

## *Mallow Parish Newsletter—Sunday, 4th December 2022*

### Priests of our Parish:

Msgr. Anthony O'Brien, P.P., V.G. 087 6834193.

Fr. Andrew Carvill, C.C. 022 51606.

Fr. Thomas Lane, C.C. 087 0660615

Fr. Damien Lynch, C.C. 022 53909

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. Mon., Tues., Wed., Fri., Sat.

Church of the Resurrection—9.15 a.m. Mon., Tues., Wed., Fri.

**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.

### **Sunday 11th December—Bambinelli Blessing.**

Over the past number of decades, on the Third Sunday of Advent, children and adults bring their Baby Jesus figurines (Bambinelli) from their homes to St. Peter's Square where they are blessed by the Pope.

**All children and families are invited to bring the 'Baby Jesus' figurine from their cribs at home to be blessed at all Mallow Masses, on the Third Sunday of Advent (10th / 11th December).**

Following the blessing, families take their 'bambino' home, wrap it and as a family open that parcel first on Christmas morning and the youngest member of the family would place it in the crib. A gift of the presence of Christ in the home this Christmas.

*Christmas Cards are on sale in the Parish Office, €6 for a pack of six cards.*

### Notices—

Holy Hour in St. Mary's—this Sunday 5—6 p.m.

**Thursday, 8th December—Feast of the Immaculate Conception, is a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses as follows—**

**St. Mary's, Vigil of the Feast—**6.30 p.m., Thurs., Feast Day—11.00 a.m.

**Church of the Resurrection—**Thurs., Feast Day— 10.00 a.m. and 7.30 p.m.

**Tea /Coffee after Mass,** The Welcome Subcommittee of Mallow Parish Council invites everyone to join us for a cup of tea or coffee after 10 a.m. Mass on 9th December in St. Mary's (in outer sacristy). Through sharing a cup of tea, biscuit and chat, we hope that encouragement and friendship may be shared in our community.

**Nativity Play—**St. Mary's Church., Mon.12th Dec.—7p.m., St. Pat's Boys National School and Convent Primary School.

**Annual Christmas Carol Concert—**St Mary's, Sun., 11th Dec.,—3.p.m.

### **The Society of St Vincent de Paul—2022 Annual Appeal**

The theme of our appeal this year is '**Food or Heating**' as many families will face impossible choices this Christmas. People who would normally cope, are coming to SVP for help due to inflated high rents and fuel bills. Bonuses from the state have helped for specific needs.

When we do our visitations, we see a lot of hardship, especially where there are children and illnesses. That is where the SVP steps in, giving help at the right time to stop a family experiencing a prolonged hardship. Winter time is the most challenging. Last year we helped in the region of 360 families with food, food vouchers, oil, coal, gas vouchers and hampers to a cost of €55,000. We all know the cost of fuel and food at present and demands are greater this year and growing by the week. We estimate that our expenditure on fuel alone will double this winter.

Thank you to the parishioners who have given so generously to our weekly collections where the amount collected so far this year comes to €43K. Without this help we simply would not be able to support our fellow Parishioners on your behalf.

We would sincerely like to thank Monsignor Anthony O'Brien and his priests for their support and co-operation with St Vincent de Paul.

We would also like to thank all our workers, auxiliary members, collectors and donors whose generosity has helped make our work possible throughout the year.

Should you wish to contact the Society in strict confidence, Telephone 022-50188 or 086-2693571 or Email: mallow@svp.ie.

Wishing you all a very Happy and Holy Christmas with Good Wishes for the New Year.