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*of Parishes*

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SUNDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> JANUARY 2024  
THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY

## 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.

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



This year, we are celebrating the Bi-Centenary of the consecration of St James's Church, Mallow, and there will be services and events to mark this significant anniversary of one of our three churches.

### 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

**24th January**

*Eve of the Conversion of  
St Paul the Apostle*

**11.00am**  
THE EUCHARIST

*in St James's, Mallow*

Acts 9. 1-22  
Matthew 19. 27-30

**Jonah 3: 1-5, 10**

The word of the Lord came to Jonah a second time, saying, 'Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you.' So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days' walk across. Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, 'Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!' And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth. 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.

**Mark 1: 14-20**

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, 'The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.' As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the lake—for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you fish for people.' And immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men and followed him.

**CONFIRMATION 2024** This year's Confirmation service will be in Youghal, May 26<sup>th</sup>. 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 by Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January, please.

**THE ALZHEIMER SOCIETY OF IRELAND** is hosting a Dementia Inclusive Community event — encouraging people, businesses and services in Mallow to create a more nurturing and accepting environment for people living with dementia and their families in the community — at The Hibernian Hotel from 7 - 9 pm, Thursday next, 25th January.

**THANKSGIVING AND VIGIL FOR VOCATIONS** The Bishop is inviting us to give thanks to God for clergy who have been appointed to vacant parishes (e.g. Fermoy, Templebreedy and Cobh/Glanmire) and to continue to pray for vocations to ordained and lay ministry, both licensed and unlicensed. He invites all to Cloyne Cathedral, Saturday January 27<sup>th</sup>, 11am-1pm.

**ST JAMES 2024 : A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY** On Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> February, there will be a Table Quiz in Albert Lynch's bar, Fair Street, Mallow (next to the Courthouse) at 8.00pm *sharp* in aid of the year of Bi-Centennial celebrations of the consecration of St James's Church. Further details to follow.

**ALONE** is an HSE-funded support group that supports anyone of 60 years or more to age safely and securely at home. One of their services, among others, is a volunteer befriending service. If anyone would like to become a volunteer, please contact Jim Hyde, the North Cork Support Co-ordinator, on 086 198 0262. See [www.alone.ie](http://www.alone.ie) for more details.

**FREE SHORT COURSES** from Cork Education & Training Board are being offered at Le Chéile Family Resource Centre, Fair Street, Mallow. The first 'Introduction to Personal Development' runs from Tuesday January 30<sup>th</sup> – March 26<sup>th</sup> 10.30am-1pm and explore issues affecting emotional well-being and growth, including the management of feelings, stress, listening, communication and relationships. The second 'Managing Stress in our Daily Lives' runs from Wednesday January 31<sup>st</sup> – March 27<sup>th</sup> 10.30am-1pm explores the natural processes that give rise to stress, learning skills in the prevention of unnecessary stress and the management of unavoidable stress. For more information contact Norma Roche on 085 861 9468 [norma.roche@socialandhealth.com](mailto:norma.roche@socialandhealth.com).

**LENT** is the forty-day season of preparation for Easter and begins on Ash Wednesday (14<sup>th</sup> February). There will be celebrations of the Eucharist on that day (with the traditional imposition of ashes for those who wish to receive them) at 11.00am in St James's, Mallow; and at 8.00pm in St Mary's, Castletownroche where the Bishop will be present as he celebrates his 25<sup>th</sup> year as Bishop.

**CHRISTMAS CONCERTS 2024** Discussions have begun about the future of our annual Christmas Concerts. If anyone feels they have the time, energy and skills to be involved in taking this forward, please have a word with the Rector. Thank you in advance!

## 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 South 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, Ben Buckley, Tom Ladd, Gladys Curtis, Annette Hooton.

We commend to God the recently departed especially Louise Nagle, Jude Barry, Gerry Flynn, Sandy Lysaght and those whose anniversary of death occurs at this time, especially Ned Foott, Anne Lysaght.

We also pray for those living with the devastating impact of war, especially in Ukraine and in Israel/Palestine; and for all who have been suffering from the effects of the cold weather.

## KEEPING IN TOUCH

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## NEXT SUNDAY

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> January: The Presentation of Christ in the Temple  
(Candlemas)

Malachi 3. 1-5; Luke 2. 22-40

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**7.30pm** Ecumenical Worship in Charleville