

Mallow and Mourneabbey Parish Newsletter

Sunday November 29th 2020

First Sunday of Advent Year B

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Resumption of Public Masses

As announced on Friday churches may reopen for public masses under strict conditions on the 1st of December.

Mass at 9:15am in Church of the Resurrection and Mass at 10:00 am in Saint Mary's will re commence on **Tuesday 1st of December.**

Wearing of masks during Mass, which we are already doing in Mallow, is now a requirement.

Volunteers needed

Volunteers are urgently required to sanitise both churches every evening. As this involves the use of fogging machines, we are asking healthy men to give an hour one evening a week to make the churches safe for all of us.

Please give your name and phone number to any of the priests before Wednesday 2nd of December.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

will take place from **2.00 pm to 6.00 pm** on the **four Sundays of Advent** in St Mary's Church. All are welcome but are subject to restrictions on numbers as per present guidelines. The usual public Holy Hour on Sundays is transferred to 5.00-6.00 pm. There will therefore be no Eucharistic Adoration at 7.30pm. Please spread the word. Thank you.



Stay awake! We know what it is like to be drowsy especially if we are awake and still up beyond our usual time for bed. The price to be paid for lack of sleep. We know what it is like to keep vigil at the sickbed or the deathbed of a loved one. We want to be there for their passing. We are there keeping watch. This is one kind of keeping vigil. Security of mind comes from the fact that we may have security cameras. It is better to have vigilant safeguards in place. There is another kind of 'watch': more akin to the Gospel today and that is the vigilance that is required of us to be attentive to one's duty. The term 'watch' is given to a time of the night when we are to be on the alert for the coming of an anticipated event. But what does being awake and alert mean for us here and now? Just as the last few Sundays of Ordinary Time reminded us of the need for vigilance – that of the men with the talents, or of the bridesmaids with oil for their lamps, because the Master is coming at an hour we do not expect. The lesson is clear: **our whole life – not just some part of it** – is meant to be one that is prayerful, but also one of vigilance to watch out for all the many occasions during our day when in thought, word or action we can be generous, patient and charitable. To be watchful therefore is to have a heightened sense that there are opportunities not to be missed where I can be an active Catholic Christian in my attentiveness to the performance of my religious duties. But it also means to be ever active in my resolve to watch out for other 'comings' of the Lord in the guise of those in need as last week's Gospel reminded us.

All this is what is meant by this first Advent Sunday:

- to keep watch in our - to stay awake as **'we wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Saviour Jesus Christ.'**

FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT

O Lord, stir up Thy might, we beg Thee, and come that by Thy protection we may deserve to be rescued from the threatening dangers of our sins and saved by Thy deliverance. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.



NOTICE RE MASSES

All Sunday Masses continue online
this weekend

**Daily Masses resume on
Tuesday December 1st as
Level 3 restrictions take effect.**

**Sunday Masses resume
this coming weekend
December 5th and 6th**

[Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception
December 7th/8th]

Please note—Government restrictions on numbers
attending Masses still apply

The dispensation from the Obligation to attend Mass
on Sundays and Holydays still applies

As Sunday Masses resume next Sunday we appeal to
daily Mass goers to forego attendance at Sunday Mass
to allow for those who can only attend on Sundays.

Thank you all for your cooperation
and understanding

ADORATION AND CONFESSIONS:

FRIDAYS 5.00 - 6.00PM AT CHURCH OF THE
RESURRECTION

Adoration on Sundays of Advent
2.00—6.00 pm

SATURDAYS 10.30 –11.30
at St Mary's after 10 am Mass

ALL MASSES AT ST MARY'S CONTINUE TO BE STREAMED ONLINE DAILY

We all need to keep vigilant in following the guidelines:
washing of hands and sanitising regularly, keeping so-
cial distance and avoiding large gatherings of people.

Don't forget that **Radio Maria** is available readily
Listen in via: SAORVIEW Ch 210
App "Radio Maria Ireland"

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.

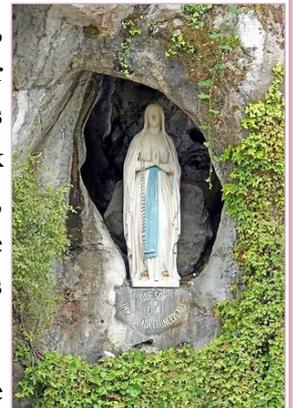
Sick Calls:- Please call 022 21251

PARISH WEBSITE www.mallowparish.ie

Watch Masses live from St. Mary's Church
by logging on to churchservices.tv/mallow

Lourdes Virtual Pilgrimage 2020 COMMEMORATIVE BOOK.

The curtailment of the Cloyne Diocesan Pilgrimage
to Lourdes early this year was a huge disappointment
to all. While we did not get to Lourdes physically, we
did get there virtually with a 'Virtual Pilgrimage'
taking place from May 29th to June 3rd 2020. To
commemorate the unique and
unusual pilgrimage experience,
a commemorative book on our
Virtual Pilgrimage of 2020 has
been compiled. This book
includes many photographs,
reflections, homilies and more
from our Virtual Pilgrimage this
year.



The book costs €10 and will be
available on Saturday December
5th from 12 noon– 1pm in the Carpark of the Church
of the Resurrection. We ask you to abide by HSE
Guidelines when purchasing a book to maintain
social distancing of 2 metres apart and to wear your
mask. Thank you.

Praying for the faithful departed - You may now offer
your prayers **on any day of November** to gain the
Plenary Indulgence applicable to the souls of the dead.

Please note that the labels with the names of all the
faithful departed for 2019/2020 on our November Tree
of Remembrance are available in the sacristy of St Mary's.
Thanks to all who decorated our churches in November.