## Mallow Parish Newsletter—Sunday, 17th July 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 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.

## The Parish Office will be closed for Annual Leave this Monday 18th July.

Catholic newspapers are on sale after Mass.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion St. Mary's Church—Please collect new timesheet / Rota from the Sacristy in St. Mary's.

**Reek Sunday 2022**— Annual Reek Sunday Pilgrimage—Sun., 31st July—Croagh Patrick. Confessions on the Summit, 7.30 a.m.- 2p.m. Mass hourly 8.a.m.– 2p.m. See website www.westportparish.ie for further details.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church—Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Knock Sat., 30th July—www.catechism.ie. Come and join us for a day celebrating the Joy and Truth of our Faith—Workshop, Outdoor Stations of the Cross and Rosary Procession, Holy Mass and Anointing of the Sick. For booking and bus travel information—contact 087 7950325 / 086 8760058.

## Excerpt of Message of Pope Francis for World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly on Sunday 24th July

"In old age they will still bear fruit" (Ps 92:15). That psalm - which meditates on how the Lord has been present at every stage of our lives—urges us to persevere in hope. Along with old age and white hairs, God continues to give us the gift of life and to keep us from being overcome by evil. If we trust in him, we will find the strength to praise him still (cf vv. 14-20) We will come to see that growing old is more than a natural decline of the body or the inevitable passage of time, but the gift of a long life. Aging is not a condemnation, but a blessing!

Dear grandparents, dear elderly persons, we are called to be artisans of the *revolution of tenderness* in our world! Let us do so by learning to make ever more frequent and better use of the most valuable instrument at our disposal and, indeed, the one best suited to our age: prayer. "Let us too become, as it were, poets of prayer: let us develop a taste for finding our own words, let us once again take up those taught by the word of God". Our trustful prayer can do a great deal: it can accompany the cry of pain of those who suffer, and it can help change hearts. We can be "the enduring 'chorus' of a great spiritual sanctuary, where prayers of supplication and songs of praise sustain the community that toils and struggles in the field of life".

## Excerpt of Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI's Prayer for Grandparents Lord Jesus.

you were born of the Virgin Mary,
the daughter of Saints Joachim and Anne.
Look with love on grandparents the world over.
Protect them! They are source of enrichment
for families, for the Church and for all of society.
Support them! As they grow older,
may they continue to be for their families
strong pillars of Gospel faith,
guardians of noble domestic ideals,
living treasuries of sound religious traditions.
Make them teachers of wisdom and courage,
that they may pass on to future generations the fruits
of their mature human and spiritual experience.