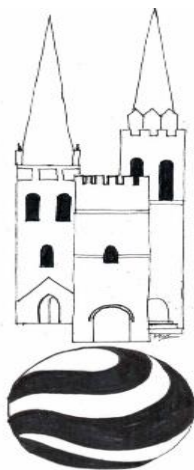


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## *Mallow Union of Parishes*

Aontas Pharóiste Mhala

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SUNDAY 21st DECEMBER 2025

The Fourth 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

10.00 am 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*

***(CHRISTMAS SERVICES OVERLEAF)***

## PROCLAIMING & RECEIVING THE WORD



### **Isaiah 7: 10-16**

Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz, saying, Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test. Then Isaiah\* said: 'Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted.

### **Matthew 1: 18-25**

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, 'Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.' All this took place to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: 'Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel', which means, 'God is with us.' When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

## CHURCH & COMMUNITY LIFE



### CHRISTMAS SERVICES IN MALLOW UNION OF PARISHES

#### WEDNESDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER CHRISTMAS EVE

Isaiah 9: 2-7; Luke 2:1-14

**8.00 pm** The First Eucharist of Christmas in St James's Church, Mallow

**11.30 pm** The First Eucharist of Christmas in St Mary's Doneraile

#### THURSDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER CHRISTMAS DAY

Hebrews 1: 1-4, 5-12; John 1: 1-14

**9.45 am** Festival Eucharist in St Mary's Castletownroche

**11.30 am** Festival Eucharist in St James's Mallow

**CHRISTMAS CONCERTS IN ST JAMES'S 2025** Parishioners, friends and people from the community who attended the Mallow Christmas Concerts were greatly appreciative and complimentary of the smooth organisation, presentation and wonderfully festive atmosphere. The success of the concerts is due in no small part to the enthusiastic support of the volunteers from all corners of the parish. It was particularly gratifying to find so many new worshippers from St James's who came forward to help and make the Church a welcoming environment for all. The organising committee is grateful to those who gave their time so generously and selflessly to make this significant fundraising event for the parish such a success.

**CHILDREN'S CLUB** Thanks to all who helped with a great afternoon of Christmas activities for our younger worshippers. There were games, craft, cake decorating, food, stories and, finally, prayer in Church with the Reverend Eileen and a special focus on our stunning new Crib. Thanks to all for enabling our younger worshippers to be immersed in a prayerful experience of the Church.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to grandparents Margot and Kevin Bolster-Keane on the birth of their fifth grandchild, Roise and to parents Mathew and Amy (who were married in St James's June 2022). Roise's sister Saoirse was baptised in St James's August 2024. Comhghairdeas go leir!

**DECEMBER AT MALLOW LIBRARY:** **Mallow Camera Club** Exhibition throughout December; **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**

28<sup>th</sup> December 2025 The First Sunday of Christmas

**3.00 pm**

#### **CAROL SERVICE**

*by Candlelight in St Mary's Doneraile*

(No Morning Worship in *St James's Mallow* and *St Mary's 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, 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, Michael O'Callaghan, Anne Kingston, Michael Kelly, Ken Nagle, Ruby Perrott, Katherine Barnwell, Barry Daly, Billy O'Connell, Tim O'Callaghan, Annette Hooton, Cliff O'Hanlon, Jillian St Leger, Geraldine St Leger & Elizabeth St Leger, Annie Lysaght, Louise Nagle.

**WE PRAY TOO** for people struggling to survive amid conflict at home and 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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