

Mallow Parish Newsletter—Sunday, 19th March 2023

Priests of our Parish:

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

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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—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.

A long story like the one we have today provides many different points of entry for prayer. Read the story and stay with what resonates with you. Some possible points of entry are: The blind man was healed. Can you recall occasions when some blindness of yours was taken away and you could see in a new way? What was that experience like for you?

The Pharisees claimed to be the ones who could see, who knew where God was to be found, when in fact they were blind. It was the man born blind who showed himself open to see the hand of God at work in what happened. There can be some of each in us. What has helped you to be open to seeing the hand of God at work in your life? Who have been the Jesus people who have led you to this point?

The Pharisees seem to have had a collective blindness that blocked them from seeing what God was doing in Jesus. Perhaps in today's world you can see examples of collective blindness when people want to avoid an awkward truth, e.g. about the damage being done to our planet by human activity.

There are many characters in the story: Jesus, the blind beggar, the disciples, the neighbours, the blind man's parents, and the Pharisees. Put yourself in the position of each one and see what you learn from identifying with them.

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Emigrant Sunday Since 1957, the Irish Episcopal Council for Emigrants (IECE) has been responding to the needs of Irish emigrants around the world. It continues to do so through the work of its pastoral centres in the United States and the UK, which provide a myriad of services to the most vulnerable members of the Irish emigrant community. It also does so by providing grants to other like-minded organisations that provide targeted and specialist support to discrete categories of vulnerable emigrants—from the aged and lonely to those with addiction and mental health problems.

Station Mass this week—Carrigoon, Parkadillane, Oliver's Cross, Keatley's Close, Castleheights, Aldworth Heights, at the home of John and Marie Lane, Friday, 24th March—Mass at 7.30 p.m.

Notices—

1. Stations of the Cross—in St. Mary's this Sunday 5—6 p.m.
2. **Masses during Lent**—Wednesday's in the Church of the Resurrection—7.30 p.m. and on Fridays in St. Mary's—7.30 p.m.
3. **Lectio Divina**—will be lead by Tiernan Burke (Seminarian) on Mondays of Lent., concluding on Mon. 3rd April., in Mallow Parish Centre at 7—8 p.m. Everyone welcome. The Gospel texts will be those of the Sundays of Lent.
4. **Southside Tea/Coffee Morning**—Join us for our new monthly coffee mornings after 9.15 a.m. Mass (Church of the Resurrection) on Wed., 22nd Mar., in the Arches (a 'buy your own' Event) sharing a cuppa and a chat to encourage friendship and fellowship in our community. (From the Welcome Subcommittee of Mallow Parish Pastoral Council).
5. **Blessing of Expectant Parents** for a Healthy and Safe Delivery of their Baby—Sat., 25th March., 3.p.m. in Church of the Resurrection. "May all expectant parents, as they await the birth of their children, experience tranquillity and good health, and safe delivery of their children." Let us know you are coming by contacting the Parish Office—022 20276., or email parishmallow@gmail.com. (From Mallow Parish Pastoral Council).
6. **Archbishop Eamon Martin is leading a pilgrimage to Fatima**—20th—27th July 2023. Pilgrims from all dioceses of Ireland are welcome to travel. Further details contact—0044 2890701606 or 0044 7711808207.
7. Bethany Bereavement Service., support for all types of bereavement and losses—086 3918751.
8. **Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock**—Sunday 14th May. Parishes to make their own travel arrangements.
9. Radio Maria Ireland is an Irish-run Catholic Talk-Radio Station. Join our growing listenership For Prayer, Catechesis, Uplifting music, Talks and Testimonies. Listen via TV on Saorview, Channel 210, and Freeview Channel 826, Free App "Radio Maria Ireland" streaming on www.radiomaria.ie or via phone—353 (0)1 4373277.
10. Catholic newspapers are on sale after Mass.

Lord God,

**On this Mother's Day we thank you for our mothers
and all they have done for us.
We ask you to bless them.**

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

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