

Mallow and Mourneabbey Parishes—Sunday, 10th December 2023

Priests of our Parishes:

Msgr. Anthony O'Brien, P.P., V.G. 087 6834193.

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

Fr. Anthony Sheehan, C.C. 087 6563997

Fr. Damien Lynch, C.C. 022 53909

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.

Mallow Mass Times:

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.

Weekday Masses: St. Mary's—10 a.m. Monday—Saturday.

Church of the Resurrection—9.15 a.m. Monday—Friday.

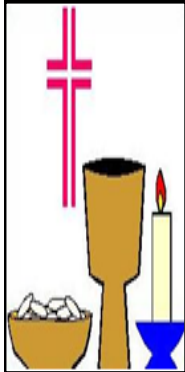
Mourneabbey Mass Times:

Weekend Masses: Analeentha—10.00 a.m. Sunday.

Burnfort—11.30 a.m. Sunday.

Weekday Masses: Burnfort—9.30 a.m. Thursday.

Analeentha—9.30 a.m. Friday.



Sunday 17th December—Bambinelli Blessing

Over the past number of decades, on the Third Sunday of Advent, children and adults bring their Baby Jesus figurines (Bambinelli) from their homes to St. Peter's Square where they are blessed by the Pope.

All children and families are invited to bring the 'Baby Jesus' figurine from their cribs at home to be blessed at all Mallow Masses, on the Third Sunday of Advent (16th/17th December).

Following the blessing, families take their 'bambino' home, wrap it and as a family open that parcel first on Christmas morning and the youngest member of the family would place it in the crib. A gift of the presence of Christ in the home this Christmas.

**Christmas Cards are on sale in the Parish Office,
€6 for a pack of six cards.**

Parish Office—022 20276

Email—parishmallow@gmail.com

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

Website—www.mallowparish.ie **Facebook**—facebook.com/mallowparish

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“Advent is hope-filled time. It is a begin-again time”.

Notices—

1. **Lectio Divina Prayer Meeting for Advent**—on Mondays, 11th and 18th Dec.,—Parish Centre at 7 p.m. It will consist of discussion and reflection on the following Sunday's Gospel.
2. **The first Christmas Carol Service** takes place in the **Church of the Resurrection today, Sunday, 10th Dec., at 3 p.m.** School and Church choirs and Cór Mhagh Ealla will take part. The **second Carol Service** will be in **St. Mary's Church next Sunday Dec., 17th** at 3 p.m. School and Church choirs will be taking part.
3. **A Nativity Play will take place in St. Mary's Church on Tuesday December 12th** at 7 p.m., involving the Convent Primary School, Scoil Íosagán and St. Patrick's B.N.S.
4. **Give Blood this Christmas**—Mallow GAA Complex, Mon., 18th—Thurs., 21st Dec., 3.50p.m. to 8 p.m. Phone 1800 731137 or see giveblood.ie for further details.
5. Annual Carol Service in **St. James' Church**, this evening, Sun., 10th Dec., at 7 p.m. All are welcome.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul 2023 Christmas Appeal

The Society sincerely thank Rt. Rev. Monsignor Anthony O'Brien and the priests of the parish for allowing us to collect every weekend after Mass. We appreciate this support and encouragement. The theme of our appeal this year is “Food or Heat”. People who would normally cope, are coming to SVP seeking help with rents, food and fuel bills. Bonuses from the state have helped for specific needs.

Wintertime is the most challenging. Last Christmas we helped in excess of 360 families. This trend continues throughout the year, as we have seen from our regular food bank, helping 80-100 per week. In addition to giving short term support, we aspire to make people self-sufficient through education. We spent €67,000 throughout the year, as we believe education is the way out of poverty.

Thanks to the parishioners who have given so generously to our collections. So far this year we have collected €49,000. Without your help and proceeds from our Vincent's Shop, we would not be able to carry out the work that we do. We would also like to thank our members, auxiliary workers, collectors and donors.

Should you wish to contact the Society for help or to volunteer, please do so in strict confidence—022-50188 / 086 2693571 or email—mallow@svp.ie.

Wishing you all a Happy and Holy Christmas and Good Wishes for the New Year.