



St Sylvester's Parish Newsletter

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Divine Mercy Sunday

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7th April 2024

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Divine Mercy Sunday will be celebrated **today 7th April** in St. Anne's Church, Portmarnock commencing at 2.45pm and concluding with Mass at 4.00pm.

DUBLIN DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK

Archbishop Dermot Farrell will lead the Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock on **Saturday, 27th April 2024.**

A bus will depart from the Car-park of St. Anne's Church, Portmarnock at 7:30am. The bus will stop for tea and scones in Mullingar on the way to Knock, and for dinner at 7:00p.m. on the return trip. The total cost is 60 euro and it would be appreciated if a deposit of 20 euro be forwarded to the Parish Office Portmarnock Parish. For more details please contact 087 6293744.

NEW PRAYER GROUP FOR OUR PARISHES

You are invited to join us in praying with the Scriptures on **Tuesday 9th April at 7.30pm** in the Parish Centre. For information Call 087-2429540. All are welcome.

MALAHIDE SENIORS SOCIAL

Malahide Seniors Social will meet tomorrow Monday **8th April at 2:00pm** in the Gaffney Hall. Afternoon Tea, chat, Sing-Along, crafts and Activities. All Seniors and their carers welcome. Dementia friendly.

MASS SCHEDULE

MARCH – JUNE 2024

| | KINSEALY | MALAHIDE | PORTMARNOCK | YELLOW WALLS |
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| 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 7TH—14TH APRIL 2023

SUNDAY

8:30AM Robert Clancy (RIP); Maeve Derham (RIP); Peter Duffy (RIP/ Birthday Remembrance); Michael McMahon (40th A); Paul O'Dwyer (A); Conor Ryan (RIP)

11:30AM Edwin & Rose Bossonet (A); Eilish Cleary (RIP); Colette Corrigan (1st A); Bessie Hatch (A); Catherine Hatch (RIP); Helen & Michael McElligott (A); Mary & Brendan McGrath (50th Wedding Anniversary); Annie & Steve McKenna (A); Mary Miller (6th A); Bernard Murphy (A); John O'Neill (RIP); Billy O'Neill (RIP); Peggy & Joe O'Neill (A); Ciaran Smith (A); Thomas & Ann Walsh (A)

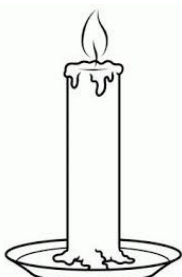
MON: Shared Mass Intentions **TUES:** Noreen Handley (RIP); Fr. Angelus O'Neill (RIP) **THURS:** Service of the Word **SAT:** Alice O'Connell (RIP); Eilish Cleary (RIP)

NEXT SUNDAY

8:30AM Shared Mass Intentions **11:30AM** John & Kathleen Gunning (A); Caroline Marlborough (A)

RECENTLY DECEASED. We extend our sympathy to the families of Brian O'Connell and Tony Murtagh whose funerals took place during the week.

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, visit www.malahideparish.ie/bethany or phone 087 793 6189 to learn more about how Bethany accompanies those seeking support with their grief.

“Blessed are those who have not seen but yet believe.”

The Season of Easter lasts for fifty days between Easter Sunday and Pentecost and is slightly longer than the Season of Lent which has just concluded. In the coming weeks, let us celebrate and share our Easter joy with those we meet who may need inspiration and encouragement.

In today's Gospel, Jesus gives us his final beatitude: *“Blessed are those who have not seen but yet believe.”* Jesus is telling us that there is a “greater blessedness”, as Father Martin Hogan describes it, for those who have faith in God without having seen him.

Saint Thomas needed a bit of convincing. He missed out on the first appearance of the Risen Jesus after the resurrection. Perhaps he was disappointed not to have shared in the incredible story being told by the other apostles and needed further proof. In doing so, he speaks for many believers down through the centuries, who have had doubts about their faith and needed extra assurance. We then have Saint Thomas's remarkable profession of faith which has found their way into one of the memorial acclamations following the consecration at mass: *“My Lord and My God.”*

Although not recorded directly in the Gospels many Saints have written about how the Risen Jesus appeared to Our Lady after his resurrection. St Teresa of Avila tells us in one of her visions of Christ: The Lord said to her, *“On my resurrection I went to Our Lady who was in great need.... and I stayed long with her for she was in very great need of consolation”.*

Saint Vincent Ferrer, the Spanish Dominican, says: *Jesus' first visit was to the Virgin Mary, His Mother, is expressly taught by St. Ambrose, where he says: 'Mary saw the Resurrection of Christ, and she was the first to see it.' “Mary had suffered more than anyone else in the Passion of Her Son. He, therefore, was sure to give her consolation in preference to all others.”*

As we celebrate the fifty days of this Easter Season which brings us to Pentecost on Sunday May 19th, may we share Our Lady's joy at the resurrection of her Son Jesus which brings new life for us all.

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.



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.

COLLECTIONS — THANK YOU

1st Collection: €2,275 — for the Diocesan Common Fund which supports priests of the Dublin Diocese, including the sick and retired.

2nd Collection: €1,590 — for developing parishes and diocesan administration.

THE POWER TO SAVE A LIFE IS IN YOUR HANDS

An **Adult CPR / AED (defibrillator) community training day** will be held on **Saturday 13th April 2024** in the Grand Hotel, Malahide. The event will be facilitated by Malahide & Portmarnock Community First Responders / Irish Heart Foundation Registered Instructors and is organised by Malahide Lions Club. You can book your place on www.Eventbrite.ie. Alternatively, you can email cpr@lionsclubs.ie. If you have any queries, please contact 089 4585 090.

SAFETALK (SUICIDE ALERTNESS FOR EVERYONE)

Training for [safeTALK](http://www.safeTALK.ie) (Suicide Alertness for Everyone) will take place in Portrane on **Monday, 8th April 2024 9:30am - 1:00pm**

Where: Tayleur House Reception, St Ita's Campus, Portrane Demense, Portrane, Co. Dublin

This training is free and open to those over 18. For more details about this course, visit www.nosp.ie/training

TRÓCAIRE BOXES

Trócaire boxes may be returned to the Parish Office.

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