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Mallow Union of Parishes

Aontas Pharóiste Mhala

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SUNDAY 2nd FEBRUARY 2025
The Presentation of Christ in the Temple
(*Candlemas*)

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 MORNING PRAYER *in St Mary's Castletownroche*

10.00am THE EUCHARIST *in St Mary's, Doneraile with Bellingring and refreshments at 5pm*

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

WEDNESDAY 5th FEBRUARY : St Brigid (transferred)

11.00am THE EUCHARIST *in St James's, Mallow*
Hosea 6. 1-4; John 10. 7-16

PROCLAIMING & RECEIVING THE WORD



Malachi 3. 1-5

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years. Then I will draw near to you for judgement; I will be swift to bear witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired workers in their wages, the widow, and the orphan, against those who thrust aside the alien, and do not fear me, says the Lord of hosts.

Luke 2. 22-40

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, 'Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord'), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, 'a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.' Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, 'Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.' And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.' There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with

her husband for seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem. When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

CHURCH AND COMMUNITY LIFE



CANDLEMAS LUNCH There will be a parish lunch in St James's Church, Mallow, following the Eucharist today. All are very welcome to join us as we celebrate the conclusion of the Christmas celebrations. We are grateful to those who have prepared and donated food and drink for us to enjoy together.

BELLRINGING There will be three hours of continuous bellringing at Doneraile today starting at 5pm. Refreshments will be available. Visiting bellringers will be welcomed for this special peal to celebrate the rehanging.

VOCATIONS EVENT There is a retreat for those considering ordained ministry at the Manresa Retreat Centre in Drumcondra, Dublin from Friday 21st to Sunday 23rd February. If anyone is interested, please have a word with the Rector for further details.

CONGRATULATIONS to twins Vada and Saorlaith Daly (daughters of Kierstin and Michael Daly) who were baptised in Trondjhem Lutheran Church, Round Hill, Alberta in Canada on December 29th 2024. This is Kierstin's home church but we hope St James's Mallow is a home from home for the whole family!

MALLOW MUSICAL SOCIETY will be rehearsing in the parish hall tomorrow (February 3rd), 5pm-9pm.

THANKS to all in Doneraile and Castletownroche who have worked hard on grant applications to the Community Monuments Fund. We hope for successful outcomes!

WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY

9th February : The Fourth Sunday before Lent

Isaiah 6. 1-8; Luke 5. 1-11

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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 Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia

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

THE RECENTLY DEPARTED & THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME Alastair Russell, Paula Canty, Billy Quin, Deirdre; Louise Nagle, Ned Foott, Sandy Lysaght, Geraldine St Leger, Gerry Flynn.

FOR THE WIDER COMMUNITY & THE WORLD for Ukraine, Gaza and all places of conflict. For those whose lives, homes & livelihoods have been impacted by Storm Éowyn. For those grieving after losing loved ones in the air crash in Washington DC.

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