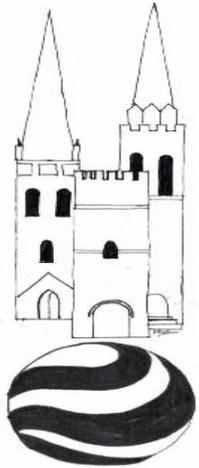


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SUNDAY 22nd FEBRUARY 2026

The First Sunday in 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*
7.30pm ECUMENICAL WORSHIP *in the hall at the rear of the Convent of Mercy, Main Street, Charleville*

WEDNESDAY

25th February

- 11.00 am THE EUCHARIST *in St James's, Mallow*
Jonah 3: 1-10; Luke 11: 29-32

PROCLAIMING & RECEIVING THE WORD



Genesis 2: 15-17, 3: 1-7

The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the Lord God commanded the man, 'You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.' Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, 'Did God say, "You shall not eat from any tree in the garden"?' The woman said to the serpent, 'We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, "You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die."' But the serpent said to the woman, 'You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.' So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

Matthew 4: 1-11

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.' But he answered, 'It is written, "One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God."' Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, 'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, "He will command his angels concerning you", and "On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone."' Jesus said to him, 'Again it is written, "Do not put the Lord your God to the test."' Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour; and he said to him, 'All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.' Jesus said to him, 'Away with you, Satan! for it is written, "Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him."' Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

CHURCH & COMMUNITY LIFE



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, please speak to the Churchwardens. This entitles you to a vote at the Easter General Vestry which will be held on **Thursday 23rd April in the Parish Hall**.

MALLOW FIELD CLUB Our local history society meets on Tuesday, February 24th, 8pm, Mallow GAA complex. Sean Horgan, historian from Blarney, will give lecture: "Ireland and the Emergency 1939- 1945".

A SERVICE FOR WORLD DAY OF PRAYER will take place at St Joseph's Church, Hazelwood, Mallow, on **Friday 6th March at 8.15pm**. World Day of Prayer is a global ecumenical movement led by Christian women who welcome everyone to join in prayer and action for peace and justice. This year's theme is "I will give you rest, come" and has been prepared by the Christian Women of Nigeria.

ART FOR THE HEART are hosting a free Concert in St Mary's Doneraile – **7.00pm on Sunday 8th March** - where through music, song and poetry we will celebrate **International Women's Day**. Everyone is welcome.

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

**1st March 2026:
The Second Sunday in Lent**

Genesis 12: 1-4a; John 3: 1-17

10.00 am	MORNING PRAYER <i>in St Mary's, Castletownroche</i>
10.00 am	THE EUCHARIST <i>in St Mary's, Doneraile</i>
11.45 am	THE EUCHARIST <i>in St James's, Mallow with activities for our younger worshippers from 11.30am followed by refreshments</i>

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 Ireland.

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

THE RECENTLY DEPARTED & THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME Tom Ladd, June Williams, Grace Wolfe, Jim Kingston, Joe Sheridan, Tim O'Callaghan, Beckett Burnstad, Ned Foott, Tony Goodman, 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.

KEEPING IN TOUCH

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