

PARISHES OF MALLOW AND MOURNEABBEY



“O Little One, by little ones desired” - St Bernard

CHRISTMAS 2020

The Priests of the Parish of Mallow pray the blessings of the newborn

RESURRECTION CHURCH

MASSES

CHRISTMAS EVE

3.00 PM,

5.00 PM,

7.00 PM

9.00 PM

CHRISTMAS DAY

10.00 AM AND 12 NOON

MASSES ONLINE FROM ST MARY'S AFTER CHRISTMAS DAY

CONFESSIONS

MONDAY 21ST DECEMBER

9.45 - 10.30 AM

TUESDAY 22ND DECEMBER

9.45 - 10.30 AM

TUESDAY 22ND DECEMBER: PENITENTIAL SERVICE AT 7.30 PM

WEDNESDAY 23RD DECEMBER

9.45 - 10.30 AM

AND 5.00 - 6.00 PM

(NO SCHEDULED CONFESSIONS ON CHRISTMAS EVE)

A MESSAGE FOR CHRISTMAS 2020

Could the current Covid guidelines, inadvertently, lead us to reflect on the real meaning of Christmas? This Christmas many will probably have more time to reflect on the meaning of the birth of Jesus and how I am guided by His message in my daily life. The way we will celebrate Christmas this year, in our homes and in our churches, will not be like former years and will be recalled in years to come.

Let us be reminded that among the many miracles He worked, Jesus touched and cured those with an infectious disease, leprosy. He is with us in all our needs. We read in Isaiah; "I, the Lord, your God, I am holding you by the right hand; I tell you, "Do not be afraid, I will help you." Jesus says; "I came that you may have life and have it to the full" and "I want you to be happy always happy in the Lord".

Thank God our churches are open, with restrictions, for Masses. Please be aware of the continuous risk of infection and take all precautions to protect yourself and others. As we have accepted the impact Covid -19 restrictions have made on many of our routines, we must also accept the loss of many of our traditional Christmas practices this year, for the protection of all. Please wear your mask at all services.

IMPORTANT GUIDELINES FOR THOSE ATTENDING MASS AT CHRISTMAS

- Christmas Masses will necessarily be simpler than usual this year, without singing.
- Many of you, especially those in high risk or vulnerable categories or living with somebody vulnerable, may have become accustomed to watching Mass livestreamed from St Mary's. We ask you to give serious consideration to continue to watch livestreamed Masses from your home on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.
- The bishops of Ireland have announced that attendance at ANY ONE Mass between Christmas Eve and 6th January (Epiphany) will suffice. You might feel safer attending Mass on a weekday when there is less likely to be a larger number at Mass.
- Please sanitise your hands on entering and leaving the churches.
- Social distancing is to be maintained at all times.
- For your own safety and safety of others, please follow the instructions of the stewards.
- You will be informed by the stewards when the permitted number in the church is reached, and may be asked to return for the next Mass.
- The churches will be closed immediately after each Mass to allow for sanitising and cleaning in preparation for the following Mass.
- The main crib for St. Mary's will be outdoors this year.
- The guidelines ask you not to congregate outside the church after Mass.