



St Sylvester's Parish Newsletter

Fr. Martin Noone Moderator/Co-PP

Fourth Sunday Of Easter

Fr. Peter Byrne Team Assistant

21st April 2024

CONFIRMATIONS

We send our congratulations to the pupils of St. Oliver Plunkett School who received the Sacrament of Confirmation last Wednesday and Thursday. It was a lovely occasion. We hope they enjoyed the day and will carry with them an awareness of the Holy Spirit always at work in their lives. May the Holy Spirit help guide them along the path in life that is best and enables them to find and treasure all that is truly important in life and comes from God. We congratulate their parents for whom Confirmation Day is special and celebrates the love and goodness of the Lord that they bring to their child's life. We thank the wonderful sponsors who add significantly to the meaning of the ceremony. We thank and congratulate in a special way the teachers in St. Oliver Plunkett School who have been excellent in preparing the candidates for their Confirmation. We thank the School choir whose singing was lovely to hear, the talented musicians and all associated with the Confirmations including those who prepared the church for this special day with flowers, banners and bunting.

NEW PRAYER GROUP FOR OUR PARISHES

You are invited to join us in praying with the Scriptures every **Tuesday at 8:00pm** in the Parish Centre. For details call 087-2429540. All welcome.

MASS SCHEDULE

MARCH – JUNE 2024

	KINSEALY	MALAHIDE	PORTMARNOCK	YELLOW WALLS
SATURDAY		10:00AM	6:30PM	6:00PM
SUNDAY	11:00AM	8:30AM 11:30AM	10:30AM 12:00NOON	10:00AM 12:00NOON
MONDAY - FRIDAY	10:00AM WEDNESDAY & FRIDAY	10:00AM MONDAY & TUESDAY	10:00AM EXCEPT TUESDAY	9:30AM EXCEPT WEDNESDAY

Confession in St. Sylvester's Church after Saturday 10:00am Mass when possible.

MASS INTENTIONS 21ST – 28TH APRIL 2024

SUNDAY 21ST APRIL

8:30AM: Ann & Eddie Moran (A); Kathleen & Patrick O'Driscoll (A)
11:30AM: Con Crowley (A); Sean Halpin (A); Vivienne Hughes (RIP / Birthday remembrance); Lily McSwiggan (A); Pat O'Connor & Timlin family (A); Deceased members of O'Hagan family - Hugh (40th A) & Laura, their son Hugh and granddaughter Geraldine; Sean & Anne O'Neill (A); Deceased members of the Quinn family.

MON: Shared Mass Intentions **TUES:** Karolina Frankiewicz (RIP / Birthday remembrance); Nellie McDonnell (A); Tony O'Flynn (4th A) **THURS:** Service of the Word **SAT:** Shared Mass Intentions

SUNDAY 28TH APRIL

11:30AM: Michael Cave (8th A); Maura, Kerry, Joe & Kieran Gunning (A); Maura Loughrey (Month's Mind); Catherine McGuirk (5th A); Joseph McLoughlin Snr (1st A) & his son Joseph McLoughlin Jnr (A); Lena McMyler (10th A); Mary O'Connor (60th A)

RECENT BAPTISMS

We welcome into our Christian community the following who were baptised recently: Lily, Fionn, Sofia, Jamie, Tess, Esme, Cara and Radek.

MARCH 2024 PARISH DRAW WINNERS

Congratulations to the lucky winners in the March 2024 Parish Draw, which took place on 15 April 2024, namely: €1,000 First Prize: No. 738 — H Carroll; €500 Second Prize: No. 180 — G Deeter; €250 Third Prize: No. 346 — C Bands. Sincere thanks to all who support the Parish Draw and good luck to everyone in next month's Draw.

PARISH OFFICE

The Parish Office is open from 10:00am — 12:30pm Monday to Friday except Thursday when it opens at the later time of 10.30am.

“I AM THE GOOD SHEPHERD”

Today's Gospel speaks about sheep. This image of sheep would have been much more familiar to the audience that St. John was writing for than it is for us today. Jesus declares: ***“I am the good shepherd”*** twice in this reading. It's a key image of Jesus from the Gospels and has often finds its way into religious art as consoling and comforting image.

Pope Francis has spoken about ministers having the “smell of their sheep”, which suggests being close to the people they are caring for.

There is also a focus on listening in this parable. The sheep “listen” to the voice of Jesus. We too need to be attentive to the word of God in our lives. Father Martin Hogan says: *“We need that element of silence in our lives in our lives, at least occasionally.”*

When referring to sheep and lambs. I often think how Jesus chose to appear as a lamb on the altar at the apparition at Knock. The Cistercian writer, Father Berchmans Walsh, said that Knock is only apparition known to him in the world where the Lamb of God appears. I recall this particularly as we approach the Dublin Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock on Saturday April 27th. Please contact the Portmarnock parish office at Tel: 01-846 1561 if you would like to join the pilgrimage.

Saint John XXIII once said that *“the church is like an old village fountain and, from its tap, fresh water must always flow.”* Reflecting on these words, Father Martin Hogan says that the church always has the responsibility to ensure that the fresh water of Jesus is always flowing.

In the Gospel today, Jesus speaks about the very close relationship that exists between the shepherd and his flock. As is said in the letter of St. Paul to the Thessalonians: *“the one who calls you is faithful.”* (5:24). As we continue to journey through this Easter season, may we be inspired by the Good Shepherd as the one who *“lays down this life for his sheep.”*

Deacon Gerard

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Why not join us for an hour of Eucharist Adoration, Holy Rosary, music, prayer and silence every Thursday from 7:30pm—8:30pm in St. Sylvester's Church. All welcome.



MALAHIDE LOURDES PILGRIMAGE

7th—11th July with Spiritual Director 779pp sharing. Please contact Jo Morris on 087-6163648 for details.

COLLECTIONS — THANK YOU

1st Collection: €1,500 — for the Diocesan Common Fund which supports priests of the Dublin Diocese, including the sick and retired.

2nd Collection: €935 — for developing parishes and diocesan administration.

'NIGHT LIGHT' OUTREACH WITH ADORATION

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is taking place in St Sylvesters Church on Friday 26th April from 7:00pm to 10:00pm, while members of the Legion of Mary and volunteers will invite passers by to come into the Church and place prayer petitions before the exposed Blessed Sacrament. Many young people come into Malahide on Friday evenings to socialise so this is an ideal occasion to invite them into the Church for a few minutes to offer a petition to the Lord. There will be music in the Church, and people are invited to come to St Sylvesters for a while between 7:00pm and 10:00pm on Friday 26th April to support this event. Organised by the Legion of Mary Malahide.

GENERATION TECH

If you would like to join the students from Malahide Community School to learn how to get the best from your laptops, tablets or phones, please join us every Tuesday at 10:30am in the Parish Centre.

AGE ACTION

Age Action is currently seeking new learners to participate in their Getting Started Digital Training programme commencing on the 30th of May and running until the 27th of June. Call Age Action at 01-4756989.

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