugh was kind, gentle and friendly in manner and was well liked and respected by all. He will be very much missed. We extend our sympathy to his family. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam dílis

THE ENCOUNTER: Join other young adults for a night of live acoustic music, reflective prayer in adoration, with guest speaker on life, faith and purpose. Followed by social, pizza and refreshments. Our next Encounter will be Friday 22 March at 8pm. We are delighted to announce that Ciaran Coll will be our guest speaker and our Musician for the night. For info email: st.pauls@dublindiocese.ie www.fac ebook.com/theencounterdublincity