Mallow Parish Newsletter—Sunday, 6th March 2022

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. Thomas Lane, C.C. 087 0660615

Sick Calls:- Please call 022-21251

Parish Youth Minister—Bernadette O'Connor 086 8031126

Confessions: St. Mary's— Saturday after 10.a.m. Mass.

Church of the Resurrection— Friday after 9.15 a.m. Mass



Weekday Masses: St. Mary's—10. a.m. Monday—Saturday Church of the Resurrection—9.15 a.m. Monday—Friday Weekend Masses: St. Mary's Vigil 6.30 p.m. Sunday 8.30 and 11.00 a.m. Church of Resurrection: Vigil 7.30 p.m. Sunday 10.00 a.m. and 12 noon

Lent is a preparation for renewing our baptismal promises during the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday night. Lent is a time to once again die to our old sinful ways and rise out of the tomb with Jesus to a new way of life so that by the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday night when we renew our baptismal vows, we will have renewed our lives. That is why one of the two possible prayers for blessing the ashes during Mass on Ash Wednesday is, "O God... pour out the grace of your blessing on your servants who are marked with these ashes, that, as they follow the Lenten observances, they may be worthy to come with minds made pure to celebrate the Paschal Mystery of your Son." (The Paschal Mystery refers to the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus.)

The ashes of Ash Wednesday are a sign of our repentance whearas when we bless ourselves and our homes with Holy Water we are asking God to bless and protect us and our homes against evil, as we see in this excerpt of a prayer for the blessing of Holy Water, "grant that by this water we may be defended from all ills of spirit and body" and "grant...that, wherever this mixture of salt and water is sprinkled, every attack of the enemy may be repulsed and your Holy Spirit may be present to keep us all safe at all times."

First Sunday of Lent

STATION MASSES:

Church of the Resurrection—Mon.,7th and Wed., 9th March at 7.30 p.m. St Mary's—Tues., 8th and Thurs.,10th March at 7.30 p.m.

ADORATION CHAPEL—from 10.30 a.m. to 6.p.m. in St. Mary's Church from Monday to Saturday. Entry will be from the church only. For the safety of everybody only 6 people will be allowed in the Adoration Chapel at any one time.

MASSES DURING LENT:

Church of the Resurrection—Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 7.30 p.m. St . Mary's —Tuesday and Thursday at 7.30 p.m.

Stations of the Cross—Sundays during Lent in St. Mary's Church at 7.30 p.m.

Readers for the month of March:

St. Mary's—

Aisling Curtin—6.30 p.m.

Eoghan Kenny—8.30 a.m.

Denise McKenna—11.00 a.m.

Church of the Resurrection—

Rita Sheehan—7.30 p.m.

Gerald O'Connor—10.00 a.m.

Breda Scanlon—12 noon.

Diocesan Directories are for sale in the Parish Office— €3.

Catholic Newspapers are on sale after Mass.

Saints of the Week:

Monday 7th March: St. Perpetua and St. Felicity. Tuesday 8th March: St. John of God and St. Senan.

Table Quiz in aid of Marymount Hospice—Tues., 8th March at 8.30p.m. in Albert Lynch's, Table of $4 - \le 40$.