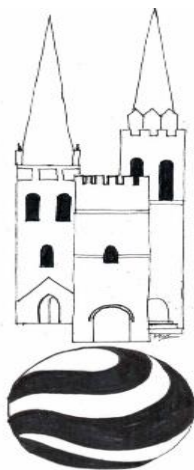


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## *Mallow Union of Parishes*

Aontas Pharóiste Mhala

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### SUNDAY 8th FEBRUARY 2026 **The Second Sunday before Lent** 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, Castletownroche  
10.00 am MORNING PRAYER in St Mary's, Doneraile  
11.45 am THE EUCHARIST in St James, Mallow (with activities for our younger worshippers in the Church Hall from 11.30am) followed by refreshments

##### WEDNESDAY

**11th February**

11.00 am THE EUCHARIST in St James's, Mallow  
Mothers' Union Service

## PROCLAIMING & RECEIVING THE WORD



### **Genesis 1: 1 - 2: 3**

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, 'Let there be light'; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day. And God said, 'Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.' So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day. And God said, 'Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.' And it was so. God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, 'Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it.' And it was so. The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the third day. And God said, 'Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth.' And it was so. God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day. And God said, 'Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky.' So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. God blessed them, saying, 'Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.' And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day. And God said, 'Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind.' And it was so. God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, 'Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth. So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. God blessed them, and God said to them, 'Be fruitful

and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.' God said, 'See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.' And it was so. God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day. Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

### **Matthew 6: 25-34**

'Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, "What will we eat?" or "What will we drink?" or "What will we wear?" For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. 'So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today.

## CHURCH & COMMUNITY LIFE



**MOTHERS' UNION SERVICE** 11.00am Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> 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.

**THE GENERAL VESTRY REGISTER** The Register of vestrypersons will be revised at a meeting on **Monday 2nd March** in the Parish Hall at 8pm to which all are welcome to attend. If anyone wishes to be added to the register, (if you have turned 18 or are new to the parish) forms are available at the back of each church. If you are uncertain as to whether you are on the register, fill in a form anyway. They can be scanned and emailed, or posted to Archdeacon Orr. This entitles you

to a vote at the Easter General Vestry which will be held on Thursday 23rd April in St James's Church.

**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.

## WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY

**15<sup>th</sup> February 2026: The Sunday next before Lent**

### **The Transfiguration**

Exodus 24: 12-18; Matthew 17: 1-9

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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 *Hong Kong Sheng Kun Hui* (The Anglican Diocese of Hong Kong).

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

**THE RECENTLY DEPARTED & THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME** June Williams, Grace Wolfe, Jim Kingston, Joe Sheridan, Tim O'Callaghan, Beckett Burnstad, Ned Foott, Tony Goodman, Louise Nagle, Annie Lysaght, Thomas Atkinson.

**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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