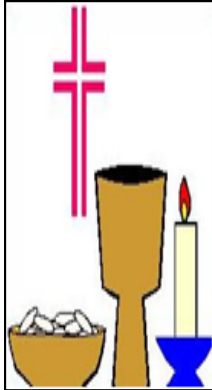


Mallow and Mourneabbey Parishes—Sunday, 31st March 2024

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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.

Seeing your life through the Lens of the Gospel—

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 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. In recent years, information in newspapers or tv is at times dominated by bad news. 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 that we have in this text gives no explanation 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 situation, faced with events you cannot explain, possibly events which have dashed your hopes in another person, or in God?

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

Readers for the month of April—

St. Mary's—6.30 p.m., John Collins, 8.30 a.m., Amal Jaimon, 11 a.m. Peter Gaffney.

Church of the Resurrection—

7.30 p.m. Brid Broderick., 10 a.m. Doreen Nunan., 12 noon. Marie O'Sullivan.

Notices—

1. The Adoration Chapel in St. Mary's will re-open tomorrow, Easter Monday at 10.30 a.m.
2. First Saturday Devotion in honour of Our Lady of Fatima in St. Mary's—9.15 a.m.
3. There will be a **Holy Hour in St. Mary's Church at 3 p.m. next Sunday, Divine Mercy Sunday.**
4. **Blessing of Expectant Parents for a Healthy and Safe Delivery of their Baby, Sunday, 7th April**, at all Masses in Mallow. (in St. Mary's and Church of the Resurrection). "May all expectant parents, as they await the birth of their children, experience tranquillity and good health, and safe delivery of their children." With the Feast of the Annunciation happening in April this year, we invite all pregnant women to come to Mass on Sunday, 7th April, when there will be a special Prayer of the Faithful to bless them and their families. Then, for those who wish, the priest will bless individuals at the end of Mass.
5. Christian Contemplative Meditation—Sacred Heart Hall, Western Road, Cork, Sat., 6th April—9.30 a.m.—1 p.m. Tea provided. Donation €10.
6. **Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock, Sun., 12th May.** Parishes to make their own travel arrangements. SHEP—Social and Health Education Project, free, Short Course-Introduction to Personal Development starts Tues., 9th April, and on Tuesdays until June 11th., 7—9 p.m. in Le Chéile, Mallow. Further details, contact Norma Roche—085 8619468 or see www.socialandhealth.com.
7. Bethany Bereavement Service—Support for all types of bereavement and losses. Inquiries to 086 3918751.
8. Catholic newspapers are on sale after Mass.

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