



St Sylvester's Parish Newsletter

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25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
24th September 2023

PARISH UPDATE

The choir sang at the 11.30 Mass for the first time after the summer break. The hymns were very uplifting and contributed to the beauty of the liturgy.

Thankfully the ceiling of the undercroft of the church has now been fixed.

A pilot team is now testing the Saint Sylvesters Community WhatsApp group. If successful it will soon be available to all Parishioners for urgent and important information.

During the week we had two funerals in the parish. Each funeral requires the coordination of the Parish office, the sacristy the Bethany group with the parish team. Thank you to all involved in such a sensitive ministry.

A big thank you to all the volunteers that answered the call to help Meals on Wheels.

LECTIO DIVINA

Lectio Divina resumes next Wednesday 27th September at 10:30am in the Prayer Chapel.

Contact 0860638074 for more information.

MINDING OUR MENTAL HEALTH

An Evening of Inspiration and Support. In aid of St. Francis Hospice. Keynote Speaker: Miriam O'Callaghan. Speakers: Dr. Alison Rooney (Psychologist), Ms. Belen Vazquez (Nutritionist) and Dr. Mark Harrold (Psychologist). Venue: The Grand Hotel, Malahide. On Wednesday, 11th October at 8:00pm. Tickets are €25 available from: Tickets.ie

MASS SCHEDULE

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

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

MASS INTENTIONS 24TH SEPTEMBER—1ST OCTOBER 2023

SUN: 8:30AM Michael & Marcella Gaffney (A) **10:00AM** Des Fay (A); Gerald O'Driscoll (A) **11.30AM** Florence Cassidy (1st A); Barry Falvey (A); Barbara Kennedy (2nd A); Hugh & Mary Madden (A); Matthew McNulty (6th A)

MON: Shared Mass Intentions **TUES:** Special Intention; Jerome & Florrie Murphy (A) **WED:** Catherine Condon (6th A) **THURS:** Service of the Word

NEXT SUN: 8:30AM Elizabeth & William Phelan and family (RIP); Paul O'toole (RIP) **10:00AM** Shared Mass Intentions **11.30AM** Máire Colleran (A); Des McDunphy (A)

RECENT BEREAVEMENTS: We extend our sympathy to the families of Neil Vaughan Buckley & Eileen Cunningham whose funerals took place during the week.

FIRST COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION

A programme of preparation will begin soon in the parish for any Catholic child who attends a non-Catholic school and whose parents wish them to receive the Sacraments of First Reconciliation (Confession), First Communion or Confirmation. Please contact the Parish Office on 01 845 1244 or at stsylvesters@malahideparish.ie for further information or to register your child.



SUPPORTING "ONE OF OUR OWN"

A "Cake Sale" will be held in the Parish Centre on Sunday, Oct 8th 2023, as per last year, all proceeds will go to support Kevin Daly, from Malahide, who volunteers with "Mellon Educate Charity" who help build schools in a township in Capetown, South Africa.

If you are free/willing to bake for the event, please contact Mary 087 1261559. You can also contribute by donating any of the listed acceptable items: pens, pencils, rulers, rubbers, markers, colouring pencils, giant chalk, A4 file pockets etc. Children's underwear or socks, aged 5/10 years, primary school jerseys, hair bobbins, tooth brushes & toothpaste, toy animals (plastic), Matchbox Cars or Aeroplanes & Soft toys .

“FAITH CAN BE FOUND IN UNEXPECTED PLACES”

When I was growing up in Navan Road parish, there were four full time priests who were kept busy with all kinds of different parish work and sacramental duties. I think we can safely say that these times are very unlikely to return in the foreseeable future. Parish Partnerships are the new reality as we try to collaborate in order to share the gospel message more effectively.

You may think that you need to be a bishop or a priest to make a difference to the church. But history shows us that this is not always the case. Of the three great patron saints of Europe, who renewed the church at different times of crisis, St Benedict, St Francis of Assisi and St Catherine of Siena, none of them were ordained as bishops or priests. St Benedict was a monk, St Francis of Assisi was a Deacon and St Catherine of Siena was a layperson and a member of the third order of the Dominicans.

Faith can often be found in unexpected places and amongst people who might surprise us. In the Gospel reading, Jesus was astonished at the faith of the Roman centurion who had asked for healing for his servant. We are told that Jesus was amazed by his faith and said, *“Not even in Israel have I found faith like this.”* We too can be amazed by the faith of others especially when we come across it out of the blue and where it might be least expected.

Pope Francis has said that it is in the peripheries that we encounter Jesus. We will never encounter Jesus if we live isolated in our own security and comfort. The more we reach out to other people in need, the more we realise that Jesus is there.

As we enjoy the beautiful, vibrant colours of the Autumn leaves, let us reflect on how our own harvest of faith can be more fruitful as we share our gifts and talents with our parish community and especially with those who are most in need.

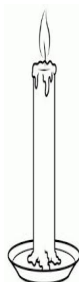
DEACON GERARD

RONAN COLLINS SINGS JOE DOLAN SONGS

Friday the 24th November 2023 Join Ronan, along with his live seven piece band and two backing vocalists under the direction of Eugene McCarthy, who will bring a wonderful excitement and sense of occasion to this show and in the unique setting of St. Sylvesters Church in Malahide. Tickets €38.00 available from the Parish Centre or Sharon on 086-0492369.

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 to learn more about how Bethany accompanies those seeking support with their grief.



COLLECTIONS — THANK YOU

1st Collection: €1,300— for the Diocesan Common Fund which supports priests of the Dublin Diocese, including the sick and retired.

Crosscare Collection: €1,855— Thank you for your support of the Crosscare collection and your support of the parish.

SERVICE OF THE WORD

Service of the Word resumed on Thursday 14th September at 10:00am. If you would like to participate please leave your name with Fr. Peter or Mary Kirk marymalahideparish@gmail.com.

CANAIMIS LE CHÉILE! LET’S SING!

Do you enjoy a sing-song with family and friends? Are you free on the first Monday of the month from 11:00am to 12:00pm? Would you like to join a singing together group upstairs in Malahide Library? No audition! We meet at 11.00am, starting Monday 2nd October to sing beautiful songs in Irish and in English with keyboard accompaniment. The songs in Irish may be familiar to you from days of yore! Don't forget your bottle of water! For further information and to register interest please contact Malahide Library at 01 8704430.



MALAHIDE MEALS ON WHEELS

Urgently need one volunteer coordinator and two kitchen helpers. The commitment is **one Friday a month** and all volunteers will be fully trained and supported. Please contact Sharon Whelan sharonwhln@gmail.com

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