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MALLOW UNION

of Parishes

SUNDAY 27th NOVEMBER 2022

The First Sunday of Advent

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

FÁILTE / WELCOME

to everyone who worships in our churches today

Please take a moment to check you have **switched off your phone** before worship begins.

The Church of Ireland is glad to welcome **all baptized Christians** to receive communion at celebrations of the Eucharist.

Holy Communion will be administered in **both kinds** and worshippers will be offered the consecrated bread and wine. The invitation to receive the consecrated wine is only by drinking from the common cup - and *not* by intinction (dipping the consecrated bread into the chalice), which has been identified as the most unhygienic practice.

SERVICES TODAY

10.00am MORNING PRAYER
in St Mary's, Castletownroche

10.00am MORNING PRAYER
in St Mary's, Doneraile

11.45am THE EUCHARIST *with activities for younger worshippers*
in St James's, Mallow

NEXT WEDNESDAY

30th November
St Andrew, Apostle

11.00am

THE EUCHARIST
in St James's, Mallow

Isaiah 52. 7-10; Matthew 4. 18-22

TODAY'S READINGS

Isaiah 2: 1-5

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. Many peoples shall come and say, 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.' For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

Matthew 24: 36-44

Jesus said to his disciples 'But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.

NEWS ITEMS

CHRISTMAS CARDS giving details of all worship during Advent, Christmas and Epiphanytide are available for all parishioners today. Please do take extra copies to give to neighbours and others who may be interested and to help convey a warm welcome to anyone who may wish to worship with us in the coming weeks.

PARISH CAROL SERVICES

St James's Mallow: Sunday, December 11th, 3pm

St Mary's Castletownroche, Thursday, December 15th, 7.30pm

St Mary's Doneraile, Sunday, December 18th, 3pm

CONGREGATIONAL MEETINGS will take place as follows: in St Mary's, Castletownroche on Thursday next, December 1st at 3pm; and in St James's, Mallow, on Sunday next, December 4th after the Eucharist

MINDMATTERS COI: MindMatters COI is a three-year project aimed at promoting and supporting positive mental health within the Church of Ireland and the wider community on Saturday next, December 3rd at Rochestown Park Hotel, Cork, 10.00-2.30. Further details are available on the Diocesan website and social-media feeds.

MOTHERS' UNION are keeping November 25th to December 10th as a time to highlight Gender Violence and Injustice. For more information and resources, go to: <https://www.mothersunion.org/global-day-2022> In Carrigaline there is a 'Souls of our Shoes' exhibition in St Mary's Church for a week from 25th November to 1st December, 12-2 each day.

CANDLELIT CHRISTMAS CONCERTS will take place in St James's Church, Mallow, on Friday 9th (now sold out) and Saturday 10th December. For tickets for Saturday 10th please telephone 086 3530401.

MALLOW FARMERS' CHRISTMAS MARKET takes places in the grounds of St James's Church on Friday 16th and Saturday 17th December, including refreshments to support the ministry & mission of this Union of parishes. Please do support our local farmers and producers and add to the atmosphere of festivity in the town over this weekend.

POPPY APPEAL COLLECTION Thanks to all who contributed towards this year's Poppy Appeal which raised the sum of €262.50

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

For Paul, our Bishop; and for the clergy and people of this united Diocese. Joining with the rest of the worldwide Anglican Communion, we pray for the Church of the Province of Japan.

We pray for all those known to us, including Bev Cotton, Olive Kingston, Cliff O'Hanlon, Edna Patterson, Anne Lysaght, Doris Moffat, Nicholas Cummins.

We commend to God the recently departed, especially Evelyn Atkinson, Caleb Adebisi, Fr Gerard Casey along with all whom we have loved in life and lost in death. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

We continue to pray for the people of Ukraine and for an end to hostility, suffering and death. We pray, too, for all who are experiencing stress and worry in the build-up to Christmas, especially those facing economic hardship.

KEEPING IN TOUCH

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SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY

4th DECEMBER

The Second Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 11. 1-10; Matthew 3. 1-12

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