



Eaglais na hÉireann + The Church of Ireland
MALLOW UNION
of Parishes

SUNDAY 5th FEBRUARY 2023
St Brigid of Kildare, Abbess
(transferred from 1st February)

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

FÁILTE / WELCOME

to everyone who worships in our churches
today

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).

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

SERVICES TODAY

10.00am MORNING PRAYER
in St Mary's, Castletwonroche

10.00am THE EUCHARIST *in*
St Mary's, Doneraile

11.45am THE EUCHARIST *in*
St James's, Mallow, with activities
for our young worshippers from
11.30am

NEXT WEDNESDAY

8th February

11.00am

THE EUCHARIST
in St James's, Mallow

Genesis 2. 18-25
Mark 7. 14-23

TODAY'S READINGS

Hosea 6: 1-4

'Come, let us return to the Lord; for it is he who has torn, and he will heal us; he has struck down, and he will bind us up. After two days he will revive us; on the third day he will raise us up, that we may live before him. Let us know, let us press on to know the Lord; his appearing is as sure as the dawn; he will come to us like the showers, like the spring rains that water the earth.' What shall I do with you, O Ephraim? What shall I do with you, O Judah? Your love is like a morning cloud, like the dew that goes away early.

John 10: 7-16

So again Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly. 'I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd.

NEWS ITEMS

VARIOUS VOICES and special guests: Do support an excellent community event of singing in St Mary's Doneraile, Friday February 17th, 7.30pm. Proceeds from the concert will go towards the Doneraile Arts Fest and Bells Restoration project at St Mary's Doneraile. Tickets 20 euros available from Danos Centra Doneraile or ring Mary 086 0815037. A great night out for all!

CONFIRMATION 2023 The Bishop has designated Sunday 21st May as the date he will confer the sacrament of Confirmation on candidates from Mallow Union and Fermoy Union in St James's Church, Mallow. Do you know of anyone, from teenagers to adults, who would like to explore being confirmed? Do contact the Rector – today if possible please.

LENT This season of preparation for Easter begins on Ash Wednesday (22nd February). Celebrations of the Eucharist with the imposition of ashes (for those who wish to receive them) will take place in Mallow and Doneraile. There will also be several opportunities in Lent to explore St Matthew's Gospel, which is the focus for our worship this year. More details to follow.

THE RECTOR will serve as interim priest-in-charge of Fermoy Union for the duration of the vacancy there. This will, principally, involve chairing the Select Vestry and conducting the pastoral offices (e.g. funerals), but not in conducting worship in that Union on Sundays.

AN CHOMAOINEACH NAOFA A reminder that the monthly celebration of the Eucharist in Irish in St Fin Barre's Cathedral, Cork, happens on every second Saturday of the month and will take place next on Saturday 11th February at 12.00 noon. All are very welcome.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

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

We pray for all those known to us, including Olive Kingston, Cliff O'Hanlon, Doris Moffat, Nicholas Cummins, Maris Rats, Arthur Montgomery.

We commend to God the recently departed and those whose anniversary of death occurs at this time, especially Ann Ladd. 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; for all who will be required to work on tomorrow's new public holiday, especially healthcare professionals.

KEEPING IN TOUCH

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SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY

12th FEBRUARY

The Second Sunday before Lent

Genesis 1: 1 - 2: 3; Matthew 6: 25-34

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