



# St Sylvester's Parish Newsletter

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18<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

2 August 2020

## Parish Arrangements In Response To The Government Directives Regarding The Covid-19 Virus

Parish Cluster Mass Schedule: August 2020

|          | Malahide                  | Portmarnock         | Yellow Walls            |
|----------|---------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|
| Saturday | 10:00am                   | 6:30pm              | 6:00pm                  |
| Sunday   | 9:00am 10:30am<br>12:00pm | 11:00am<br>12:30pm  | 11:30am                 |
| Weekdays | 9:30am<br>Thu: Service    | 10:00am<br>excl Tue | 10:00am<br>Wed: Service |

### • Public Masses in St Sylvester's Parish:

- The proposed Temporary Mass schedule for our Parish Grouping during August is shown above.
- **Bank Holiday Monday, August 3rd:** Cluster Mass at 10:00am in Yellow Walls. No morning Mass in Malahide or Portmarnock.
- Attendance at Mass in Malahide needs to be arranged beforehand: e-mail (preferred) [mass@malahideparish.ie](mailto:mass@malahideparish.ie) or phone to 01 549 6512. Arrangement to attend Mass can be made between midday Wednesday of one week to midday Wednesday of the next week for attending Mass the following week. You need only make the arrangement once and, on a rota basis, you will be informed when next you can attend Mass. If you do not get an email, text or call by Thursday evening you are not on the list for the following week.
- Please wear a face mask **for the safety of everybody else** attending Mass with you. If you have not got a face mask, you will be given one and asked to bring your own when next attending Mass.
- **If you are using a face shield, you must also wear a face mask.**
- Please do not attend Mass if you are feeling in any way unwell. Anyone displaying symptoms of being unwell or with consistent coughing, sneezing or runny nose will be asked to leave the Church. However, it would be preferable if that was a decision you made for yourself if such circumstances should arise for you.
- In all that we do, we are seeking to have a safe and controlled environment in which Mass is celebrated. It has been nice to have people back at Mass and, even though it is in much different circumstances, we hope that the experience of attending Mass has felt safe and comfortable given the anxiety associated with people gathering in any kind of public setting. The Sunday Mass obligation has been dispensed with for the time being.
- **Time Change for Saturday Morning Mass in Malahide:** On Saturday mornings, Mass will be at 10:00am with a Penance Service after the Mass when possible. There will be no Confessions in the Confession Box for the time being. Weekday Mass from Monday to Friday in Malahide will continue to be at 9:30am

### • Public Masses in the Parish Cluster:

- **Sunday Mass Time Changes:** The Sunday 10:00am Mass in Yellow Walls will **NOT** take place during August. Just one Sunday morning Mass at 11:30am in Yellow Walls for August.
- Sunday and weekday Masses in both Yellow Walls and Portmarnock will be accessible on the Webcam.
- The 11:00am Mass in Portmarnock ([www.portmarnockparish.ie](http://www.portmarnockparish.ie)) and the 11:30am Mass in Yellow Walls ([yellowwallparish.ie](http://yellowwallparish.ie)) will have a Parish Grouping focus and the names of people to be prayed for and notices concerning Malahide and Kinsealy will be included at those Masses.
- Mass will not resume in the Carmelite Convent for the time being. Kinsealy has yet to be arranged. Weekday 10:30am Mass is available on webcam from the Pro-Cathedral and on the RTÉ News Now channel.

### • New Parish Office Hours:

The Parish Office is now open Monday to Friday from 10:00am to 12:30pm. You can also contact the Parish Office by e-mail: [stsylvesters@malahideparish.ie](mailto:stsylvesters@malahideparish.ie) or Tel: 01 845 1244.

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## Gospel Reflection

Have you ever felt like you have nothing left to give? When work is busy, we don't have enough time for family. When we are physically or emotionally exhausted at the end of a long day, we might not have the energy to play with our children or visit a friend. In the face of suffering in our own society and around the world, we often feel helpless — whatever small amount of time or money we can give will never be enough.

But where we see 'not enough', God sees potential. What we see as a small contribution is not small to God, if it is all we have to give and it is given with love. "All we have with us is five loaves and two fish", say the disciples to Jesus — a tiny offering when faced with a giant task. But Jesus takes what they have, blesses it, and uses it to give sustenance to thousands. In the face of human limitations, God can do plenty.

We are told at the start of today's reading that Jesus 'took pity' on the large crowd that followed him. They have been out all day and are hungry, not to mention tired. They are so engrossed in listening to Jesus that time has slipped away. They are running on empty, and I'm sure they would be dismayed if, as the disciples suggest, they had to hike to the nearest village to buy food. Jesus understands their exhaustion and hunger, their limitations and their 'not enough'. What they have to give is inadequate, but he can do more with it than they could ever have imagined.

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## Parish Notices

### Mass Intentions: August 2nd — August 9th

**Sun:** Des Barnes (A); John Byrne (A); Margaret & Joseph Cobbe (A); Francis Cobbe (A); Ernest Cobbe (A); Elizabeth Fitzgerald (A); Alan McDonnell (1st A); Esther Tracey (4th A). **Mon:** Cluster Mass. **Tues:** Joe Brophy (A). **Wed:** Marguerite Aston (A); Roy Rooney (Get Well). **Thur:** Service of the Word. **Fri:** November Altar List. **Sat:** For all who sympathised with Pdraig Griffin on the death of Mary Griffin. **Next Sun:** Gregory & Judy Burke (A); Betty Donnelly (A); Kay & Mike Greene (A); Frances Kinsella (A); Carl McDermott (A); Alan Nugent (6th A); Poppy Scanlan (6th A); William & Mary Sorohan (A).

### Recent Bereavement

We extend our sympathy to the family of Mary O'Connell whose funeral took place during the week.

### Mass Intentions: New Arrangements

- All Sunday and weekday Masses said in St Sylvester's Church will be for shared intentions i.e. RIP, Get Well and Special Intentions.
- Anniversaries will be included for you on the date of the anniversary and/or on a date when you have confirmation of a Mass that you will be attending in St Sylvester's Church. It would be important to arrange in the Parish Office to have a name included in a particular Mass.
- During the current restrictions on numbers attending Mass, if a large number of people wish to attend a particular Mass e.g. Anniversary/Month's Mind, ask in the Parish Office so that, using the Parish Centre, we may be able to facilitate some extra people but it needs to be arranged beforehand.
- There is no cost to have a name or intention included in the Shared Masses in St Sylvester's Church. If a person wishes to make a donation, it should be no more than €2.
- Individual Mass intentions will be accepted but the Mass will be said by a Missionary order. Individual Mass Cards: €10. Shared Mass Cards: €3.
- We ask for your co-operation with this new arrangement for Mass Intentions and hope that it helps make it easier for parishioners to have loved ones remembered at our Masses in a way and at a time that suits you.

### Mass Intentions That Were Not Fulfilled

We have a good few Mass intentions that were not fulfilled due to the postponement of Masses and, for which, parishioners left in a stipend. We also have Mass Stipends for future Masses that we will not be able to fulfil. Over the coming weeks, could you make contact with the Parish Office so that we can make a new arrangement with you.

### Mass Cards

Parishioners can have Mass Cards sent to them rather than calling to the Office. You can send in a request by letter, e-mail or phone. If the phone is not answered, please leave a message and it will be picked up. Please allow a few days for Mass Card requests to be attended to.

### Support Line for Older People

ALONE manages a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to the outbreak of COVID-19 (Coronavirus). The support line is open seven days a week, 8:00am — 8:00pm, by calling 0818 222 024.

Please send news items to [newsletter@malahideparish.ie](mailto:newsletter@malahideparish.ie) to reach us by 12:00 noon Wednesdays.

## Parish Notices — Cont'd

### Domhnach XVIII Le Linn na Bliana: 2ú Lúnasa 2020

**Réamhrá:** Sa Soiscéal inniu, feicimid Íosa ag tabhairt bia do 5,000 duine a bhfuil ocras orthu. Go dtuigfidimid an t-ocras atá orainn as an méid a thugann Dia dúinn ina Bhriathar agus san Eocairist.

**An Phaidir:** Aitheanta an tslánaithe dár dtreorú agus briathar Dé dár dteagasc, tá sé de mhisneach againn a rá:

**Focail Scoir:** Ná bí bhfeirg liom níos mó, báigh m'nam i bhfuil do ghrás. A DhiaDhuine, céad fáilte romhat anois agus ar uair ár mbáis.

### Collections: Via The Parish Office OR The **DONATE** Button

In these times of financial and employment uncertainty for many people and not just the Church, we thank all who have been in a position to continue their contributions to the Sunday Collections and to the running of the Parish. It is very much appreciated. *Thank you.*

For those who cannot attend Mass, we ask if you might consider donating to the First or Second Collections that normally take place on a Sunday by getting in touch with the Parish Office or by leaving a donation in the boxes for both Collections that are located at the back of the Church or else by using the **DONATE** button on the Parish website homepage. These Collections are essential for diocesan administration and parish support and the impact of their decline will be felt by all parishes.

### Envelopes for 1st & 2nd Collections

We ask parishioners to consider taking envelopes for the first and second collections at Sunday Masses. It has some extra benefits in the circumstances of today and also enables the Parish, where possible, to claim the tax back.

### Easter Dues

We thank all who have contributed to the Easter Dues. The envelopes were late going out because of the Covid-19 lockdown. We are heartened and very grateful for the response so far. *Thank you.*

### Trócaire

Is your Trócaire Box still at home?. You can drop it into the Parish Office or make a donation direct to Trócaire.

### Parish Centre

The Parish Centre is now open and activities are beginning to start back again. It happening slowly but the Good News is that life in the Parish Centre, though different, is returning to normal.

### Parish Café

*The Parish Café is now open and is once again welcoming visitors. As people begin to take their first tentative steps back into some kind of normality, calling in somewhere for a cup of coffee and a cake or something nice to eat can be a big event but a joyous event. The Parish Café is back with lovely coffee and snacks to be enjoyed. They invite you to drop in. We would appreciate your support as we all try and begin a process of returning to a new kind of normal. Some new guidelines and practices are in place to ensure your safety and enjoyment while taking time out for a snack or to meet up with a friend.*

### ACCORD Marriage Preparation Courses

For those whose weddings are going ahead during this period, we are delivering individual courses via Zoom. The feedback from these courses has been overwhelmingly positive. We can reassure you that any couple referred to us will be taken care of to our usual high standard. contact: [lhambers@accordublin.ie](mailto:lhambers@accordublin.ie).

### Notice from the Malahide Bethany Bereavement Support Group

This has been a particularly difficult time for those who have been recently bereaved and for anyone who is coping with an ongoing personal grief experience. The Malahide Bethany Group has been continuing to offer support to those who have been bereaved during the Covid-19 pandemic. Our weekly 10:30am Monday Bereavement Support Group has been conducted online since April and it will continue to be held online until we are ready to meet again safely in person. We would welcome anyone who would like to join our on-line Monday morning group. Please contact us on our dedicated number 087 793 6189 to find out more. If you would prefer to chat to a trained Bethany volunteer, we are also available to provide listening support.

### The Irish Hospice Foundation — National Freephone Service

The Irish Hospice Foundation Bereavement Support Line is a national freephone service — 1800 80 70 77 — available from 10:00am to 1:00pm, Monday to Friday.

### DCU BA in Theology & Religious Studies — Scholarships Available

Interested in studying theology, but need a flexible programme to suit your needs? This part-time, flexible programme on Thursday evenings and a few Saturdays is aimed at mature students. For 2020/21, the programme will feature blended learning, with online and in-person learning opportunities. Scholarships are available for new incoming students. More info at [www.dcu.ie/dc300](http://www.dcu.ie/dc300), or contact Brad Anderson ([brad.anderson@dcu.ie](mailto:brad.anderson@dcu.ie)).