

Mallow and Mourneabbey Parishes—Sunday, 18th February 2024

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.

Upcoming Station Mass—

for Killetra and Firville at the home of Peter and Anne Gaffney.,

Saturday, 2nd March—Mass at 11.30 a.m.

Upcoming Station Mass, Mourneabbey—

for Toureen North at the home of Gabriel and Esther

Cahill., Friday, 1st March—Mass at 8 p.m.

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

Notices—

1. Adoration Chapel, St. Mary's—10.30 a.m.—6 p.m. Monday to Saturday.
2. **Stations of the Cross**—in St. Mary's Church on the Sundays of Lent at 5 p.m.
3. **Lectio Divina Prayer Meeting** continues on Friday evenings during Lent at 7 p.m. in the Parish Centre.,—consists of discussion and reflection on the following Sunday's Gospel. All are welcome.
4. **Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock, Sun., 12th May.** Parishes to make their own travel arrangements.
5. **Southside Tea/coffee Morning**—Join us for our social, monthly coffee mornings after 9.15 a.m. Mass (Church of the Resurrection) on Wed., 28th Feb., in the Arches—sharing a cuppa and a chat to encourage our parish community (sponsored by Mallow Parish Pastoral Council).
6. **Evangelium Ireland Apologetics Conference** for young Catholics, St. Patrick's College, Maynooth—Sat., 16th March, includes talks, workshops and Celebration of Mass. Cost €38, including lunch, refreshments and evening social. To register and for details of the full programme visit—www.evangelium.ie or search 'Evangelium Ireland' on Eventbrite.
7. Mallow Daffodil Society invite you to a Coffee Morning in aid of Cancer Treatment Services on Fri., 23rd Feb., in Herlihy's Centra, Main St., from 10 a.m.,—12 noon. Please support.
8. Art Exhibition by Ukrainian Parish Centre Group, starts on Thurs., 15th Feb., in Mallow Library.
9. Bethany Bereavement Service—Support for all types of bereavement and losses. Inquiries to 086 3918751.
10. Catholic newspapers are on sale after Mass.

SPRING STATIONS 2024

We invite families who wish to hold a Station Mass for their neighbourhood in their homes **during February**

and up until 15th March. Please contact the **Parish Office 022—20276** to arrange a suitable date.

Please consider holding a Station to keep this spiritual tradition alive with your neighbours.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 31st May—5th June 2024.

Booking Procedure for Pilgrimage—All bookings should be made through Joe Walsh Tours by telephone 021 2427190., online www.joewalshstours.ie/pilgrimages/group-diocesan-pilgrimages/ or by post to 89 Harcourt Street, Dublin 2, D02 WY88. **Early booking advisable.**

Special Assisted Section—Pilgrims who would like to travel with the Special Assisted Section should apply to: Cloyne Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes, c/o Parish Secretary, 27/28 Bank Place, Mallow, Co. Cork. Tel: 022 - 20276. This special assisted/sick section is accommodated at the Accueil Notre Dame. Acceptance for travel with the special section for the sick is subject to approval of the Pilgrimage Medical Board. **The closing date for receipt of application is 25th March 2024.**

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.

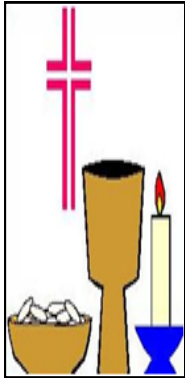
Mourneabbey Mass Times:

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.



Diocesan Directories are on sale in the Parish Office—€3 each.

Seeing your life through the Lens of the Gospel— First Sunday of Lent

Jesus is about to start his public ministry. Mark tells us this was preceded by a deep inner struggle when his resolve to take on his God-given mission was tested. Recall important decisions in your own life. Were they accompanied by struggle and doubt? Who were the angels who supported you at that time? Give thanks for them.

Such periods of anxiety may seem like wilderness experiences at the time. Later, with hindsight we may see them as being good for us. Perhaps, like Jesus, you recall a time when the Spirit of God led you into the wilderness to be tested and after the experience you had a clearer sense of your own identity or your purpose in life. *Repent and believe the good news* was the heart of the message of Jesus. It was not a call to penance but to a change of heart, a change of attitude, leading to a change in behaviour. The kingdom of God is a kingdom of right relationships: with God, with one another, with creation, with ourselves. It is a change that leads to a fuller life. When have you found that a change in your attitude towards God, others, yourself, or the world around you, has led you to a more fulfilled or fruitful life? There is an immediacy about the call of Jesus: *'the time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near'*. Recall when you had a realisation that NOW was the moment of opportunity—for a change in your life, for a spiritual renewal, or a time to give a wholehearted yes to life. At this moment to what do you believe you are invited to say 'yes'? *Intercom* February 2024.