

# Mallow Parish Newsletter

## Sunday 25th October 2020

### 30th Sunday of Ordinary Time Year A

#### THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

The Sunday Gospel teaching of Jesus 'to love God with all your heart mind and soul and your neighbour as yourself' is as simple and as hard as it gets. All else is window dressing. This is a mission statement of morality and spirituality. It is the task of a lifetime. Note the priority – God, then neighbour, then self, and the importance of the word ALL in relation to God and at the word AS between neighbour and self. God alone is worthy of all our love, and other loves or lesser loves are on the context of this complete gift of self – heart, soul, mind and strength. It is more than a statement of intent; it is a way of life of striving to more fully appreciate what this love entails in practical living out and decision making, even to the tiniest details.

**To love and to be loved**, are the two great joyful discoveries awaiting each person. We are fortunate indeed if we discover these truths early. Many psychological and emotional disturbances occur in those who have not yet discovered the fact that they are unconditionally loved, and that this love can never be taken away no matter what happens to us; and that they (we) are lovable, warts and all. Many childhood experiences and the trials of life prevent us from reaching this state of tranquillity and acceptance readily. We are never going to be happy if we decide to live in splendid isolation, although we might want to choose to be; nor are we destined to eke out 'lives of quiet desperation'. If this love is not experienced, love is sought in vain self-centredness, also called narcissism. True self-love or self-regard is found in self-surrender to God AND others. We must completely surrender – and pray and say out loud often – to God that we choose to accept Jesus Christ as our PERSONAL Lord and Saviour – completely, whatever the consequences. The concern then for others –service - distracts us from self-pity and over-analysis, and we begin to see how we are gifts FOR others. It is a love we want to share. There is a whole world out there of people waiting to be listened to, whose problems we may not be able to solve, but who wish to unburden themselves. They are eager to hear Good News in a world of fear, pain and heartache and Covid... In giving may we too receive, and may we once more appreciate in our own lives 'the difference Christ makes.' Amen

Dear Friends,

As November approaches we remember to pray for our beloved dead. It is customary that each of the priests of the parish celebrates 12 Masses for the Holy Souls. Envelopes with a form for including the names of your dear departed loved ones are available at the back of both parish churches. We invite you to take away the envelope and form with you. Please return your filled in form and an offering in the sealed envelope to the parish. You can drop your envelope into the Parish Office during office hours and under the door of the office if the office is closed. Alternatively you can drop the envelope and offering into any of the priests houses. The lists of all the deceased will be placed in front of the altar for the month of November.

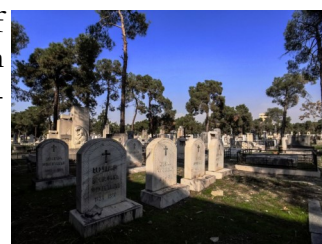


#### November Novena of Masses for the faithful departed.

**A Novena of Masses** for the faithful departed will be celebrated online in St Mary's Church at 7.30pm for 9 weekday evenings beginning on **Monday 2nd November which is All Souls Day and will continue until Thursday 12th November.**

#### Prayers in Cemeteries in November

Prayers will be offered each Sunday in November at 2pm for the faithful departed online for the deceased in each of the cemeteries in Mallow and Mourneabbey Parishes.



Details to follow.

## Important Notice

**PLEASE NOTE:  
LEVEL 5 RESTRICTIONS ARE  
NOW IN PLACE**

PLEASE VISIT OUR FACEBOOK PAGE  
FOR  
UPDATES  
CHURCHES REMAIN OPEN FOR  
PRIVATE PRAYER

**MASSES ON LINE AT ST MARY'S**

### **ADORATION AND CONFESSIONS:**

FRIDAYS 5.00 - 6.00PM AT CHURCH  
OF THE RESURRECTION

SATURDAYS 10.30 –11.30  
AT ST MARY'S

SUNDAY NIGHT **HOLY HOUR**  
ONLINE AT 7.30 PM AT ST MARY'S

FOR ALL OTHER QUERIES PLEASE  
CONTACT THE PRIESTS OF  
THE PARISH

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.



**Let us pray for an end to Covid, especially in this month of October dedicated to the Rosary.**

Don't forget that **Radio Maria** is available readily  
Join in for Live Evening Prayer from the Divine  
Office daily @ 5pm.

Prayer Intentions: Text/WhatsApp: 089 467 2000

Email: [info@radiomaria.ie](mailto:info@radiomaria.ie)

Listen in via: SAORVIEW Ch 210

App "Radio Maria Ireland"

Internet: <http://radiomaria.ie>

Facebook "Listen Live Radio"

## 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 WEBSITE** [www.mallowparish.ie](http://www.mallowparish.ie)  
Watch Masses live from St. Mary's Church  
by logging on to [churchservices.tv/mallow](http://churchservices.tv/mallow)



## Autumn Stations 2020

**We wish to thank you most sincerely for your generosity in the Autumn Station Masses held recently**

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. Due to Covid restrictions house stations unfortunately could not be held this autumn.

If you were 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](http://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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