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SUNDAY 3rd DECEMBER 2023
THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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, Castletownroche

10.00am THE EUCHARIST
in St Mary's, Doneraile

11.45am THE EUCHARIST
in St James's, Mallow with activities
for our younger worshippers in the
Parish Hall from 11.30am

NEXT WEDNESDAY

6th December
St Nicholas, Bishop

11.00am

THE EUCHARIST
in St James's, Mallow

Isaiah 61.1-3
Mark 10.13-16

TODAY'S READINGS

Isaiah 64: 1-9

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence—as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil—to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence! When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him. You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways. But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed. We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity. Yet, O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. Do not be exceedingly angry, O Lord, and do not remember iniquity for ever. Now consider, we are all your people.

Mark 13: 24-37

Jesus said, 'But in those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see "the Son of Man coming in clouds" with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven. From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he come suddenly. And what I say to you, I say to all: Keep awake.'

CHRISTMAS CONCERTS take place this Friday next (8th December) and Saturday (9th December). If you can help with catering at the concerts, please contact your churchwardens.

CAROL SERVICES The first of the Carol services in preparation for Christmas takes place in St James's, Mallow, on Sunday next, 10th December at 7.00pm, with a collection going to UNICEF/Red Cross Ireland. There will be further Carol services in St Mary's, Castletownroche, at 7.30pm on Thursday 14th December; and at St Mary's, Doneraile, at 3.00pm on Sunday 17th December with a collection to Bishop of Cork's Pastoral Care Fund.

PARISH CHRISTMAS CARDS are now available for distribution. Please take extras to pass on to neighbours, friends & anyone else who might be interested.

MALLOW FIELD CLUB is launching its 41st Journal at a reception in the Hibernian Hotel at 8.00pm tomorrow (Monday 4th) at 8.00pm.

TEENAGE CLOTHES SWAP This community event will take place in Mallow Library on Saturday next 9th December from 2.00pm – 4.00pm.

FREE HAIRCUTS are being offered courtesy of barbering students from Cork Education and Training Board on Tuesday 19th December in Mallow Library from 9.30am – 11.30am. Just turn up – no need to book,

CONFIRMATION 2024 The Bishop is planning his diary for 2024 and we look forward to him being with us to confirm. Could you let the Rector know if you have a request for confirmation or you know of someone who would like to explore this possibility?

THANKS to all who came to the Mallow Farmers' Christmas Markets to provide welcome and refreshments at St James's.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

For Paul, our Bishop and for the clergy and people of this united Diocese; and, in the worldwide Anglican Communion, for the United Church of North India.

We pray for all those who have asked for our prayers, including Niall O'Shea, Olive Kingston, Cliff O'Hanlon, Doris Moffat, Nicholas Cummins, Louise Nagle, Ben Buckley, The Reverend Walter Hill.

We commend to God the recently departed and those whose anniversary of death occurs at this time.

We also pray for those suffering from war and natural disaster, especially in Ukraine; for those grieving and suffering in the ongoing conflict in Israel/Palestine; and for those working to promote greater understanding and co-operation between different cultures and faiths in our communities.

KEEPING IN TOUCH

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NEXT SUNDAY

Sunday 10th December : The Second Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 40. 1-11; Mark 1. 1-8

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

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7.00pm CAROL SERVICE *in St James's, Mallow*