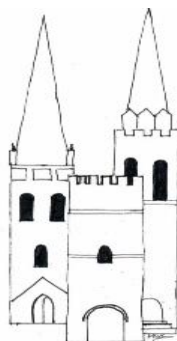


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## *Mallow Union of Parishes*

Aontas Pharóiste Mhala

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SUNDAY 7th DECEMBER 2025

The Second Sunday of Advent

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*  
10.00 am 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 10th December 2025

- 11.00am THE EUCHARIST *in St James's, Mallow*  
Isaiah 40: 25-31; Matthew 11: 28-30

## PROCLAIMING & RECEIVING THE WORD



### **Isaiah 11: 1-10**

A shoot shall come out from the stock of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins. The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

### **Matthew 3: 1-12**

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.' This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, 'The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight."' Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, 'You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, "We have Abraham as our ancestor"; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. 'I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing-floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.'

## CHURCH & COMMUNITY LIFE



### CAROL SERVICES IN THE MALLOW UNION OF PARISHES

St James's Church, Mallow **7.00 pm** Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December

St Mary's Castletownroche **3.00 pm** Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> December

St Mary's, Doneraile **3.00 pm** Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> December

**CHRISTMAS CONCERTS 2025** on **Friday 12<sup>th</sup>** and **Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> December** in St James's Church, Mallow. **Tickets for Friday have sold out** and the last few for Saturday are still available. Tickets are €30 each. You are encouraged to buy your tickets in **St James's Church** on Wednesdays: 12 noon - 1.30 pm; and 5pm - 7.00pm. During the Farmer's Market on Friday Mornings: 9.30am - 1.00pm and in **St James's Church** on Saturdays: 11.00am - 1.00pm. A small number of tickets will also be on sale at Katie's Newsagents.

**CHRISTIAN STUDIES CERTIFICATE (2026/27)** Those of us who have already followed this course speak highly of it. If you are interested, please contact the Reverend Terry Mitchell: [furthereducation@corkchurchofireland.com](mailto:furthereducation@corkchurchofireland.com)

***This is one way in which we can become a more humane, reflective and intelligent Church.***

**DECEMBER AT MALLOW LIBRARY:** **Mallow Camera Club** Exhibition throughout December; **Repair Café** – Saturday 6th December 11am–1:30pm; **Irish Conversation Circle** | Tuesdays at 11:30am; **Saturday Storytime with Brenda** – Saturdays at 11am; **Adult Knitting Group** - Wednesdays at 2:30pm; **Active Retirement Cards** - Thursdays at 2pm; **Friday Tots Time!** - Fridays at 10:30am; **Saturday LEGO Club** - Saturdays at 3:30pm. (Booking essential, Suitable for children 8-12yrs); **Saturday Adult Book Club:** Are you interested in joining a Book Club for the Winter? Contact the Library for more information.

**PASTORAL CARE DURING THE RECTOR'S LEAVE** The Rev'd Clodagh Yambasu, Rector of Fermoy Union will be the primary priest responsible for pastoral care. She can be contacted on 0873262472. The Rev'd Meghan Farr will be the next priest in support. Her number is 0851282778. Sunday Services will continue at the usual times. The Wednesday morning Eucharist will be celebrated by the Rev'd Eileen Cremin.

**ITEMS FOR THE NEWSLETTER** Please let Churchwardens have notices for inclusion in Newsletter by Wednesday of each week if possible:

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## WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY

14<sup>th</sup> December 2025 The Third Sunday of Advent  
Isaiah 35: 1-10; Matthew 11: 2-11

10.00am THE EUCHARIST in *St Mary's, Castletownroche*  
10.00am MORNING PRAYER in *St Mary's Doneraile*  
**7.00 pm** **CAROL SERVICE** in *St James's, Mallow*  
followed by refreshments  
(No Morning Service in Mallow)

## FOR OUR PRAYERS



**FOR THE CHURCH** For Paul, our Bishop, for the clergy and people of this united Diocese; and in the worldwide Anglican Communion for the Province of the Church of Bangladesh.

**FOR THOSE WHO HAVE ASKED FOR OUR PRAYERS** Jerome O'Callaghan, Mary Greany, June Williams, Michael O'Callaghan, Fiontain Roukema Murray, Pat MacDonagh, Alison Bingham. Teagan Chambers.

**THE RECENTLY DEPARTED & THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME** Rose Shire (nee Buckley), Bill Cagney, Anne Kingston, Michael Kelly, Ruby Perrott, Katherine Barnwell, Barry Daly, Billy O'Connell, Tim O'Callaghan, Martin Mansergh, Annette Hooton, Helen, Norman Bolster, Cliff O'Hanlon.

**WE PRAY TOO** for people struggling to survive amid conflict in many parts of the world – and for those seeking just and peaceful resolutions.

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## KEEPING IN TOUCH

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