

Mallow Parish Newsletter—Sunday, 9th April 2023

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

**Parish Office Closed—
for Annual Leave on
Thursday 13th and
Friday 14th April.**



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 some ways this gospel is a difficult one for prayer. It only presents a part of the story and the full unfolding of the good news the story contains lies in the next part of the text. However, even with this section there is plenty of material for reflection and for prayer.

The disciples are in a state of shock and suffering from a traumatic loss. Jesus, the one in whom they had placed so much hope, has been murdered and buried. Then, before they have time to recover comes another shock—the body of Jesus is missing. Have you had experiences in which one tragedy or crisis follows quickly after another? What was that like for you? How did you cope? What, or who, sustained you then?

Mary and Peter, and possibly others, came and discovered that the tomb was empty. The part of the story we have in this text gives no explanations of what has happened. They are left in a state of bewilderment 'for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead.' Have you been in that kind of situation, faced with events you cannot explain, possibly events which have dashed your hopes in another person, or in God? What has that been like for you?

Yet in spite of the lack of explanation, the beloved disciple 'saw and believed'.

- Have there been times when others have done something that you could not understand, and which they could not explain at the time and yet you believed that all was not as it seemed? ...times when you decided to trust in spite of the evidence?
- Have there been times when others have shown this kind of faith in you when you were not able to offer satisfactory explanations, and all you could say was 'trust me'?
- Have there been times in your relationship with God when you have felt that you were faced with an empty tomb and still you believed?
- Where have you found life in such experiences?

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Easter Sunday—He is Risen

Easter Offerings for the Priests of the Parish will be taken up at all Masses over this 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).

**DATES TO REMEMBER: CONFIRMATION IN MALLOW—
Wednesday 10th May—10 a.m. and 1 p.m. and Thursday 11th May—1 p.m.**

Thank you—Since last September our parish has been blessed with the presence of Tiernan Burke, a seminarian for our Diocese in his fifth year of priestly formation. Many of you will have encountered Tiernan at the churches, around town, and at various parish meetings and events, particularly the *Lectio Divina* sessions he facilitated during Lent. He also taught regular classes at Scoil Ghobnatan, helping to prepare children to receive the Sacraments. Sadly, Tiernan's time with us finishes today, Easter Sunday, and he will now conclude his course in Dublin's Mater Hospital where he will gain experience in ministry to the sick. We thank Tiernan for his enthusiastic witness to Christ while here and we wish him every blessing as he completes the final years of preparation for Priesthood. Please keep Tiernan in your prayers. Mallow would be blessed to have him return one day as a priest among us.

Notices—

1. **The Adoration Chapel in St. Mary's**—re-opens tomorrow Easter Monday at 10.30 a.m.
2. **Trocaire Boxes** may be handed in to the Sacristan or to any one of the priests over the Easter weekend.
3. Tea / Coffee after Mass Monthly Event—Join us for a cup of tea or coffee after 10 a.m. Mass on Friday 14th April in St. Mary's (in outer sacristy—door to the left of the altar). Through sharing a cup of tea, biscuit and a chat, we hope that encouragement and friendship may be shared in our community (from Mallow Parish Pastoral Council). Upcoming date—12th May.
4. **Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock**—Sunday 14th May. Parishes to make their own travel arrangements.
5. **Bethany Bereavement Service**—Support for all types of bereavement and losses. Inquiries 086 3918751.
6. Catholic newspapers are on sale after Mass.