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Mallow Union of Parishes

Aontas Pharóiste Mhala

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SUNDAY 23rd FEBRUARY 2025

The Second Sunday before Lent

Fáilte – Welcome

We are very glad to welcome everyone who worships in our churches today. We hope you will feel at home among us, especially if you are joining us for worship for the first time.

Please take a moment to check that you have turned off your 'phone before worship begins.

The Church of Ireland is a part of the worldwide Anglican Communion. We are glad to welcome all baptized Christians, who normally receive communion in their own churches, to receive communion at all celebrations of the Eucharist.

WORSHIP THIS WEEK

TODAY

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 Sunday Club for our younger worshippers, followed by refreshments.

7.30pm ECUMENICAL WORSHIP in the hall at the rear of the Convent of Mercy, Main Street, Charleville

WEDNESDAY 26th FEBRUARY

11.00am THE EUCHARIST *in St James's, Mallow*
Ecclesiasticus 4. 11-19; Mark 9. 38-40

PROCLAIMING & RECEIVING THE WORD



Genesis 2. 4b-9, 15-25

These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created. In the day that the Lord God made the earth and the heavens, when no plant of the field was yet in the earth and no herb of the field had yet sprung up—for the Lord God had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and there was no one to till the ground; but a stream would rise from the earth, and water the whole face of the ground— then the Lord Gd formed man from the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and the man became a living being. And the Lord God planted a garden in Eden, in the east; and there he put the man whom he had formed. Out of the ground the Lord God made to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food, the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the Lord God commanded the man, ‘You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.’ Then the Lord God said, ‘It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner.’ So out of the ground the Lord God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called each living creature, that was its name. The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man* there was not found a helper as his partner. So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. And the rib that the Lord God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. Then the man said, ‘This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called Woman, for out of Man this one was taken.’ Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh. And the man and his wife were both naked, and were not ashamed.

Luke 8: 22-25

One day Jesus got into a boat with his disciples, and he said to them, ‘Let us go across to the other side of the lake.’ So they put out, and while they were sailing he fell asleep. A gale swept down on the lake, and the boat was filling with water, and they were in danger. They went to him and woke him up, shouting, ‘Master, Master, we are perishing!’ And he woke up and rebuked the wind and the raging waves; they ceased, and there was a calm. He said

to them, 'Where is your faith?' They were afraid and amazed, and said to one another, 'Who then is this, that he commands even the winds and the water, and they obey him?'

CHURCH AND COMMUNITY LIFE



PANCAKE PARTY hosted by members of the Mothers' Union, to anticipate Shrove Tuesday, will take place in the Parish Hall in Mallow on Thursday 27th February at 8.00pm. All are welcome.

GREENSHINE IN CONCERT Mallow Arts Collective are hoping for a full house for the Greenshine concert, Saturday next, March 1st, 8pm, St James's Church Mallow.

LOOKING AHEAD TO LENT This year, Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, 5th March. There will be two celebrations of the Eucharist, with hymns and ashing, on that day: at 11.00am in Mallow; and at 8.00pm in Castletownroche.

DIETRICH BONHOEFFER – THE FILM is being released on 7th March and is a gripping historical drama based on the life of German theologian, anti-Nazi resistance leader, and Christian martyr, Dietrich Bonhoeffer. He made a significant and lasting impact on Christian thinking during the 20th Century. Look out for it at a cinema near you.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER Friday March 7th 8.15pm, St Mary's Doneraile. This year the service material has been prepared by Christians from the Cook Islands. Last year's material was prepared by Palestinian Christian Women. We look forward as always to this annual Day of Prayer.

INTERNATIONAL WOMENS' DAY will be celebrated on Saturday 8th March in St Mary's Church, Doneraile, at 7pm (doors open at 6,30pm) with an evening of music, song and creativity to celebrate the girls and women in our community and beyond. If anyone would like to submit an artwork, craft, textiles or wishes to perform on the night, please contact Mary St Ledger on: 085 178 8336.

BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATIONS The Church of St John the Baptist in Midleton is celebrating its 200th anniversary this year, beginning with a celebration at 6.00pm on Sunday 9th March.

CONGRATULATIONS to Oksana and Michael on the birth of Anna, a baby sister for David! As congregations we send them our love and prayers.

MOTHERS' UNION We are looking forward to welcoming members of the Mothers' Union Diocesan Council to a celebration of the Eucharist (with hymns) in St James's Church, Mallow, on Saturday 12th April at 11.30am. All are welcome.

WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY

2nd March : The Sunday next before Lent

Exodus 34. 29-35; Luke 9. 28-36

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

10.00am THE EUCHARIST with BAPTISM

in St Mary's, Doneraile

11.45am THE EUCHARIST *in St James's, Mallow* with Sunday Club for our younger worshippers, followed by refreshments.

FOR OUR PRAYERS



FOR THE CHURCH 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 Brazil.

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE ASKED FOR OUR PRAYERS Tom Ladd, Jerome O'Callaghan, Mary Greany.

THE RECENTLY DEPARTED & THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME Phyl Hogan, June Gardiner, Alastair Russell, Paula Canty, Billy Quin, Deirdre, Gertrude Musgrave, Tony Goodman and Thomas Atkinson, Betty Livingstone.

FOR THE WIDER COMMUNITY & THE WORLD for all places of conflict and for justice in negotiations to establish lasting peace in Ukraine and Gaza; and for those in the news who have died violent deaths in Ireland over these past weeks and all who mourn them.

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