

# Mallow and Mourneabbey Parish Newsletter

Sunday December 20th 2020

## Fourth Sunday of Advent Year B

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### ST MARY'S CHURCH

#### CONFESSIONS

SUNDAY 20TH DECEMBER 2.00 - 5.00 PM

MONDAY 21ST DECEMBER 10.30AM - 12 NOON

**MONDAY 21ST DECEMBER: PENITENTIAL SERVICE AT 7.30 PM**

TUESDAY 22ND DECEMBER 10.30 AM - 12 NOON

WEDNESDAY 23RD DECEMBER 10.30 AM - 12 NOON

AND 7.00 - 8.00 PM

*(NO SCHEDULED CONFESSIONS ON CHRISTMAS EVE)*

#### MASSES

*(All Masses in St Mary's may be followed at home on  
[www.churchservices.tv/mallow](http://www.churchservices.tv/mallow))*

CHRISTMAS EVE 3.00 PM

5.00 PM

7.00 PM

9.00 PM

CHRISTMAS DAY 8.30 AM AND 11.00 AM

ST STEPHEN'S DAY 10.00 AM

AND 6.30 PM (SATURDAY VIGIL)

SUNDAY 27TH DECEMBER 8.30 AM AND 11.00 AM

MON. 28TH DEC – FRI. 1ST JAN 10.00 AM

### RESURRECTION CHURCH

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### Parish Office, Mallow

The Parish Office will be open from 9.00 to 1.00 pm and 2.00 to 5.00 pm on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday this week.

The Office will remain closed over Christmas and the New Year.

It will re-open on January 4th

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** will take place from **2.00 pm to 6.00 pm** this Sunday afternoon 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.

Confessions are being heard from 2.00 to 5.00 pm. Fr John Keane is hosting a Holy Hour which will be streamed live at [churchservices.tv/Macroom](http://churchservices.tv/Macroom) this Sunday December 20th 2020.



## CHRISTMAS 2020 THANK YOU

Though the feast of Christmas will be celebrated very differently this year from former years, the virus will not prevent Christians all over the world marking the Nativity, the mystery of God becoming one of us to save us from our sins. 2020 has been a difficult year in so many ways for all sorts of people. The virus has had an impact on all our lives. We are only too well aware of the negatives. May I ask you to please reflect on the positive things you learned about yourself, your family, your faith, your community during the year? As your parish priest I wish to thank you for the various ways, many of them novel, in which you adopted the restrictions placed on your daily routines.

I wish to thank all who logged in, and continue to log in to our livestreaming of Masses, Holy Hours and devotions in St. Mary's Church. Thank you for your prayers for the priests and people of the parish during the year. Thank you for the way you cared for one another in all sorts of ways. A special thank you to all who helped with the reopening of the churches, stewards, cleaners, and those who have been fogging/sanitising the churches.

Your contributions to parish funds and the support of the clergy is very much appreciated.

Thanks: To Eucharistic Ministers and Readers and their coordinators.

To David, Tom and Eamonn in the sacristies.

To those who erected the cribs and Christmas trees and decorate the churches.

To Mallow Rotary/Chamber for the lights in the grounds in St. Mary's.

To Anne, Martina, Suzanne, and Willie in the parish centre.

To the members of our Parish Pastoral Council under our chairman John Lucey, who anchored our Zoom meetings during the year.

I owe a huge debt of gratitude to Fr. Andrew Carvill, Fr. Jimmy Greene and newly arrived Fr. John McCarthy and to Fr. Sean Corkery now joining the staff of St. Patrick's College Maynooth, national seminary.

It is very encouraging to see so many people visiting the churches to pray during the day. May the Lord reward you all. For me the greatest moment during the year was to see the faith of the people of Mallow who turned out for our novel Eucharistic Procession. Please continue to pray at home and in church when it is safe. May the Light of the Star of Bethlehem disperse all darkness, Covid-related and otherwise, this Christmas, and fill your lives with great joy in the knowledge that Jesus whose birth we celebrate is truly God and truly man.

Monsignor Anthony O'Brien, P.P.

## 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)**

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## NOTICE RE MASSES

### Level 3 restrictions are in effect.

Please note—Government restrictions on numbers attending Masses still apply

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

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

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.

**Date: 20 December 2020 in aid of the St Vincent de Paul Society**

A concert of original piano music from Emily Magner Hurley's recently released debut album, *Airs & Graces* (a solo piano album which blends the Irish traditional and 19th-century classical styles) and some vocal performances of classic Christmas songs.

For more details click on <https://www.svp.ie/emhforsvp>

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