

Mallow Parish Newsletter—Sunday, 26th February 2023

Priests of our Parish:

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Sick Calls:- Please call 022-21251

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Confessions:

St. Mary's—

Saturday after 10 a.m. Mass.

Church of the Resurrection—

Friday after 9.15 a.m. Mass

and from 5—6 p.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.

In today's gospel Jesus is enticed to gratify his own needs, or to perform some spectacular act in public. He rejects the temptation because he chooses commitment to his mission and to dependence on his Father over any immediate gratification. We can all be tempted to go for some immediate satisfaction,...but is that where happiness lies? Have you found that sometimes there is more contentment in saying 'no' for the sake of some long-term goal? What are the goals, aims, values that inspire you in this way?

One way of looking at this gospel is to say that Jesus went into the desert to face his demons. We all have demons we need to face—compulsions, fears, prejudices, anger, and urges that lurk within. It is in facing our demons that we find a way to live a fuller life. Can you recall a time when you grew through facing a 'demon' in this way?

In one of her reflections Joyce Rupp describes Lent as a 'time to rediscover lost treasures'. Is there something that once was a healthy part of life and is no longer there: e.g. reading, exercise, mindfulness, prayer, socialising, fun? Would this Lent be a time to rediscover that lost treasure?

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Marking 50 Years of Trócaire

On the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord in 1973, the bishops wrote to the Christian people of Ireland establishing Trócaire. As we mark 50 years of Trócaire, we mark 50 years of perseverance, courage, participation, accountability and solidarity. From supporting human rights defenders in Central America, to leading the relief effort in Vietnam following the war, to providing essential emergency assistance in the midst of crisis, Trócaire has been proud to work on behalf of the people of the island of Ireland in fighting injustice across the world. We thank God for our supporters and partners who empower us to do this vital work. We pray that the next fifty years will see all the people of the world working together for a more just world, and the fruits of this work will be clear to see.

First Sunday of Lent

Upcoming Station Mass—for Ballyvinitier and The Commons at the home of Margaret Fogarty., Friday 10th March—Mass at 7.30 p.m.

If any family would like to host the Station Mass for their area, please contact the Parish Office this week.

Readers for the Month of March, St. Mary's—

6.30 p.m., Aisling Curtin, 8.30 a.m. Eoghan Kenny, 11.00 a.m. Donna Crowley.

Church of the Resurrection—

7.30 p.m., Liam Hennigan, 10 a.m. Gerard O'Connell, 12 noon. Kay Breen.

Notices—

1. First Friday—3rd March., Mass in St. Mary's at 7.30 p.m.
2. First Sat. Devotions., in honour of Our Lady of Fatima in St. Mary's—9.15 a.m.
3. Stations of the Cross—in St. Mary's this Sunday 5—6 p.m.
4. **Spring Station Masses—**
Church of the Resurrection - Mon., 6th March—9.15 a.m. and Wed., 8th March—7.30 p.m.
St. Mary's— Thursday 9th March—10 a.m. and Friday 10th March—7.30 p.m.
5. **Masses during Lent**— Wednesdays in Church of the Resurrection at 7.30 p.m. and on Fridays in St. Mary's at 7.30 p.m.
6. Diocesan Directories are on sale in the Parish Office—€3 each.
7. **Lectio Divina**— will be lead by Tiernan Burke (Seminarian) on seven consecutive Mondays, concluding on Mon. 3rd April., in Mallow Parish Centre at 7—8 p.m. Everyone welcome. *Lectio Divina*, meaning "divine reading," involves a slow, meditative and prayerful reading of the following Sunday's Gospel, which will allow a more personal encounter with God's Word. The Gospel texts will be those of the Sundays of Lent.
8. **Glenstal Retreats, Lent at the Abbey 2023**, Training for Living Well—Talks every Sunday of Lent at 4.30 p.m., Sun., 26th Feb.—Find Life in the Desert., Abbot Brendan Coffey, OSB. Talks are livestreamed and available as recording., further details—events@glenstal.com.
9. **Lent 2023: Letting God Come Close this Lent**—is an invitation to set aside some time each Wed., evening during Lent to reflect on an aspect of our spiritual lives., led by Sr. Teresa Kennedy pbvm, beginning March 1st—7.30 p.m., Nano Nagle Birthplace, Killavullen.
10. **Evangelium Ireland** will host its 8th Apologetics Conference for young Catholic adults at All Hallows College, Drumcondra, Dublin 9—Sat., 25th Mar.—9 a.m.- 6 p.m. Topics include the Development of Christian Doctrine in the thought of John Henry Newman, the Incarnation, the Persecuted Church and the place of Art and Beauty in Evangelisation. Mass—celebrated in the afternoon. Further details and to register—www.evangelium.ie.
11. If any new family wish to contribute by the Envelope Collections, please collect a box from the sacristy or the Parish Office. **Reminder**—If you have recently received a CHY3 form, please complete, sign and return it to the Parish Office.
12. **Accord** is currently recruiting volunteers to train as marriage preparation facilitators. Marriage facilitators are part of a team that prepare couples for the sacrament of marriage. Contact marriagepreparation@accord.ie for further details.