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## *Mallow Union of Parishes*

Aontas Pharóiste Mhala

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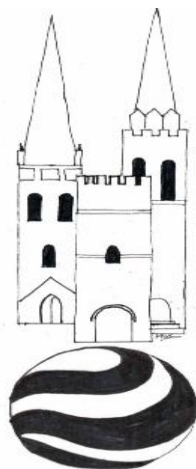
*The Second Sunday of Lent*

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 MORNING PRAYER *in St Mary's Castletownroche*

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

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

#### **WEDNESDAY 19th MARCH : St Joseph**

11.00am THE EUCHARIST *in St James's, Mallow*

2 Samuel 7. 4-16; Matthew 1. 18-25

## PROCLAIMING & RECEIVING THE WORD



### **Genesis 15: 1-12, 17-18**

After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, 'Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.' But Abram said, 'O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?' And Abram said, 'You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.' But the word of the Lord came to him, 'This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.' He brought him outside and said, 'Look towards heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.' Then he said to him, 'So shall your descendants be.' And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness. Then he said to him, 'I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess.' But he said, 'O Lord God, how am I to know that I shall possess it?' He said to him, 'Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtle-dove, and a young pigeon.' He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away. As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him. When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire-pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, 'To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates.'

### **Luke 13. 31-35**

At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to Jesus, 'Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.' He said to them, 'Go and tell that fox for me, "Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed away from Jerusalem." Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, "Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord."'

## CHURCH AND COMMUNITY LIFE



**ST PATRICK'S DAY** will be celebrated in Mallow with the annual carnival through the town commencing at 2.30pm. Last year, the Church of Ireland was well-represented for the first time, and anyone wishing to participate is asked to gather at entrance to the Co-op/Lidl at 2.00pm.

**SELECT VESTRY** will take place on Wednesday next, 19<sup>th</sup> March, in the Parish Hall at 8.00pm, when the Register of Vestry Members will also be reviewed. If you are a regular worshipper in our churches and wish to have your name added to the Register (which enables you to vote at the Annual Meeting) please fill in a form *today*.

**SUNDAY 30<sup>th</sup> MARCH** is the fifth Sunday of the month when, by longstanding tradition, there is only one act of worship in the Union. On this day, there will be a celebration of the Eucharist for all three of our churches in St Mary's, Castletownroche, at 11.00am. All are very welcome.

**ECUMENICAL WORSHIP** will take place in the hall behind the Convent of Mercy, Main Street, Charleville, on Sunday next, 23<sup>rd</sup> March at 8.00pm. Anglicans, Methodists and Roman Catholics come together for prayer, conversation and refreshments. This month our worship will be led by The Reverend Eileen Cremin.

**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 12<sup>th</sup> April at 11.30am. All are welcome.

**CORK COLLEGE OF FURTHER EDUCATION (Mallow Campus)** is offering various courses, including art, woodwork, upholstery, photography, computers and IT, barbering & hairdressing, cookery, crochet & sewing, nutrition, English language skills. Contact 022 42322 or 55452 for further details.

**THANK YOU** The family of Ethan Wordley, who was baptized recently in St Mary's, Doneraile, wish to thank everyone who made them welcome and provided refreshments after the Eucharist.

## WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY

23<sup>rd</sup> March: The Third Sunday of Lent

Isaiah 55. 1-9 ; Luke 13: 1-9

- 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, Charleville

## 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 Church in the Province of Central Africa.

**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** Tom O'Donovan, Phyl Hogan, June Gardiner, Alastair Russell, Paula Canty, Billy Quin, Deirdre, Gertrude Musgrave, Tony Goodman and Thomas Atkinson, Betty Livingstone, Anne Ladd, Edward O'Grady.

**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 whose jobs and livelihoods may be impacted by decisions on trade tariffs among our trading partners.

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