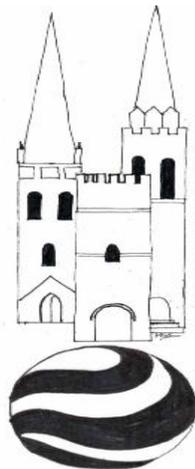


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SUNDAY 8th MARCH 2026

The Third 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*

WEDNESDAY

11th March

- 11.00 am THE EUCHARIST *in St James's, Mallow*
Deuteronomy 4: 1, 5-9; Matthew 5: 17-19

PROCLAIMING & RECEIVING THE WORD



Exodus 17: 1-7;

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarrelled with Moses, and said, 'Give us water to drink.' Moses said to them, 'Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?' But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?' So Moses cried out to the Lord, 'What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.' The Lord said to Moses, 'Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink.' Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarrelled and tested the Lord, saying, 'Is the Lord among us or not?'

John 4: 5-42

So he came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink'. (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, 'How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?' (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, 'If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, "Give me a drink", you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.' The woman said to him, 'Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?' Jesus said to her, 'Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.' The woman said to him, 'Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.'

Jesus said to her, 'Go, call your husband, and come back.' The woman answered him, 'I have no husband.' Jesus said to her, 'You are right in saying, "I have no husband"; for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!' The woman said to him, 'Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshipped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem.' Jesus said to her, 'Woman,

believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.' The woman said to him, 'I know that Messiah is coming' (who is called Christ). 'When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.' Jesus said to her, 'I am he, the one who is speaking to you.' Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, 'What do you want?' or, 'Why are you speaking with her?' Then the woman left her water-jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, 'Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?' They left the city and were on their way to him. Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, 'Rabbi, eat something.' But he said to them, 'I have food to eat that you do not know about.' So the disciples said to one another, 'Surely no one has brought him something to eat?' Jesus said to them, 'My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. Do you not say, "Four months more, then comes the harvest"? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, "One sows and another reaps." I sent you to reap that for which you did not labour. Others have laboured, and you have entered into their labour.' Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, 'He told me everything I have ever done.' So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there for two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, 'It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Saviour of the world.'

CHURCH & COMMUNITY LIFE



THE EASTER GENERAL VESTRY will be held at **8.00pm, Thursday 23rd April** in the Parish Hall. Everyone who is on the Register of Vestrypersons is entitled to vote for the members of the Select Vestry. Please attend so that we can ensure Vestry representation across all the parishes of the Union.

ART FOR THE HEART are hosting a free Concert in St Mary's Doneraile – **7.00pm this evening, 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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COLLECTION FOR BISHOP'S RETIREMENT GIFT A basket for donations will be placed in each of our churches for the next few Sundays, before the Bishop's retirement at the end of April, and all money donated will be sent to the Diocese by the treasurer.

WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY

15th March 2026:

The Fourth Sunday in Lent

1 Samuel 16: 1-13; John 9: 1-41

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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 and especially at this time for Archbishop Hosam Naoum and the people of the Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and the Middle East.

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 Ruby Beamish, 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 especially for all impacted by the conflicts in Ukraine and across the Middle East – and for those seeking just and peaceful resolutions.

KEEPING IN TOUCH

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