

SAINT SYLVESTER'S CHURCH, MALAHIDE, CO. DUBLIN ~ JANUARY 2017

The report that you are about to read is the result of the work of a survey conducted by a sub-committee of the Parish Pastoral Council here in St. Sylvester's Parish, Malahide.

The report outlines in detail something of what happens in a parish and specifically here in Malahide.

It is like a snapshot from a moment in time in the early months of 2016 that captures the parish at that moment. We get a picture of the work the different groups do and where they are at in themselves at that particular time as well as some background information on their origin, their work, their future plans and their challenges.

In reading the research and the report one cannot but be heartened by so many people voluntarily involved in a wide variety of activities.

The aim of the questionnaire was not just to get a picture of the parish groups as they are now along with their needs and challenges but it was also a way of trying to inform the people who are the parish volunteers that The Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) wanted them to know that they are appreciated in what they do and that we want to support and protect them in the important work that they are doing in the parish and as part of the Catholic Church in the world of today.

This report is a start. It is also the work of volunteers. I thank the sub-committee who undertook to do the survey and all the group leaders for their help and co-operation. In particular I would like to thank Marie Carney who co-ordinated all aspects of the questionnaire and report. It is a wonderful document for us to have about our parish and I hope that you will have found reading through the report and the survey to have been beneficial.

In reading through the report and the work of the different groups, one is conscious of a rich heritage that volunteers have created and which makes St. Sylvester's a parish in which people easily feel at home in and speak of their parish with pride.

Yours faithfully,

Fr. Kevin Moore