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SUNDAY 31ST MARCH 2024

EASTER DAY

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 FESTIVAL
EUCCHARIST**
in St Mary's, Doneraile

**11.45am FESTIVAL
EUCCHARIST** *in St James's,
Mallow* followed by
refreshments.

WEDNESDAY

Wednesday in Easter Week

in St James's, Mallow

11.00am

THE EUCCHARIST

Acts 3. 1-10
Luke 24. 35-48

TODAY'S READINGS

Acts 10: 34-43

Then Peter began to speak to the crowd: 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

John 20: 1-18

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.' Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went towards the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes. But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping?' She said to them, 'They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.' When she had said this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?' Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, 'Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.' Jesus said to her, 'Mary!' She turned and said to him in Hebrew, 'Rabbouni!' (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, 'Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, "I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God."' Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, 'I have seen the Lord'; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

NEWS ITEMS

THANK YOU to *everyone* who contributed to the worship during Holy Week and participated in it, making it a fitting celebration of the events at the heart of our faith – and to *everyone* who has prepared our churches for the celebration of Easter.

CONGRATULATIONS to the bell ringing team from St Mary's Doneraile, who competed and came 3rd in the Cherry Cup competition in Skibbereen a week last Saturday.

WHATSAPP St James's now has 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 the Diocese 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. Due to capacity issues at the Cathedral, representatives of Mallow Union will be invited to attend on our behalf.

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 Jablovok 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!

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.

CONGRATULATIONS to Robert and Betty Deane on the birth of their grandchild Bobby Deane Hanley to parents Mary and Niall.

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 in the Province of West Indies.

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 Angelica Das, John Coulter, Edward O'Grady, Catherine O'Flynn.

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NEXT SUNDAY

Sunday 7th April : The Second Sunday of Easter

Acts 4. 32-35; John 20. 19-31

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* followed by refreshments. Activities for our younger worshippers take place in the Parish Hall from 11.30am.