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PALM SUNDAY

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 THE EUCHARIST with
Blessing of Palms *in St Mary's,
Castletownroche*

10.00am MORNING PRAYER
*in St Mary's, Doneraile with distribution of
blessed Palms*

11.45am THE EUCHARIST with
Blessing of Palms, Procession &
Dramatic Reading of the Passion *in St
James's, Mallow* followed by
refreshments.

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

HOLY WEEK

This is the most significant
week of the year for
Christians, when we recall and
celebrate the events that are
central to our faith.

Full details of all services and
events can be found on the
yellow leaflet given out with
this newsletter.

Isaiah 50: 4-9a

The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens—wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backwards. I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty? All of them will wear out like a garment; the moth will eat them up.

Mark 11: 1-11

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples and said to them, 'Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, "Why are you doing this?" just say this, "The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately."' They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, some of the bystanders said to them, 'What are you doing, untying the colt?' They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting, 'Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest heaven!' Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

NEWS ITEMS

HOLY WEEK is the celebration of the key moments at the heart of the Christian faith, as we journey from Palm Sunday to Easter Day. There is a flyer giving details of all services, as well as activities for our younger worshippers, available today. *Please take one for yourself – and extras for others who are not in church today or for friends and family who may wish to join us for worship.*

ST JAMES'S COMMUNITY CAFÉ This new outreach initiative on Friday mornings during the Farmers' Market in Mallow has begun. The Café is open from 9.00am to 12.30 noon. Do come and support it – and invite others to come with you! If anyone would like to donate for sale jams, preserves, pickles etc, these will then be sold at the café.

ST JAMES'S COMMUNITY GARDEN has been gifted 500 summer flowering bulbs but we need help to get them started. If you have a warm window space, greenhouse or polytunnel, do take some bulbs home – but don't forget to bring them back! Let us know also if you want to be a volunteer in the garden.

THANK YOU to all who participated in the Mallow St Patrick's Day parade, last Sunday, with our splendid new banner. This is the first time the Church of Ireland was invited to be part of the parade and this is an excellent reflection of the recognition of our place in the wider life of the community.

WHATSAPP St James's is about to have its own Whatsapp group. If you want to belong to this group, sharing specific information relating to St James, could you be in touch with any one of the three administrators: Jennifer Hartnett: 087 253 6884; Kevin Keane: 086 080 8946; Valerie Ferguson: 087 167 8646

EASTER CELEBRATION OF FAITH The Bishop is inviting us to celebrate with him the good news of Easter on Sunday 14th April 2024 at 7 p.m. in St Fin Barre's Cathedral, Cork. This will also be an opportunity to mark the 25th anniversary of his consecration as bishop.

THE GENERAL EASTER VESTRY is the Annual General Meeting of Mallow Union of Parishes, when parish officers and members of the Select Vestry are elected. It takes place on Tuesday, April 16th in St James's Church, Mallow, at 8.00pm.

CONCERT IN DONERAILE We look forward to welcoming back violinist Valdimir Jablokov and friends to St Mary's Doneraile, Friday April 19th Tickets are available from Eilis: 087 297 3753

CHRISTMAS CONCERTS We are delighted that a team is already working hard on this year's Christmas Concerts. Do spread the word that preparations are well under way!

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 Church of the Province of West Africa.

We pray for all those who have asked for our prayers, including Olive Kingston, Cliff O'Hanlon, Nicholas Cummins, Ben Buckley, Tom Ladd, Annette Hooton, Hazel Ladd.

We commend to God the recently departed especially Ediagbonya Uwumarogie, Doris Moffatt, Ann de Montfort and those whose anniversary of death occurs at this time, especially John Coulter, Edward O'Grady.

KEEPING IN TOUCH

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NEXT SUNDAY

Sunday 31st March : Easter Day

Acts 10. 34-43; John 20. 1-18

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

11.45am FESTIVAL EUCHARIST with Blessing of the Easter Garden *in St James's, Mallow* followed by refreshments

Please note that the Easter Vigil (the most dramatic service of the Christian year) takes place at St Mary's, Castletownroche at 8.00pm next Saturday evening, Easter Eve. There will be no service in Castletownroche on Easter morning.