

Mallow Parish Newsletter— Sunday, 8th May 2022

Priests of our Parish:

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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
and from 5—6p.m.



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 the Resurrection: Vigil 7.30 p.m. Sunday 10.00 a.m. and 12 noon.

Catholic Newspapers are on sale after Mass.

Dromantine Retreat and Conference Centre—Workshop,

No visible scar: Comfort for those bereaved, Fri., 20th to Sun., 22nd May, cost €260. Workshop Facilitator: Fr. Hugh Lagan, SMA. To book a place—please phone 048 3082 1964 or email admin@dromantineconference.com.

Open Morning—Adult Learning Centre—Q Centre, Quarters town, Mallow, on Thurs., 19th May, 10 a.m.– 1.p.m. with details of their wide range of classes available.

Parish Office—022 - 20276

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Opening hours: Monday—Friday 9 a.m.-10 a.m., 10.30– 1 p.m. 2– 5 p.m.

PARISH WEBSITE—www.mallowparish.ie

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

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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

ROSARY FOR THE MONTH OF MAY at Our Lady of Lourdes Grotto, Muddy Hill, daily at 7.30 p.m.

Jesus' mother, Mary, was among a group of women near Jesus' cross with the beloved disciple, John the apostle. Jesus said to her, "Woman, behold your son" and to John he said, "Behold, your mother." Obviously, Jesus was making sure that his mother would be cared for after his death. From that day, John took her into this own home (19:27). Although she will now live in John's home, and John will have the duty of care, the relationship between Mary and John, mother-son, is crystal clear in Jesus' words in the Gospel text. This needs to be stated because some in the scholarly world limit their relationship to John caring for Mary. She moved into John's home (19:27), and even in what we now call Turkey there is a tradition that when John was ministering there, Mary was with him. But the Gospel text is explicit about their relationship: Mary is mother. Again, contrary to many who limit Jesus' action providing for the care of his mother after his death, the rich symbolism rampant in this Gospel impels us to look beyond the physical care of Mary to another level of care that Jesus and the evangelist intended us to see. This is expressed well by Raymond Brown: "we doubt that Jesus' filial solicitude is the main import of the Johannine scene. Such a non-theological; interpretation would make this episode a misfit amid the highly symbolic episodes that surround it in the crucifixion narrative. Moreover, the Gospel gives several indications that something more profound is in mind." (*Gospel according to John* p923) What else is this text communicating to us? The beloved disciple, while understood as John the apostle, is also often taken to symbolize the perfect disciple and so Catholic interpretation of this passage sees Jesus giving his mother as spiritual Mother to the Church. If the beloved disciple is symbolic of Christians, why in this episode cannot Mary being declared to be his mother be seen as a statement about her as Mother of the Church? If John is symbolic of every Christian, it would be difficult to say that Mary is an individual with no symbolism. It is not without significance that when Jesus had received the vinegar following this, he then expired saying, "It is completed." (19:30) It is as if Jesus' last duty before he expired was to bestow his mother Mary to the Church as our spiritual Mother and when he had done that, he died.