

Mallow and Mourneabbey Parish Newsletter

Sunday 8th November 2020

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A (Prisoners' Sunday)

Memorial Masses for the faithful departed of the parish in the last 12 months

There will be a **memorial Mass to be celebrated online at St Mary's on this coming Friday 13th November at 7.30 pm** — remembering by name all those who have died in the last 12 months. We will remember all parishioners who died from October 2019 onwards. Please spread the word.

Please note that the names of all the deceased are on our Memorial Tree and all lists of deceased are in front of the altar at St Mary's Church.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY It's funny when we come across the source of an often cited quotation. We say to ourselves, 'oh, so that's where it comes from!' The saying 'you do not know the day or the hour' is one such saying, and comes from the parable of the wise and foolish virgins today.

This parable of the 5 wise and 5 foolish virgins, is, in fact, among the last of Jesus and when we look at the context of the Gospel Jesus is preaching towards the end of His own life.

We are all frightened by the shortness of life and our own mortality. When we are shaken by death we often see things with a renewed sense of gratitude that we can get up in the morning despite all our whinges at the demands and inconveniences that are made of us. Our worries are short-lived but we give thanks for what we have here and now. There is much symbolism in the parable. The oil in the lamp is the fuel needed to provide the light in the darkness, to guide the way, which the foolish virgins lack. What is this oil? Wisdom and virtue, as the First Reading tells us. This means discernment of what the most important things in life are, as well as a consciousness of why we are here, in this time and space and what our duties are to God and neighbour. The oil points to the light we are called to be to others, as well as pointing to Christ the Light We cannot give what we do not possess ourselves. Jesus said on the Sermon on the Mount. 'You are the light of the world; no one places a lamp under a bed or a bushel, but where it will be seen. You must let your light (your deeds) be seen, so that others may give praise to your Father in heaven.' The Lord is coming for each of us, each in turn; it is only a matter of when. We 'do not know the day or the hour.' May Our Lady pray for us 'now and at the hour of our death.' But as we say in the Mass - 'we wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.'

Dear Friends,

In this month of November we remember to pray for our beloved dead. **Each of the priests of the parish celebrates 12 Masses for the Holy Souls.**



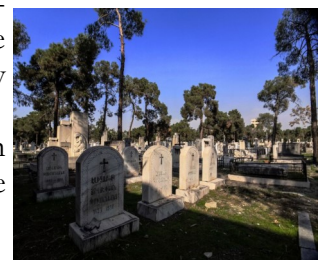
Envelopes with a form for including the names of your dear departed loved ones continue to be available at the back of both parish churches. We invite you to take away the envelope and form with you. Please return your completed form and an offering (at your discretion) in the sealed envelope to the parish. You may also wish to pass on an envelope to those who are sick and housebound who would wish to have their loved ones remembered and return the envelope on their behalf to the parish. You can drop your envelope into the Parish Office under the door of the office. Alternatively you can drop the envelope and offering into any of the priest's houses. Thank you for your cooperation.

November Novena of Masses for the faithful departed.

A Novena of Masses for the faithful departed of the parishes of Mallow and Mourneabbey will continue this week and Mass is celebrated online in St Mary's Church each week night at 7.30pm
until Thursday 12th November.

Prayers for those in our 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. Tune in on our parish website any Sunday.



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 adhering to 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.



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: in-
fo@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
Watch Masses live from St. Mary's Church
by logging on to churchservices.tv/mallow

**Can I continue to pray and gain indulgences
for the Faithful Departed?**

While Level 5 restrictions do make an allowance for a visit to a grave during this time, the Church - and the parish clergy - are keenly aware of difficulties people face in observing the customs associated with this time of year especially Masses for the Holy Souls and offering public prayers in cemeteries. This year there will be no official public prayers in the cemeteries themselves but prayer will be offered online at 2 pm this Sunday from St Mary's for the Faithful Departed of Mallow and Mourneabbey parishes. You may wish to visit the graves of loved ones in our own time these Sundays or on All Souls Day.



The Vatican has recently published new guidelines that take into account the difficulties people are encountering in customarily visiting a cemetery and praying for the dead to gain the Indulgence from November 1st-8th. You may now offer your prayers **on any day of November** to gain the Plenary Indulgence applicable to the souls of the dead. If you are prevented from visiting a grave you can offer mental prayer and set prayers such as the Rosary or Divine Mercy chaplet of Morning or Evening Prayer of the Church from the Office of the Dead.

Confessions are available at the usual times in St Mary's on Saturdays and Church of the Resurrection on Fridays