

St Sylvester's Parish Newsletter



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Gospel Reflection

It's been one of those years that most of us will never forget. Due to the coronavirus, churches were closed and the mission of Christ looked as though it was put on hold. But thanks to Facebook and webcams, this mission continued with Mass and prayer services broadcast to people's homes. It was a new way of living one's faith. Wherever a priest or religious is placed on mission, they are workers in the vineyard, called to animate the baptised faithful in using their talents and gifts to communicate the message of Christ and his church. Jesus is praying for the success of his mission, that the world may come to know God through the efforts of every missionary. Working with the poor who have very little worldly possessions one encounters a humility that they display before God and others.

I had the privilege of working in Ecuador, in South America, as a missionary for eight and a half years. Living among the poor, I came to realise that in the end the most important thing to have is faith in God. No achievements, no wealth, no honours placed upon me in this world can win me eternal life. Only one thing that matters: to know Christ Jesus and believe in him who is praying for us as we proclaim the gospel. The poor taught me that faith brings true happiness. This weekend, give generously so that more missionaries will be able to work with the poorest of the poor in being there to celebrate the sacraments and preach the gospel.

Fr P.J. Hughes

Arrangements for Level 3 Covid-19 Directives

- **Sunday & Weekday Masses Suspended**
Level 3 restrictions have led to the suspension of public worship and no Masses or Services will take place in Dublin churches except for weddings and funerals.
- **Sunday Masses on Webcam in the Parish Cluster**
While Dublin is at Level 3, online Sunday Masses will be available locally in Yellow Walls Church on Saturdays at 6:00pm and on Sundays, a Family Mass, at 10:00am. Go to www.yellowwallsparish.ie. There is also Mass on Sundays at 11:00am in Portmarnock Parish. Go to www.portmarnockparish.ie.
- **Weekday Masses on Webcam in the Parish Cluster**
Online weekday Mass will be from Yellow Walls parish at 10:00am from Monday to Friday.
- **Other Online Weekday Masses**
Weekday Mass is also available at 10:30am in the Pro-Cathedral www.procathedral.ie and on the RTÉ News Now channel. A comprehensive list of Churches with scheduled Mass times is available from <https://www.churchservices.tv/>.
- **Church Opening Hours for Private Prayer**
As of now, St Sylvester's Church will be open both morning and afternoon for private prayer. Please exercise physical distancing when visiting the Church. See www.malahideparish.ie for any updates.

Parish Notices

Mass Intentions: October 18th — October 25th

Sun: James Flynn (3rd A); Nuala Hayes (A); Eileen Keating RIP; Michael Keogh (4th A); Anne & Des McDunphy (A); Monica McKenna (A); Jerome & Florrie Murphy (A); Bea Anne O'Connor (1st A); Bernard Owens (A); Deceased members of the Walshe Family; Frank Ward (1st A). **Next Sun:** Karen Clarke (3rd A); Ronan & Tony Dunne (A); Brian Gregan (A); Anthony Lynn & family (A); John Lynn (A); Deceased members of the Lyons and Morley families; Helen McDermott (A), Shaun & Renee O'Dwyer (A); Frank Ward (1st A).

Collections Via The Parish Office OR The Donate Button

October 11th: First Collection: €430 for the Diocesan Common Fund which supports priests of the Dublin diocese. Second Collection: €320 to SHARE supporting diocesan administration and assists low-income parishes. For those who can afford to, you can donate by placing your contribution in the boxes at the back of the Church or by getting in touch with the Parish Office by phone (01 845 1244) or by e-mail (stsylvesters@malahideparish.ie) or else by using the DONATE button on the Parish homepage www.malahideparish.ie. In these times of uncertainty and financial difficulty, 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.

September 2020 Parish Draw Winners

Congratulations to the lucky winners in the September 2020 Parish Draw, which took place on 14 October 2020, namely: €1,000 First Prize: No. 561 — T O'Neill; €500 Second Prize: No. 270 — J Whelan; €250 Third Prize: No. 9 — J Harford. Sincere thanks to all who support the Parish Draw and good luck to everyone in next month's Draw.

St Sylvester's Malahide November Mass of Remembrance

The Special Mass remembering all who have died in our Parish over the past twelve months or so will take place on Friday, November 6th, at 7:30pm. This Mass is organised by the Parish Bethany Support Group who have been planning how best to organise the Mass in these Covid-19 times. With so much uncertainty and anxiety concerning the virus, a decision has been taken to celebrate the Mass online from www.yellowwallsparish.ie.

Rosary From Yellow Walls Parish:

During the month of October the Rosary will be said on the Parish Webcam, www.yellowwallsparish.ie at 8:00pm Mon — Fri for all in our Parish Grouping and concluding with 'Night Prayer of the Church'. Those suffering because of Covid-19 will be remembered as well as praying for a cure and a vaccine.

World Mission Sunday

World Mission Sunday takes place this weekend on Sunday, October 18th. In basic terms, World Mission Sunday is the Holy Father's annual direct appeal for spiritual and financial support so that the life-giving work of missionaries can continue.

It always falls over the second last weekend in October and is one of three yearly Universal Church collections. Since its announcement as a Papal Collection, all parishes worldwide have taken up a collection at the Sunday Masses to aid the work of missionaries and mission overseas. World Mission Sunday is helping communities to build schools, clinics, parish halls and Churches for marginalised communities and missionaries. It provides missionary programmes that protect and care for children's wellbeing by offering safe shelter, healthcare, education and hope for the future

This weekend, parishes in over 120 countries will celebrate World Mission Sunday. Many are surprised to know that World Mission Sunday collections take place in every single parish where the Church is present. This includes not only Ireland and across Europe, but also in poorer parishes in the developing world. World Mission Sunday is a moment of universal solidarity, when each member of the Church family, regardless of location or background, can play their part in supporting each other. This is why it is such a special and vital celebration. The collection is a lifeline, not only to missionaries, but also the future of the Church.

Right now, missionaries desperately need our support. In many poorer parishes in Africa, Asia, and Latin America, missionaries are on the front line. They already do so much. Walking hand-in-hand with marginalised communities, long before and long after any emergency. Worryingly the pandemic means World Mission Sunday is in real jeopardy. The pandemic has brought about even more challenges in many war-torn countries but also these crises will remain thereafter. The worldwide pandemic means that less of us can physically attend Mass, resulting in less offerings in the basket. Its implications for suffering overseas communities in the months ahead will be devastating. COVID-19 brings fear, but it also shows us that selfless and courageous actions are not reserved solely for saints. In fact, they can be found in every one of us, and that by standing in solidarity together we can do more. Show missionaries you care by supporting World Mission Sunday. Your prayers and generosity will change lives.

Envelopes are available in the Church if you wish to make a donation or you can send a donation directly to 'World Missions Ireland', 64 Lower Rathmines Road, Dublin D06 N2H1 or you can donate at www.wmi/mission, call Fiona in World Missions Ireland on 01 497 2035, or lodge money directly: IBAN: IE12 BOFI 9007 5456 9616 36, BIC: BOFIE2D, Account Name: Society for the Propagation of the Faith. You can donate €4.00 by texting the word 'Mission' to 50300. (Texts cost €4). World Missions Ireland will receive a minimum of €3.60. Service Provider: LikeCharity. Helpline: 076 680 5278. Republic of Ireland only). Further information email: info@wmi.ie or www.wmi.ie.

Our Parish

Parish Office

Open Monday to Friday: 10:00am — 12:30pm. You can also contact the Parish Office by e-mail: stsylvesters@malahideparish.ie or telephone: 01 845 1244.

Parish Centre

The Centre is returning to normal with hygiene procedures and new guidelines in place to ensure your safety. It has great facilities for meetings or training sessions. Contact Sharon O'Sullivan, Centre Manager at 086 049 2369 or e-mail sharon@malahideparishcentre.com.

Parish Café

The Parish Café would love to welcome you as their guest and serve you a lovely cup of coffee and a nice snack. If out and about and considering a snack or a coffee please consider the 'Parish Café'. The Café also has convenient outdoor facilities. Some new guidelines, practices and hygiene procedures are in place to ensure your safety and enjoyment while taking time out for a snack or to meet up with a friend.

Special Notice

Bethany Bereavement

The Malahide Bethany Bereavement Support Group continues 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 welcome anyone who would like to join our on-line Monday morning group. Please contact us at 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.

Please send news items to newsletter@malahideparish.ie to reach us by 12:00 noon Wednesdays.