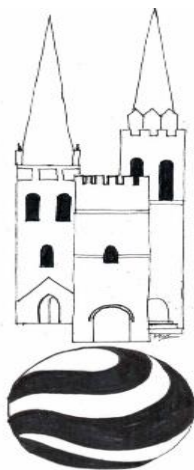


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## *Mallow Union of Parishes*

Aontas Pharóiste Mhala

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### SUNDAY 18th JANUARY 2026 The Second Sunday after the Epiphany 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*

##### WEDNESDAY

**21st January**

11.00am THE EUCHARIST *in St James's, Mallow*  
1 Samuel 17: 32-33, 37, 41-45; Mark 3: 1-6

## PROCLAIMING & RECEIVING THE WORD



### **Isaiah 49:1-7**

Listen to me, O coastlands, pay attention, you peoples from far away! The Lord called me before I was born, while I was in my mother's womb he named me. He made my mouth like a sharp sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow, in his quiver he hid me away. And he said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified." But I said, "I have laboured in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the Lord, and my reward with my God." And now the Lord says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him, for I am honoured in the sight of the Lord, and my God has become my strength - he says, "It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth." Thus says the Lord, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations, the slave of rulers, "Kings shall see and stand up, princes, and they shall prostrate themselves, because of the Lord, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

### **John 1: 29-42**

The next day John saw Jesus coming towards him and declared, 'Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, "After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me." I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.' And John testified, 'I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, "He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit." And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.' The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, 'Look, here is the Lamb of God!' The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, 'What are you looking for?' They said to him, 'Rabbi' (which translated means Teacher), 'where are you staying?' He said to them, 'Come and see.' They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, 'We have found the Messiah' (which is translated "Anointed"). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, 'You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas' (which is translated Peter).

## CHURCH & COMMUNITY LIFE



**JIGSAW CLUB** Activities re-start today for our younger worshippers and will continue on Sunday mornings from 11.30am in the Parish Hall in Mallow. 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.

**WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY January 18<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup>** Prayers and reflections this year have been prepared by the faithful of the Armenian Apostolic Church, together with the Armenian Catholic and Evangelical churches. The theme is 'One Body, One Spirit' and urges us to see the Church as a body that transcends barriers of geography, nationality, ethnicity and tradition. "Live loves worthy of our calling with humility, gentleness, patience and love". (Ephesians 4). Amen to that!

**FRIENDSHIP GROUP** meets on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> January from 10.30am in St Mary's Doneraile. Tea, coffee, chat, crochet, knitting. All welcome.

**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 on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2026.

**ARTIST MEL O'DEA** is holding an ART LAUNCH on 28<sup>th</sup> January from 5.30 – 8.00 pm at "On the Pig's Back" Café, Unit 26, St Patrick's Woollen Mills, Douglas, Cork T12 E952. All are very welcome!

**TABLE QUIZ** organized by Mallow Arts Festival. Hibernian Hotel, Feb. 5<sup>th</sup> at 8pm. 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

**25<sup>th</sup> January : The Third Sunday after the Epiphany  
The Conversion of St Paul**

Acts 9: 1-22; Matthew 19: 27-30

10.00 am	THE EUCHARIST <i>in St Mary's Castletownroche</i>
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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 Anglican Church of the Congo.

**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, Tom Sherlock.

**THE RECENTLY DEPARTED & THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME** Joe Sheridan, Tim O'Callaghan, Annette Hooton, Cliff O'Hanlon, Jillian St Leger, Geraldine St Leger, Elizabeth St Leger, 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.

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## KEEPING IN TOUCH

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