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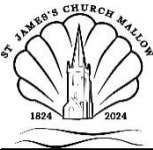
WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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

in St Mary's, Castletownroche

10.00am MORNING PRAYER

in St Mary's, Doneraile

11.45 THE EUCHARIST

followed by refreshments *in St James's, Mallow*

7.30pm ECUMENICAL

WORSHIP *in the Hall behind the Convent of Mercy, Charleville*

WEDNESDAY

1st May

Saints Philip & James

Apostles

11.00am

THE EUCHARIST

in St James's, Mallow

Ephesians 1. 3-10

John 14. 1-14

TODAY'S READINGS

Acts 8. 26-40

An angel of the Lord said to Philip, 'Get up and go towards the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.' (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, 'Go over to this chariot and join it.' So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, 'Do you understand what you are reading?' He replied, 'How can I, unless someone guides me?' And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this: 'Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth.' The eunuch asked Philip, 'About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?' Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, 'Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?*' He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

John 15: 1-8

Jesus said 'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes* to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed* by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

MALLOW FIELD CLUB will have an evening outing to explore St James's and St Anne's Churches on Wednesday 1st May from 7pm-9pm.

CASTLETOWNROCHE MAY SUPPER All are very welcome to a supper in the Community Hall in Castletownroche on Friday 3rd May at 8.00pm. Please pre-book tickets (€20) before 30th April from either Diana Buckley 086 1547810 or Hazel Ladd 087 9471182.

ASCENSION DAY The fortieth day of the Easter season, when we celebrate the risen Jesus returning to his Father and taking our humanity with him, falls on **Thursday 9th May**. There will be a celebration of the Eucharist (with hymns) at **8.00pm** in St James's Church, Mallow.

CÓR MHAGH EALLA will be holding a concert "May Melodies" in St James's Church, Mallow, on Friday 10th May at 8pm, with Prosecco reception at 7.30pm. Tickets available at the Farmers' Market, at Katie's Newsagents and the Lime House, Main Street, Mallow.

THE CHOIR OF ST FIN BARRE'S CATHEDRAL, CORK will be coming to St James's, Mallow on Sunday 9th June at 4.00pm to lead us in a service of Choral Evensong. This is a much-treasured part of our Anglican tradition of worship from the Book of Common Prayer, with glorious music, offering us all space to reflect, to breathe and to pray. All are very welcome.

BICENTENNIAL QUILT Various organisations in the area are contributing a square to this fabulous quilt. How about helping with a square depicting St Mary's Doneraile and the same for St Mary's Castletownroche? Do be in touch with Jennifer Hartnett.

ST JAMES'S COMMUNITY CAFÉ This excellent outreach initiative on Friday mornings during the Farmers' Market in Mallow is in full swing. Do come and support it – and invite others to come with you!

ST JAMES'S COMMUNITY GARDEN The gardening volunteers meet usually Saturday 10am at St James's. Everyone is welcome to come along and join in.

A MESSAGE FROM THE REVEREND EILEEN CREMIN

"I would like to thank the Reverend Meurig and everyone who made my 30th anniversary of ordination so memorable. A special thanks to those who gave gifts and provided refreshments and took photos which I will treasure!"

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 Bangladesh.

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.

We commend to God the recently departed especially Beatrice Alice Waldron, Anthony Connolly, Jill Roche, Kitty Griffin and those whose anniversary of death occurs at this time, especially Angelica Das, Edward O'Grady, Catherine O'Flynn.

We also pray for victims of war throughout the world, especially in Ukraine and Gaza; and for young people preparing for the Junior and Leaving Certificate.

KEEPING IN TOUCH

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NEXT SUNDAY

Sunday 5th May : The Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 10. 44-48; John 15. 9-17

10.00am MORNING PRAYER *in St Mary's, Castletownroche*

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