

Mallow Parish Newsletter—Sunday, 16th April 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.



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.

Peace be with you' was the greeting of Jesus on meeting his frightened apostles. Who has come to you bringing peace at times when you were frightened? For whom have you been an agent of peace? Thomas, doubting and questioning, is possibly a person with whom we can identify. What part have doubts and questions played on your faith journey? How has your faith been strengthened by such moments?

Note the way Jesus dealt with Thomas. He did not give out because he doubted. He took him where he was and led him along to see the truth of his resurrection. Who has been that kind of teacher for you, gently taking you where you were and leading you on to a deeper knowledge of some truth about life? For whom have you been that kind of teacher? Blessed are they who have not seen and yet believed'. That requires great trust. Perhaps you have had the experience of being trusted without having had to prove every step along the way. What was it like to be trusted in that way? Who have you been able to trust in a similar manner?

From Intercom April 2023

Ever since Easter Sunday people have been doubting that Jesus rose from the dead. But there are people who look at the evidence properly, and become convinced that Jesus did really rise on Easter Sunday. One such former sceptic now turned believer, Lee Stroebel, is a former investigative journalist and legal correspondent for the Chicago Tribune and graduate of Yale Law School. In one of his books, *The Case for Christ*, he wrote, "For much of my life I was a sceptic. In fact, I considered myself an atheist. To me, there was far too much evidence that God was merely a product of wishful thinking, of ancient mythology, of primitive superstition." (p13) "As for Jesus...He was a revolutionary, a sage, an iconoclastic Jew—but God? No" (p13) The journalist had read only just enough to support his scepticism. In 1979 his wife became a Christian. He feared she would change from a fun-loving person, but he was surprised and fascinated by changes in her: her integrity and personal confidence. Nevertheless, he set out to debunk Christianity and knew that if he were to do that, he would have to disprove Jesus' resurrection trying to disprove it, the more convinced he became of Jesus' resurrection. Eventually as a result of his attempt to disprove Jesus' resurrection, he ended up believing in Jesus' resurrection and became a Christian.

The Priests of the Parish sincerely thank you for all your generous Easter offerings. Remaining offerings may be handed into the sacristies of the churches or the Parish Office.

(for cheques please make payable to Mallow Catholic Church)

Sincere thanks to everyone who contributed to making the celebration of the Easter Triduum so prayerful and inspiring.

DATES TO REMEMBER: CONFIRMATION IN MALLOW—

WEDNESDAY 10th May—10 a.m. and 1.p.m.

THURSDAY—11th May 1.p.m.

Notices—

1. Holy Hour in St. Mary's this Sunday 5—6 p.m.
2. Adoration Chapel, St. Mary's— 10.30 a.m.- 6 p.m. Monday to Saturday.
3. **Remaining Trocaire Boxes** may be handed in to the Sacristan or to any one of the priests or handed into the Parish Office.
4. We are delighted to announce that Archbishop Rino Fisichella will speak at the Church of Our Lady's Nativity, Leixlip, Co. Kildare at 7.00 p.m. on Mon., 24th April. He has worked in many church capacities, and is currently Pro-prefect for New Evangelisation of the Dicastery for Evangelisation. An engaging and inspiring speaker, his theme will be the important role of faith communities in the urgent work of evangelisation. This event will be of particular interest to all who engage in pastoral work—as lay, religious and clerical. It is an ideal opportunity to encourage a number of parishioners and / or co-workers to attend and who then can promote evangelisation as a parish vision and priority. Contact 087 7573843 for further information.
5. **Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock**—Sunday 14th May. Parishes to make their own travel arrangements.
6. Bethany Bereavement Service—Support for all types of bereavement and losses. Inquiries 086 3918751.
7. Catholic newspapers are on sale after Mass.

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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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