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MALLOW UNION

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SUNDAY 24th SEPTEMBER 2023
THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

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 THE EUCHARIST
in St Mary's, Castletownroche

10.00am MORNING PRAYER
in St Mary's, Doneraile

3.00pm SONGS OF PRAISE
in celebration of Harvest
Thanksgiving *in St James's, Mallow*

7.30pm ECUMENICAL WORSHIP
in the Hall behind the Convent of
Mercy, Charleville

NEXT WEDNESDAY 27th SEPTEMBER

*St Michael & All Angels
(anticipated)*

11.00am

THE EUCHARIST
at St James's, Mallow

Revelation 12. 7-12
John 1. 47-51

TODAY'S READINGS

Jonah 3: 10 - 4: 11

When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it. But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. He prayed to the Lord and said, 'O Lord! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. And now, O Lord, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live.' And the Lord said, 'Is it right for you to be angry?' Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city. The Lord God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, 'It is better for me to die than to live.' But God said to Jonah, 'Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?' And he said, 'Yes, angry enough to die.' Then the Lord said, 'You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labour and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand people who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?'

Matthew 20: 1-16

Jesus said 'For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire labourers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the labourers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the market-place; and he said to them, "You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right." So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, "Why are you standing here idle all day?" They said to him, "Because no one has hired us." He said to them, "You also go into the vineyard." When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, "Call the labourers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first." When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage.* Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it,

they grumbled against the landowner, saying, “These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.” But he replied to one of them, “Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?”* So the last will be first, and the first will be last.’

NEWS ITEMS

ECUMENICAL WORSHIP The regular monthly gathering for worship, where Anglicans, Methodists, Roman Catholics and Christians of other traditions meet for worship, discussion and friendship, resumes *this evening* in the Hall behind the Convent of Mercy, Main Street, Charleville at 7.30pm. All are very welcome.

HARVEST CELEBRATIONS Following this weekend’s celebrations at St James’s, Mallow, there will be further celebrations in this Union to which everyone is warmly welcome:

- St Mary’s Castletownroche, Sunday October 8th, 3pm.
(Preacher: The Reverend Meghan Farr, St Anne’s Shandon)
- St Mary’s Doneraile, Sunday October 15th, 3pm.
(Preacher: The Reverend Abigail Sines, Carrigrohane Union)

THANK YOU to all who gave their time to support the Harvest celebrations in Mallow. We give thanks for generous hospitality and worship offered in equal measure.

ORDINATION Tomorrow, Monday 25th September, is the feast of Saint Fin Barre of Cork. At 7.30pm, the Bishop proposes to ordain the Reverend Martin Steele to the priesthood. All are invited to attend this important occasion at St Fin Barre’s Cathedral.

WELCOME We are delighted that Michael Kenning, a Diocesan ordinand training for the priesthood at the Church of Ireland Theological Institute in Dublin, will be with us for the next ten weeks. Do please make Michael (whose family home is in Dromahane) welcome among us. He will worship with us next on October 8th.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

For Paul, our Bishop; and for the clergy and people of this united Diocese; and, in the worldwide Anglican Communion, we pray for the Church of Ireland.

We pray for all those who have asked for our prayers, including Norman Bolster, Niall O'Shea, Olive Kingston, Cliff O'Hanlon, Doris Moffat, Nicholas Cummins, Arthur Montgomery, Louise Nagle, William Lysaght, Bina McMahon, Tom Ladd.

We commend to God the recently departed including Norah Green, Bryn Byrne, Brian Waugh, and those whose anniversary of death occurs at this time.

We also pray for those displaced from their homes by war and natural disaster, especially in Ukraine, Morocco & Libya. We pray, too, for farmers and growers, and for all who are gathering harvests at this time.

KEEPING IN TOUCH

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NEXT SUNDAY

Sunday 1st October : The Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

Ezekiel 18. 1-14, 25-32; Matthew 21. 23-32

10.00am Morning Prayer in *St Mary's, Castletownroche*

10.00am The Eucharist in *St Mary's, Doneraile*

11.45am The Eucharist in *St James's, Mallow with activities for our younger worshipper from 11.30am in the Parish Hall.*