

Mallow Union Newsletter

**St. James' Mallow, St. Mary's Doneraile, St. Mary's
Castletownroche**

October 2010

Rector: Rev. Denis McCarthy
Contact Number: 022/21473

Onwards and Upwards

It was with deep sadness that we learnt of the imminent departure of our beloved rector, Denis, in order to take up the position of Rector of Bandon Union.

Considering that Rev. Denis has been with us for a relatively short period - two and a half years - he has done an enormous amount of work in the Union. Thanks to him, many new faces have appeared amongst us, bringing willing hands, new talents and a fresh approach. He is a born leader with a great gift for discerning, encouraging and developing the God-given gifts and talents of his parishioners, for which many of us are truly grateful. Anyone who has experienced Rev. Denis' sensitive, loving pastoral care will have a special reason to be thankful to him.. Added to this, we have a vibrant Youth Group and a thriving ministry to children, not only through the Saturday Bible Club but also through our monthly Family Services which are held in all three churches.

While the departure of our esteemed Rector leaves an ache in our hearts we should not become despondent. Remember Paul's message to the church in Corinth: (1 Cor. 3) "After all, who is Apollos? And who is Paul? We are simply God's servants, by whom you were led to believe. Each one of us does the work that God gives him to do. I sowed the seed, Apollos watered

the plant, but it was God who made the plant grow...For we are partners working together for God, and you are God's field." Rev. Denis has prepared the ground. God willing, and with our help and co-operation, our next Rector will till the field, but it is God who will cause the growth; so our prayers are vital at this time that God will again send the right person - a person of His choosing.

Meanwhile as our Rector moves on we wish him, Noelle, Nell and Beth every blessing in the future as, hopefully, we all move onwards and upwards.

Mother Union and Friends

For our opening service this year we went to Fermoy on Tuesday the 14th September. Jennifer Kingston was the speaker on the night and shared some of her own story and spiritual journey which was really inspiring. After the service the Fermoy ladies gave us a delightful tea and Heather Fleming showed us pictures of there weekend away in Kilmore. Our usual Communion Service will be in Mallow on Wednesday the 6th of October at 11am followed by tea.

Then on Thursday the 21st October the Autumn Festival Service is in Bandon at 8pm where the speaker will be Rev. Adrian Wilkinson. If you haven't booked for the Conference in the Celtic Ross Hotel on the 12-14th November please do so immediately.

Buttevant Memorial Service

Thanks to all who came and supported the Memorial service on Wednesday the 22nd of September and especial word of thanks to Bertie Daly and the friends of St. John's Buttevant for all the work they put into getting the church ready for it and also Eamon Winters for playing the organ.

Harvest Services

The first Harvest Service was Sunday 26th September in Castletownroche when Very Rev. Fr. Pat Scanlon Parish Priest of Castletownroche spoke. On Sunday the 3rd October St. James Mallow will have their Harvest when Rev. Adrian Wilkinson, Rector of Douglas and Frankfield will preach. Then on Sunday 10th October Rev. David Armstrong Rector of Carrigaline Union will preach in Doneraile. All at 3pm.



“Rejoice with those who rejoice” Romans 12:15

We seem to have a lot of celebrations going on throughout the Union of Parishes at this time. David and Linda Deane celebrate their Silver Wedding Anniversary at the end of September, while Bill and Lena Younghusband celebrate their Golden Wedding Anniversary. Congratulations and well done to both couples! Congratulations also to Maryann Adebisi who is celebrating her fortieth birthday and Mary Coulter who will be celebrating her birthday later in the month. We wish them all and anyone else celebrating at this time, many more years of health and happiness..

Ladies Mini-Marathan

Congratulations to Jessica and Nicola Barrett who took part in the Ladies Mini-Marathon to raise money for the Guide Dogs and to all the rest of the ladies that took part for different charities.

Annual Thomas Davis, Ecumenical Service

Will be held in St. James Church Mallow on Friday 15th October at 8pm. All Welcome.

Change of Church Times

At the recent vestry meeting it was decided to change church times from the beginning of November.

Castletownroche 10am

Doneraile 10am

Mallow 11.30am

Let us go, unto Jordan 11 Kings 6 1-2

Jordan is the place of fulfilling God's will. There, Jesus fulfilled the will of the father by taking water baptism (Mt 3.15) When the follower of Elisha realized their low state (spiritual) they felt the need to confess this to their master.

Have you ever confessed to our Lord that our spiritual life is far short. Let us go to Jordan once we realize our real spiritual state.

Many Christian lives are struggling, struggling to do the will of God we can not do the will of God unless we ask the Lord to go with us and help us. Elisha's response to the request of the prophets was "I will go" if Lord go with us.

As a Church and individual we need to grow spiritually to meet the masters need. Jesus is Lord.

St. Mary's Castletownroche

Following on from Church 21 we have a box in the back of the church in Castletownroche for the month of September/October. If there are any questions that people want answered with regard to the bible, etc. or a topic they want to discuss. They are to put them into the box and we will form a discussion group possibly in October to discuss these questions and more questions that may follow.

DIARY FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER

Weekday Services in St. James Mallow

Monday, Thursday and Friday 9.30am

Wednesday Holy Communion 11am

Midday Prayer Friday 12noon

Friday 1st October Youth Club in St. James Hall at 8pm

Saturday 2nd October Bible Club in St. James Hall at 11.30am

Saturday 2nd October Choir Practice in St. James Church 11.30am

Sunday 3rd October St James` Mallow 3pm

Preacher Rev'd Adrian Wilkinson

Rector of Douglas Union with Frankfield

Saturday 9th October Bible Club in St. James Hall at 11.30am

Saturday 9th October Choir Practice in St. James Church 11.30am

Sunday 10th October St Mary's Doneraile 3pm

Preacher Rev'd David Armstrong

Rector of Carrigaline Union

Friday 15th October Annual Thomas Davis, Ecumenical Service in
St. James Mallow at 8pm

Saturday 16th October Bible Club in St. James Hall at 11.30am

Saturday 16th October Choir Practice St. James Church 11.30am

Thursday 21st October MU Festival Service Bandon 8pm

Saturday 23rd October No Bible Club

Saturday 23rd October Choir Practice St. James Church 11.30am

Saturday 31st October No Bible Club

Saturday 31st October Choir Practice St. James church 11.30am

NOVEMBER

Wednesday 10th November Select Vestry Meeting in St. James Hall
8pm

DECEMBER DATES

Sunday 19th December Childrens Carol Service in Mallow 3pm

Christmas Eve Friday 24th Mallow 8pm

Doneraile 10pm

Christmas Day Saturday 25th Castletownroche 10am

Mallow 11.30am

Sunday 26th December Castletownroche Carol Service 10.30am

Sunday 2nd January Doneraile Carol Service 3pm

If you have something to be included in the November Newsletter please give to Diana before Wednesday 3rd November. Email: dianabuckley@eircom.net or mobile 086/1547810 or address Bridgetown, Castletownroche.

SUNDAY READINGS

3rd October (18th Sunday after Trinity)

Lamentations 1: 1-6 Psalm 137: 1-6 2 Timothy 1: 1-14

Luke 17: 5-10

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| Castletownroche | 9am | M.P. |
| Doneraile | 10.30 | H.C. |
| Mallow | 3pm | Harvest Service |

10th October (19th Sunday after Trinity)

Jeremiah 29: 1, 4-7 Psalm 66: 1-11 2 Timothy 2: 8-15

Luke 17: 11-19

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| Castletownroche | 9am | Family Service |
| Mallow | 12 noon | Family Service |
| Doneraile | 3pm | Harvest Service |

17th October (20th Sunday after Trinity)

Jeremiah 31: 27-34 Psalm 119: 97-104 2 Timothy 3: 14 – 4:5

Luke 18: 1-8

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| Castletownroche | 9am | M.P. |
| Doneraile | 10.30am | H.C. |
| Mallow | 12 noon | H.C. |

24th October (21st Sunday after Trinity)

Joel 2: 23-32 Psalm 65 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18 Luke 18: 9-14

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| Castletownroche | 9am | H.C. |
| Doneraile | 10.30am | M.P. |
| Mallow | 12 noon | M.P. |

31st October (4th Sunday before Advent)

Habakkuk 1: 1-4; 2:1-4 Psalm 119: 137-144

2 Thessalonians 1: 1-4, 11-12 Luke 19: 1-10

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| Doneraile | 11am | Community Service |
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7th November (3rd Sunday before Advent)

Haggai 1: 15b-2:9 Psalm 145: 1-5, 18-22 or 98

2 Thessalonians 2: 1-5, 13-17 Luke 20: 27-38

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| Doneraile | 10am | H.C. |
| Mallow | 11.30am | H.C. |