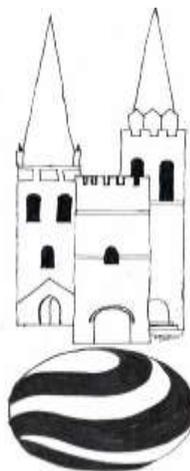


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## *Mallow Union of Parishes*

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**SUNDAY 15th MARCH 2026**

**The Fourth 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 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 activities for our younger worshippers in the Church Hall from 11.30am) followed by refreshments*

The Midweek service this week will be on **Tuesday 17th March** in honour of St Patrick. No service on Wednesday

#### **TUESDAY**

**17th March - St Patrick's Day**  
11.00 am THE EUCHARIST *in St James's, Mallow*  
Deuteronomy 32: 1-9; John 4: 31-38

# PROCLAIMING & RECEIVING THE WORD



## **1 Samuel 16: 1-13**

The Lord said to Samuel, 'How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons.' Samuel said, 'How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me.' And the Lord said, 'Take a heifer with you, and say, "I have come to sacrifice to the Lord." Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you.' Samuel did what the Lord commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, 'Do you come peaceably?' He said, 'Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice.' And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice. When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, 'Surely the Lord's anointed is now before the Lord.' But the Lord said to Samuel, 'Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart.' Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, 'Neither has the Lord chosen this one.' Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, 'Neither has the Lord chosen this one.' Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, 'The Lord has not chosen any of these.' Samuel said to Jesse, 'Are all your sons here?' And he said, 'There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep.' And Samuel said to Jesse, 'Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here.' He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The Lord said, 'Rise and anoint him; for this is the one.' Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

## **John 9: 1-41**

As he walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, 'Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?' Jesus answered, 'Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.' When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, saying to him, 'Go, wash in the pool of Siloam' (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. The neighbours and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, 'Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?' Some were saying, 'It is he.' Others were saying, 'No, but it is someone like him.' He kept saying, 'I am the man.' But they kept asking him, 'Then how were your eyes opened?' He answered, 'The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, "Go to Siloam and wash." Then I went and washed and received my sight.' They said to him, 'Where is he?' He said, 'I do not know.' They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his

eyes. Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, 'He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see.' Some of the Pharisees said, 'This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath.' But others said, 'How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?' And they were divided. So they said again to the blind man, 'What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened.' He said, 'He is a prophet.' The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight and asked them, 'Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?' His parents answered, 'We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself.' His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. Therefore, his parents said, 'He is of age; ask him.' So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, 'Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner.' He answered, 'I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see.' They said to him, 'What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?' He answered them, 'I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?' Then they reviled him, saying, 'You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from.' The man answered, 'Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing.' They answered him, 'You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?' And they drove him out. Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, 'Do you believe in the Son of Man?' He answered, 'And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him.' Jesus said to him, 'You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he.' He said, 'Lord, I believe.' And he worshipped him. Jesus said, 'I came into this world for judgement so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind.' Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, 'Surely we are not blind, are we?' Jesus said to them, 'If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, "We see", your sin remains.

## CHURCH & COMMUNITY LIFE



**MALLOW TIDY TOWNS AWARD** The St James's Community Garden and the Farmers Market have been awarded a certificate in recognition of their contribution to the local community well-being. Thanks to Rubert, Jennifer and Grace for all their hard work, it is greatly appreciated and the award is richly deserved.

**FRIENDSHIP CLUB** meets on **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March** at 10.30 am in St Mary's, Doneraile. Everyone is welcome.

**MEL O'DEA'S ART EXHIBITION** All are welcome to visit @ "On the Pig's Back" Café, Unit 26, St Patrick's Woollen Mills, Douglas Cork.

**WE CONGRATULATE** Marcel Jansen who was awarded an honorary doctorate and professorship from the University of Pécs, Hungary, on March 12 for his work in plant UV research. Well done Marcel and much deserved!

**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

**22<sup>nd</sup> March 2026:**

**The Fifth Sunday in Lent**

Ezekiel: 37: 1-14; John 11: 1-45

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's, Mallow with activities for our younger worshippers from 11.30am followed by refreshments*

## 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 Kenya.

**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, Anne Ladd, Edward O'Grady, Thomas Atkinson, Charles Mortell, Betty Livingstone, June Gardiner.

**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.

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## KEEPING IN TOUCH

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