

St Sylvester's Parish Newsletter



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Gospel Reflection

The parable of the unforgiving servant highlights the generous love of God and sets a blueprint for our treatment of others. The master who cancels the servant's large debt does so out of compassion, and the servant is grateful — but not so grateful that he is willing to take pity on a fellow servant who owes him just a small amount. It seems he has learnt nothing; he has neither appreciated the gift he has been given, nor is he willing to pass it on to others.

We are each loved infinitely by God. In this Season of Creation, we focus in particular on our relationship with creation. We have been gifted with this wonderful world, with all its beauty and natural resources. Yet in so many ways, we have failed to appreciate this gift. We depend entirely on the earth's resources, yet instead of respecting them we have plundered them, causing great harm to the earth and its inhabitants. We have built comfortable and cheap lifestyles at the expense of the world's poorest people. If we carry on this way, there will be no gift to pass on to future generations. We are like the servant in the gospel — taking, but giving nothing in return.

Today, we are called to act as people who are loved infinitely by God. All of creation speaks of God's love for us. We are deeply connected with the earth and all of its people. We must live a life which is not centred exclusively on ourselves, but on the needs of others.

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Temporary Mass Schedule For Our Grouping

	Malahide	Portmarnock	Yellow Walls	Kinsealy
Saturday	10:00am	6:30pm	6:00pm	
Sunday	9:00am 10:30am 12:00pm	11:00am 12:30pm	10:00am (from Sep 6th) 11:30am	11:15am
Weekdays	9:30am Thu: Service	10:00am excl Tue	10:00am Wed: Service	10:00am Thu & Fri this week

- Temporary Mass Rota: Because of the continuing restrictions surrounding attendance at Mass and the requirements needing to be in place for Mass to happen, the current temporary Mass schedule will continue for the time being. This also means that the Sunday 5:30pm Mass in Malahide will not be commencing in September.
- Attendance at Mass in Malahide needs to be arranged beforehand:
- For all information about attending Mass and to make arrangements to attend Mass, please go to www.malahideparish.ie. On the Parish website, there is also other information you may be looking for in relation to the Parish.

Mass Intentions: September 13th — September 20th

Sun: Rupert Bissett (A); Rory & Kathleen Fitzpatrick (A); Brendan & Una MacClancy (A); Matthew McNulty (3rd A); Maureen O'Brien (A); Marion & George Ormsby and their son Liam Ormsby (A). **Mon:** Shared Mass Intentions. **Wed:** Gearoid Colleran (A). **Thur:** Service of the Word. **Next Sun:** Michael & Marcella Gaffney (A) and their son Micheál (A); Muriel Lonergan (A); Nicky Lynch (A); Eileen Madden (A); Matthew McNulty (3rd A); John Murtagh (1st A); Magdalen Nugent (A); Tom O'Shea (A).

Collections

September 6th: First Collection: €1,202. Second Collection: €830. Thank you for your support of the Sunday collections and of the parish by (1) Standing Orders or (2) Family Offering Envelopes or (3) the Parish Draw, If you cannot attend Mass, you might consider donating to the First or Second Sunday Collections 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. In these times of uncertainty and financial strain for many people, we sincerely thank all who have been in a position to continue their contributions to the Sunday Collections and to the running of the Parish.

August 2020 Parish Draw Winners

Congratulations to the lucky winners in the August 2020 Parish Draw, which took place on 9 September 2020, namely: €1,000 First Prize: No. 7 — B Power; €500 Second Prize: No. 337 — B O'Brien; €250 Third Prize: No. 539 — D Greene. Sincere thanks to all who support the Parish Draw and good luck to everyone in next month's Draw.

The Malahide Bethany Bereavement Support Group

Continues to offer support to those who have been bereaved during the Covid-19 pandemic. See Parish website homepage www.malahideparish.ie.

Malahide Senior Citizens Christmas Dinner 2020

The Malahide Senior Citizens Christmas Dinner will not take place this year. The Committee wish all their senior friends a safe Christmas.

MALAHIDE PARISH FINANCIAL RESULTS 2019

The financial outturn for the year ending 31st December 2019, detailed below, was an excess of Income over Expenditure of €16,939. This leaves the parish finances in a healthy position.

Because of the COVID 19 pandemic, 2020 will be a challenge. Rental income will be severely impacted and fundraising opportunities outside of the Parish Draw may not arise. However operating costs may be lower.

Sunday Collections and Christmas & Easter Dues

Contributions to the Sunday collections and Christmas & Easter Dues are not included in the Parish accounts as they go directly to the Diocese. The First collection and the Christmas & Easter Dues go to a Diocesan Common Fund from which all the priests of the diocese are remunerated. The Second Collection (Share collection) goes to the support of developing parishes and Diocesan administration. The Second collections which replace Share from time to time go to support the work of Crosscare, Accord etc.

The Sunday Collections for 2019 were as follows:

First Collection	€99,555
Second Collection (Share)	€69,759
Second Special Collections (Crosscare, Accord, SVP, etc)	€35,717
Christmas & Easter Dues	€71,612

Finally

I wish to thank all Parishioners for their generosity in supporting the parish through Family Offerings and the various fundraising events, e.g. the Parish Draw, Golf outing and the Christmas Fair during 2019. Your support is key to the running of the parish and its day to day and future maintenance.

I also want to thank all Parishioners for their contributions to the Sunday Collections and Christmas & Easter Dues in 2019.

More detailed information about any aspect of the Parish finances can be provided if you contact the Parish Office or myself,

Fr Kevin Moore

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE (produced 16th August 2020)

INCOME	Y/E 2018	Y/E 2019
Family Offering (Incl S/Os & envelopes)	€84,808	€92,814
Tax refund on contributions	€39,020	€48,078
Rental income	€96,14	€112,107
Shrine income	€46,350	€41,276
Fundraising	€61,844	€59,331
Donations, bequest & other	€17,641	€18,936
TOTAL	€345,807	€372,542
EXPENDITURE	Y/E 2018	Y/E 2019
Salaries & wages	€131,978	€139,735
Choirs & music	€12,896	€11,818
Utilities (water, light, heat)	€39,702	€25,839
Bank interest & charges	€1,983	€2,207
Repairs, cleaning & maintenance	€63,817	€46,805
Office, tel, post, stationery	€28,471	€22,599
Professional fees	0	0
Insurance	€14,254	€14,563
Liturgical & pastoral exps	€2,670	€8,406
Depreciation	€83,152	€83,631
TOTAL	€378,925	€355,603
Net income/exp. (minus figures)	- €33,118	+ €16,939