

Mallow Parish Newsletter
Sunday 27th September 2020
26th Sunday of Ordinary Time Year A

T h o u g h t f o r t h e d a y

I have often thought how difficult it must be for parents to encourage and instil obedience in their children as they grow into adolescence. Rebellion and independent thinking can be a knee-jerk reaction, or saying 'yes' to a request and then dodging the bullet as it were afterwards are two common responses in teenage children. Nagging and disagreements may follow. The parable of the two sons who do their own thing correspond to Jesus listeners at the time, law-abiding Jews and sinners among them. Now 2000 years later, the parable is extended to us. There were among the Jews, priests and elders who had heard John the Baptist's call to repentance and yet refused to change. Are we the new Pharisees? Are we proud and disdainful, arrogant, casting aspersions, looking down on others, complacent? If so, then we are then in great danger of being overtaken and surpassed on the road to heaven by the very people we might dismiss, those who in their humility avail of God's mercy, turn aside from sin in the past, readily admit to past wrongs in confession. We must all be prepared to atone and make reparation for sin, trusting in the mercy of God, and open to experience a complete change of life through God's grace and mercy.

Letter sent to Bishop William Crean for parish newsletters

As part of being winter ready, the Influenza vaccine is commencing soon. Particularly this year we, your local GPs, would encourage folk to consider taking it. Stock will be limited until mid-October and then be plentiful and this is plenty of time to immunise oneself. Lots of information is available on HSE.ie. Consider vaccinating at your GP, Pharmacy or at Ireland First Drive thru Vaccination Clinic in Middleton.
With Thanks
On behalf of Local GPs, Dr Mike Thompson, Chair
East Cork Clinical Society

Important Notice

Covid 19, unfortunately, has not gone away. We all need to keep vigilant in following the guidelines: washing of hands and sanitising regularly, keeping social distance and avoiding large gatherings of people.

Some months ago the two metre distance between people was marked out in our churches, closing every second seat and placing a white sticker where a person may sit in a pew, generally 3 people per pew. You may not sit or stand anywhere else in the church.

Restrictions on numbers attending indoor gatherings means that not everybody who wishes to attend Mass safely can be accommodated. For the safety of everybody we ask those people who attend Mass on any weekday to please stay away from weekend Masses. This is to have space in the churches for people who cannot attend Mass on a weekday. Remember the obligation to attend Sunday Mass is still lifted.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

St. Mary's Church Thursday after 10 a.m. Mass until 5.30 p.m. Church of the Resurrection Friday after 9.15 a.m. until 10.15 a.m.



Confessions: St. Mary's Saturday after 10 a.m. Mass. Church of the Resurrection Friday after 9.15 a.m. Mass and from 5-6 p.m.

Baptisms: St. Mary's Church: Every Saturday at 5.00 p.m. and 1st, 3rd and 5th Sunday of the month at 1.00 p.m. Church of the Resurrection: 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month at 1.00 p.m. Forms can be downloaded from the website mallowparish.ie or available from Parish Office.

Mass cards available in Parish Office—offering plus card is €11. Office hours overleaf.

**Feasts of the Church calendar this week
26th Week in Ordinary Time**

Monday 28th September

Optional memorial of **Ss Lawrence Ruiz and Companions, martyrs**. During the period 1633-7 these sixteen martyrs shed their blood out of love for Christ in the city of Nagasaki, Japan.



Tuesday 29th September

Ss Michael, Gabriel and Raphael Archangels

Gabriel brought the message to Mary at the Annunciation (patron of tele-communications, radio and TV workers). **Raphael** guide to Tobias (patron of nurses, physicians, the blind). **Michael** has been venerated as protector of Christians in general and soldiers in particular (patron of radiologists, the sick, paratroopers).

Wednesday 30th September

St Jerome, priest and doctor of the Church

340-420, translated the Bible into Latin, known as the Vulgate, and wrote commentaries on scripture. Patron of librarians.



Thursday 1st October

St Thérèse of the Child Jesus, virgin and doctor of the Church

Marie François Thérèse Martin died at the Carmel in Lisieux on 30th September 1897. She was declared a Doctor of the Church by Pope John Paul II in 1997. Patron of missions, florists, aviators and France.



**Friday 2nd October:
The Guardian Angels**

We venerate the **Guardian Angels** seeking their constant protection.



Saturday 3rd October

Optional memorial of **Bl. Columba Marmion, priest**. Joseph, his baptismal name was born in Dublin in 1858 and ordained priest in Rome in 1881. He served as curate in Dundrum parish and then as professor in Holy Cross College, Clonliffe, before entering the Abbey of Maredsous, Belgium, in 1886. Elected as abbot, he received his abbatial blessing on 3 October 1909. He died on 30 January 1923. He was beatified in Rome on 1 September 2000.

Priests of our Parish:

Msgr. Anthony O'Brien, P.P., V.G. 087 6834193.
Fr. James Greene, C.C. 085 8471249.
Fr. Andrew Carvill, C.C. 022 51606.
Fr. John McCarthy, C.C. 086 8212101.

Sick Calls:- Please call 022 21251

Parish Office: 022 20276

Email: parishmallow@gmail.com

**Opening hours: Monday to Friday
9-10 a.m. 10.30-1.00 p.m. and 2-5 p.m.**

**PARISH WEBSITE www.mallowparish.ie
Watch Masses live from St. Mary's Church
by logging on to churchservices.tv/mallow**

Autumn Stations 2020

As you know a priest's income in this diocese comes from the Spring and Autumn Station offerings together with Christmas and Easter Offerings. As the churches were closed at Easter, many parishioners who do not use the parish envelope system did not have an opportunity to contribute their Easter Offerings. Since the Autumn Station Offering for the Priests of the parish is dated for next Sunday 27th September, we will offer the Station Masses in the churches beginning Monday 28th September. Due to Covid restrictions house stations unfortunately cannot be held this autumn.

Church of the Resurrection. All southside town station areas in the church on Monday 28th September at 7.30 p.m. **All southside country station areas** in the church on Tuesday 29th September at 7.30 p.m.

St Mary's Church. All northside town station areas in the church on Wednesday 30th September at 7.30 p.m.

All northside country station areas in the church on Friday 2nd October at 7.30 p.m.

All Burnfort Areas. Mass in Burnfort Church on Thursday 1st October at 7.30 p.m. No 9.30 a.m. Mass that morning.

All Analeentha Areas. Mass in Analeentha Church on Friday 2nd October at 7.30 p.m. No 9.30 a.m. Mass that morning.

If you are unable to attend your Station Mass you may put your station offering envelope in the collection box any Sunday or drop it in to any of the priests houses or the parish office. If you wish to pay electronically please visit the parish website, www.mallowparish.ie and press the "DONATE" button. Scroll down to "Autumn Station". Another option is to use bank transfer to the parish account using the following details.

Name of Account: Mallow Catholic Church;
IBAN:IE62 BOFI 9028 8012 2513 68; BIC
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