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MALLOW UNION

of Parishes

SUNDAY 4th DECEMBER 2022

The Second 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 THE EUCHARIST
in St Mary's, Doneraile

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

NEXT WEDNESDAY

7th December

11.00am

THE EUCHARIST
in St James's, Mallow

Isaiah 40. 25-31;
Matthew 11. 28-30

TODAY'S READINGS

Isaiah 11: 1-10

A shoot shall come out from the stock of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins. The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

Matthew 3: 1-12

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.' This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, 'The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight."' Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, 'You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, "We have Abraham as our ancestor"; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. 'I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing-floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.'

NEWS ITEMS

A CONGREGATIONAL MEETING will be held at St James's Mallow after today's eucharist.

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 will take place as follows:

- St James's Mallow: Sunday December 11th at 3pm
- St Mary's Castletownroche, Thursday December 15th at 7.30pm
- St Mary's Doneraile, Sunday December 18th at 3pm

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>

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

MALLOW FARMERS' CHRISTMAS MARKET takes place 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.

CONFIRMATION IN 2023

The Rector is hoping to present candidates for confirmation to the Bishop. Do you know of anyone, from teenagers to adults, who would like to explore being confirmed? Do contact the Rector as soon as possible please.

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 Anglican Church of Kenya.

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

We commend to God the recently departed, especially Fr Gerard Casey, John Wentworth Millar, 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 also pray for those working in the retail sector and hospitality at this busy time of year.

KEEPING IN TOUCH

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SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY

11th DECEMBER

The Third Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 35. 1-10; Matthew 11. 2-11

10.00am MORNING PRAYER *at St Mary's, Doneraile*
10.00am THE EUCHARIST *at St Mary's, Castletownroche*
3.00pm CAROL SERVICE *at St James's Church, Mallow*