

## Mallow Parish Newsletter—Sunday, 2nd April 2023

### Priests of our Parish:

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Parish Office Closed—

**Good Friday 7th April and  
Easter Monday 10th April**

### Weekday Masses:

**St. Mary's**—10 a.m. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday.

**Church of the Resurrection**—9.15 a.m. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday.

The account of the Passion is a vivid story with a variety of characters and much action. To enter into the passage we can read the story slowly and see if we can identify with different characters in the story. Also any one scene within the story can provide us with much food for reflection and prayer. Keep in mind that one of the aims in reflecting on the passage is to discover the GOOD NEWS the story has for us. Here are just a few general pointers for prayer.

The identity of Jesus is revealed as the Messiah and the son of God, not with a display of human power, but as one who was prepared to suffer unto death to show us how God loves us. How does the Passion story speak to you as a revelation of how God loves you? When has the willingness of another person to go to great lengths on your behalf been and eyeopener of his/her love for you?

Jesus gives us an example of patient endurance and faithfulness in suffering. Suffering is something we all encounter. It is not something that anyone likes but sometimes we cope with it better than others. What have you found helps you to cope better with suffering?

As you read through the narrative of the Passion where do you find yourself resonating with a character in the action? Is there any message there for you that is life-giving?

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**Good Friday Collection for the Holy Places** For centuries, the Custody of the Holy Land administered by the Franciscans, has been committed to the conservation and revitalisation of the Holy Places of Christianity in the Land of Jesus (65% of the collection) and throughout the Middle East (35% of the collection). Amongst the various objectives of the Franciscan mission, we recall the support and development of the Christian minority who live there, the conservation and enhancement of archaeological areas and sanctuaries, intervention in cases of emergency, the liturgy in places of worship, the apostolic works and assistance to pilgrims.

Times for all the Church Ceremonies for Holy Week are on the back of this leaflet—please take it home.

**Easter Offerings for the Priests of the Parish will be taken up at all Masses over this weekend and next weekend.** Your offerings are much appreciated at this time. We are also very grateful for your generous support of the Offertory Collection at Easter. Those who usually look after the collection are asked to do so again this Easter. Your generosity is much appreciated.

*(For cheques please make payable to Mallow Catholic Church).*

**Leaflets with all the times of the Church Ceremonies for Holy Week are available at the back of the Church—Please take one.**

### Holy Week Notices—

We invite all who are able, to attend **the Holy Week and Easter ceremonies that mark the holiest Season of the Christian Year.**

Catholics are expected to receive the **Sacrament of Reconciliation** during Lent or the Easter Season. To help with this, Confessions will be available after all morning Masses and all Ceremonies during Holy Week.

**All new and continuing Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion** are asked to attend a short ceremony of Installation or renewal during the Masses of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday. If possible, please attend at the church where you serve as Minister, and take the reserved places towards the front of the church.

### Notices—

1. **Lectio Divina**— will be lead by Tiernan Burke (Seminarian) and concludes tomorrow, Monday 3rd April., in Mallow Parish Centre at 7—8 p.m. Everyone welcome.
2. **Chrism Mass** in St. Colman's Cathedral Cobh Wednesday 5th April—7.30 p.m. During this Mass, the holy oils that will be used in the sacraments during the year ahead will be blessed by Bishop Crean. All are welcome to attend and particularly all those involved in liturgy such as liturgy groups, choirs, lectors, and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, and are welcome afterwards to light refreshments in the Commodore Hotel.
3. **Please Note**—No Evening Mass on Wed., 5th April in Church of the Resurrection.
4. **The Adoration Chapel** closes at 6. p.m. on Wednesday 5th April. Re-opening at 10.30 a.m. on Monday 10th April.
5. **Trocaire Boxes** may be handed up at the Preparation of the Gifts (Offertory Collection) at the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday or given to the Sacristan or any one of the priests over the Easter Weekend.
6. **Good Friday** 7th April is a day of Fast and Abstinence. Fasting for those aged 18-59, is one full meal and two small meals (no snacking between meals). Abstaining from meat is for those over 14. The Annual Collection for the shrines of the Holy Land is taken up at all ceremonies today. Please use the Pink Envelope for this collection.