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MALLOW UNION

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SUNDAY 22nd DECEMBER 2024

THE FOURTH 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.

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.

TODAY'S SERVICES

10.00am MORNING PRAYER

in St Mary's, Doneraile

11.45am THE EUCHARIST

in St James's, Mallow.

Followed by refreshments.

3.00pm CAROL SERVICE

in St Mary's Castletownroche

Tuesday 24th December

Christmas Eve

8.00pm

The First Eucharist of Christmas

in Mallow

11.15pm

The First Eucharist of Christmas

in Doneraile

Wednesday 25th December

Christmas Day

9.45am

Festival Eucharist

in Castletownroche

11.30am

Festival Eucharist *in Mallow*

Micah 2. 2-5a

But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labour has brought forth; then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel. And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God. And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth; and he shall be the one of peace.

Luke 1. 39-46

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, 'Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leapt for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.' And Mary said, 'My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour.

NEWS ITEMS

PARISH CHRISTMAS CARD giving details of worship for Christmas and the Epiphany in all our churches is available today. **Please take copies for yourselves – and some more to share more widely with family, neighbours or the wider community.**

THANK YOU to **everyone** who gave their time, energy and skills to welcome large numbers of people to our Christmas concerts. These are major community events, as well as significant sources of fundraising, and we are hugely grateful to all those who worked so hard to make them a huge success. Our special thanks go to Jillian, Agnes, Lizzy, Mary and Valerie who formed the organising committee and led the way so thoroughly, along with the many people who supported them with stewarding, catering and clearing up after the concerts. We are hugely grateful to all of you.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS CLUB Thanks to all who encouraged and supported our younger parishioners at this year's Christmas Club. There was much activity and enjoyment and we are grateful especially to Jennifer, Ruth, Grace and Shirley. The Sunday Club will reconvene on Sunday, January 5th for the Christingle Service, 4pm, at St James's.

CAROL SERVICES following last week's excellent Carol Service in Mallow, the second of this year's Carol Services will be in St Mary's, Castletownroche at 3pm; The collection will go towards the work of Saint Vincent de Paul. The last of our carol services will be on the first Sunday after Christmas at St Mary's, Doneraile at 3pm, 29th December. The collection will go towards the work of Cork Simon.

PARISH HALL We are delighted that the Mallow Musical Society will be rehearsing in the Parish Hall on four evenings in December and January. Welcome to them!

ECUMENICAL WORSHIP in addition to the Carol Service in Doneraile on Sunday next *which is the only act of worship in the Union* there will also be worship in the hall at the rear of the Convent of Mercy, Main Street, Charleville at 7.30pm attended by Anglicans, Methodist, Roman Catholics & Christians of other traditions.

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 Uganda.

We pray for all those who have asked for our prayers, including Tom Ladd, Jerome O'Callaghan.

We commend to God the recently departed, especially Annette Hooton, Dorothy Morgan, Clifford O'Hanlon, Gillian St Leger Mulligan and those whose anniversary of death occurs at this time of the year, especially Norman Bolster, Louise Nagle, Ned Foott, Geraldine St Leger, Gerry Flynn.

We also pray for victims of war throughout the world, for South Korea and Syria at this time of uncertainty & for those working to form a government here in Ireland.

KEEPING IN TOUCH

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NEXT SUNDAY

Sunday 29th December: The First Sunday of Christmas

3pm CAROL SERVICE in *St Mary's, Doneraile*

Please note this will be the **only** act of worship in the Union on this day
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WEDNESDAY 1st JANUARY

The Naming & Circumcision of Jesus

11.00am THE EUCHARIST
in St James's, Mallow

Galatians 4. 4-7; Luke 2. 15-21