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SUNDAY 8th DECEMBER 2024
THE SECOND 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 THE EUCHARIST

in St Mary's, Castletownroche

10.00am MORNING PRAYER

in St Mary's, Doneraile

11.45am THE EUCHARIST

in St James's, Mallow with activities for our younger worshippers from 11.30am. The service is followed by refreshments.

WEDNESDAY

11th December

10.00am

(Please note the change of time for this week only)

THE EUCHARIST
in St James's, Mallow

Isaiah 40. 25-31
Matthew 11. 28-30

Baruch 5: 1-9

Take off the garment of your sorrow and affliction, O Jerusalem, and put on for ever the beauty of the glory from God. Put on the robe of the righteousness that comes from God; put on your head the diadem of the glory of the Everlasting; for God will show your splendour everywhere under heaven. For God will give you evermore the name, 'Righteous Peace, Godly Glory'. Arise, O Jerusalem, stand upon the height; look towards the east, and see your children gathered from west and east at the word of the Holy One, rejoicing that God has remembered them. For they went out from you on foot, led away by their enemies; but God will bring them back to you, carried in glory, as on a royal throne. For God has ordered that every high mountain and the everlasting hills be made low and the valleys filled up, to make level ground, so that Israel may walk safely in the glory of God. The woods and every fragrant tree have shaded Israel at God's command. For God will lead Israel with joy, in the light of his glory, with the mercy and righteousness that come from him.

Luke 3: 1-6

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high-priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, 'The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; and all flesh shall see the salvation of God." '

NEWS ITEMS

CHRISTMAS CONCERTS will take place on **Friday 13th December** and **Saturday 14th December** in St James's Church, Mallow. There are a few tickets at €25.00 left in Katie's Newsagent, Main Street, Mallow. Please consider helping with refreshments on either evening (or both) and sign your name on the notice in our churches *today* if you can help.

PARKING FOR CHRISTMAS CONCERTS in St James's grounds will be restricted to emergency vehicles, performers or disabled. If anyone needs special access, please ring 085-1788 336.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS CLUB This year our children's workshop will happen on Sunday next, December 15th, 4pm-6pm, followed by refreshments (and Carol Service!). We are grateful to the leaders for their energy, time and commitment. Please spread the word.

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.**

CAROL SERVICES The first of this year's **Carol Services** will be in St James's, Mallow, on Sunday 15th December at 7pm; St Mary's, Castletownroche at 3pm on Sunday 22nd December; St Mary's, Doneraile at 3pm on Sunday 29th December.

CONGRATULATIONS to Mallow parishioner, Mel O'Dea, on the forthcoming publication of her book *Ripples on the Lake* published by the Forest Press. The book launch will be held in the West End Arts Studio, Mallow, on Tuesday 17th December from 6 to 9pm. All are very welcome to attend.

IRD DUHALLOW are offering a number of training courses starting in 2025, including 'Social Media for Business', 'Microsoft Excel for Beginners' and 'Start Your Own Business.' More information on their website

<https://www.irdduhallow.com/upcoming-events/>

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 Episcopal Church of Sudan.

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

We commend to God the recently departed, especially Dorothy Morgan, Clifford O'Hanlon, Monsignor Denis O'Callaghan and those whose anniversary of death occurs at this time of the year, especially Norman Bolster.

We also pray for victims of war throughout the world, for South Korea 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 15th December: The Third Sunday of Advent

Zephaniah 3. 14-20; Luke 3. 7-18

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

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

7.00pm CAROL SERVICE in *St James's, Mallow* followed by refreshments.