



St Sylvester's Parish Newsletter

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Fifth Sunday Of Easter

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28th April 2024

“Let us allow space for the Holy Spirit to enter our lives and our decisions and to help us on to the right road”

A Carmelite priest once told me that “We [should] turn to God who is our help both now and always.” Saint Oscar Romero once said “No prayer fully expresses our faith.”

We are now approaching the end of the Season of Easter with the Feast of the Ascension and Pentecost a few weeks away. This is a good time for prayer and reflection as we await the coming gifts of the Holy Spirit. Let us allow space for the Holy Spirit to enter our lives and our decisions and to help us on to the right road. This is a beautiful time of grace in the church as we go forward in hope. May we all embrace this opportunity.

So, let us pray that this Easter season will be a time of renewal and rebirth in our own lives. That we may be enlightened and encouraged by the Holy Spirit as we continue on our journey of faith.

The writer Thomas Merton said: “Not all are called to be hermits but all need enough silence and solitude in their lives to enable the deep inner voice of our true self to be heard at least occasionally.”

It is really important that we give ourselves the time and space during this Easter season to reflect on the love of Jesus and his mercy for each and every one of us. Whether that may be at the beginning or end of the day or for a few moments with a piece of scripture, we should allow ourselves some time and space for prayer and reflection.

I will conclude with the words of Pope Leo the Great once said, “Jesus is the hand of God’s mercy stretched out towards us”. May we all embrace this mercy through prayer during this Easter season .

Deacon Gerard

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

Service of the Word in St. Sylvester's Church every Thursday at 10.00am.
Confession in St. Sylvester's Church after Saturday 10:00am Mass when possible.

MASS INTENTIONS 28TH APRIL – 5TH MAY 2024

SUNDAY 28TH APRIL

8:30AM: Tom & Rita Martin (A); Seamus O’Connell (A) **11:30AM:** Michael Cave (8th A); Mary Doherty (RIP); 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) Mary O’ Rourke (14th A)

MON: Shared Mass Intentions **TUES:** Mary Cowhie (RIP) **THURS:** Service of the Word **SAT:** Patrick O’Connell (A)

SUNDAY 5TH MAY

8:30AM: Paddy & May Kelly (A); Kay Twomey (A) **11:30AM:** Hollie Adams O’Rourke (A); Ilija Boras (RIP); Ronan Dunne (A); John & Margaret Farrell (RIP); Mark Joyce (7th A); Kathleen & Dermot Kieran (A); Alan Markey (10th A); Tony Murtagh (Month’s Mind); Rita Stimpson (A); Agnes & Tony Roche (A); Vlatko Simic (RIP)

RECENTLY DECEASED. We extend our sympathy to the families of Anna Browne and Daniel Murphy whose funerals took place during the week.

THE NEXT ST PADRE PIO DEVOTIONS AND MASS

Will take place on Friday May 3rd at 7:30pm at Sacred Heart Church, Seabury.

Celebrant will be the Very Reverend Father Bryan Shortall OFM, Capuchin Franciscan, who will give a blessing with a relic of St. Pio. All are welcome. This mass will continue to be celebrated on the first Friday of every month.

LAY MINISTRY SUNDAY 28TH APRIL

(Help shape the future of our Church through lay ministry)

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I am continually inspired by the spirit of faith and care that animates our Catholic community, even as we face the reality of so few vocations to the priesthood. This is a time of listening, discernment and renewed pastoral action for all of us in the Church, clergy, and lay people. The vitality of our Church increasingly relies on our lay people to step into leadership and service roles with courage and love. In the past year, we can point to green shoots emerging through efforts associated with our Building Hope initiative. The Diocesan Certificate in Catechesis, provided by the Office of Mission and Ministry, is a good example. Announced last May, it has been a real success. This in-demand programme examines the vocation and mission of the participants inspired to share their faith with others. Thanks to your support, it gives them the tools to assist others on their faith journey.

Other creative programmes supporting lay people to nurture their adult faith, and engage with young people include, 'Servant Leadership', 'Pathways', 'Lay Funeral Leadership', 'Confirmation Connect' and the Laudato Si' Awards, as well as the 'Just Lent' campaign which focused on Christian social justice during Lent. These programmes help us to stop and 'abide' with Jesus to realise God's loving presence with us.

In the light of all these significant initiatives, I ask for your generous support for the Lay Ministry Collection today. Your contributions are vital in sustaining and expanding these initiatives, ensuring our Church remains a vibrant beacon of hope and faith in the world. May the Lord bless you generously and help you find ways to bear fruit for Him and each other in abundance. There can be a new beginning for each of us as we allow our sense of Christian faith, hope and love to grow within us. But that is only the first step. We are called at Baptism, all of us, to speak joyfully of the presence of the risen Christ to us and of the difference the Holy Spirit makes in our lives: 'We know that he lives in us by the Spirit that he has given us.' (1 John 3: 24).

I invite you to consider your role in the mission handed on to us by Jesus. Together, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we can forge a path of hope and renewal for our Archdiocese.

Dermot Farrell Archbishop of Dublin

MALAHIDE BETHANY BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT

Offers both individual and group support to the bereaved. A bereavement support group is held at 10:30am every Monday (except bank holidays) in the Parish Centre. To speak confidentially to a member of the Bethany team, telephone 0877936189 or visit the website www.malahideparish.ie/bethany

COLLECTIONS — THANK YOU

1st Collection: €1,330 — for the Diocesan Common Fund which supports priests of the Dublin Diocese, including the sick and retired.

2nd Collection: € 840— for developing parishes and diocesan administration.

MALAHIDE LOURDES PILGRIMAGE

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

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.

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.

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 on the following dates at 10:30am in the Parish Centre.

Tuesday 30th of April

Tuesday 7th of May

Tuesday 14th of May

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