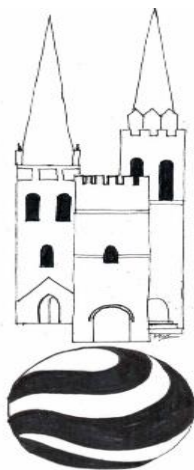


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## *Mallow Union of Parishes*

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**SUNDAY 14th DECEMBER 2025**

**The Third 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 THE EUCHARIST *in St Mary's, Castletownroche*

10.00 am MORNING PRAYER *in St Mary's Doneraile*

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

#### **WEDNESDAY 17th December 2025**

11.00am THE EUCHARIST *in St James's, Mallow*  
Genesis 49: 2, 8-10; Matthew 1: 1-17

## PROCLAIMING & RECEIVING THE WORD



### **Isaiah 35: 1-10**

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the Lord, the majesty of our God. Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who are of a fearful heart, 'Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance with terrible recompense. He will come and save you.' Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp, the grass shall become reeds and rushes. A highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way; the unclean shall not travel on it, but it shall be for God's people; no traveller, not even fools, shall go astray. No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there. And the ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

### **Matthew 11: 2-11**

When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, 'Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?' Jesus answered them, 'Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. And blessed is anyone who takes no offence at me.' As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: 'What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written, "See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you." Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.

## CHURCH & COMMUNITY LIFE



### CAROL SERVICES IN THE MALLOW UNION OF PARISHES

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 IN ST JAMES'S 2025** Thanks to everyone who helped organise these much-loved events in the local community calendar. To all the volunteers who gave their time to decorate the church, helping with setting up and serving the refreshments and, of course, to the performers who made the evening such a success. We will have a full report for next week's newsletter.

**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.

**'FRIENDSHIP CLUB'** in Doneraile held their Christmas lunch on 4<sup>th</sup> December and all enjoyed a convivial and festive atmosphere in the new space created at the back of the Church. A donation of €820 raised at the lunch was donated to Cork Simon. The Friendship Club meetings will begin again on 8<sup>th</sup> January 2026.

**BELLRINGING** A group of bellringers visiting St Mary's Doneraile completed a successful peal on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> December in a record time of 2 hours 33 minutes.

**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

21<sup>st</sup> December 2025 The Fourth Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 7: 10-16; Matthew 1: 18-25

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

11.45 am THE EUCHARIST *in St James's, Mallow*  
followed by refreshments

**3.00 pm** **CAROL SERVICE** *in St Mary's, Castletownroche*

(No Morning Service in Castletownroche)

## 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 Anglican Church of Burundi.

**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, Ruby Austin, 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, Jillian St Leger, Geraldine St Leger & Elizabeth St Leger.

**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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