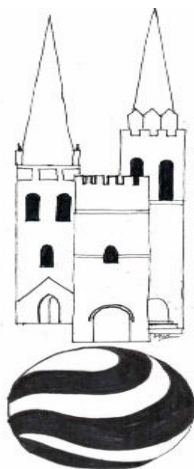


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SUNDAY 1st FEBRUARY 2026
The Presentation of Christ in the Temple

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

- 10.00 am MORNING PRAYER *in St Mary's, Castletownroche*
10.00 am THE EUCHARIST *in St Mary's, Doneraile*
11.45 am THE EUCHARIST *in St James, Mallow (with Sunday Club for our younger worshippers in the Church Hall) followed by refreshments*
(3.30 pm CONFIRMATION SERVICE *in St Fin Barre's Cathedral*)

WEDNESDAY

4th February

- 11.00 am THE EUCHARIST *in St James's, Mallow*
The Feast of St Brigid (transferred)
Micah 6: 1-8; Matthew 5: 1-12

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 Jesus 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 & COMMUNITY LIFE



CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES Please hold in your prayers Ese Akaine, Sophie Gardiner, Eli O'Sullivan and Casey Whitford who will be confirmed in St Finbarr's Cathedral today at 3.30pm.

FRIENDSHIP CLUB will meet on Thursday 5th February in St Mary's Church, Doneraile from 10.30am. All are welcome to attend.

MOTHERS' UNION SERVICE 11.00am Wednesday 11th February. We will commemorate Annabella Hayes the Founder of the Mothers' Union in Ireland and the service will be followed by a light lunch. Easter Cards will be available to buy from the Enterprise stall and please remember that member subscriptions for 2026 are due now.

SUNDAY CLUB: Sunday mornings from 11.30am in the Parish Hall in Mallow for our younger worshippers. This is a weekly opportunity for our younger worshippers to engage with the scriptures in an enjoyable and informal setting and highlights the important connection between work with young people and Sunday worship.

TABLE QUIZ organized by Mallow Arts Festival. Hibernian Hotel, Thursday 5th February at 8.00pm. Teams of 4 = €40. Let's get involved in community-based events!

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

8th February 2026: The Second Sunday Before Lent

Genesis 1: 1 - 2: 3; Matthew 6: 25-34

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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 Church of England.

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

THE RECENTLY DEPARTED & THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME Jim Kingston, Joe Sheridan, Tim O'Callaghan, Cliff O'Hanlon, Beckett Burnstad, Ned Foott, Tony Goodman, Louise Nagle, Annie Lysaght.

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

KEEPING IN TOUCH

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