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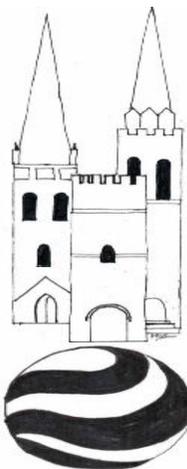
Aontas Pharóiste Mhala

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SUNDAY 22nd MARCH 2026

The Fifth 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

- 10.00am THE EUCHARIST *in St Mary's, Castletownroche*
10.00am MORNING PRAYER *in St Mary's, Doneraile*
11.45am THE EUCHARIST *in St James's, Mallow*, (with activities for our younger worshippers in the Church Hall from 11.30 am) followed by Refreshments

WEDNESDAY 25th March – The Annunciation of Our Lord

- 11.00am THE EUCHARIST *in St James's, Mallow*
Isaiah 7: 10; Luke 1: 26-38

PROCLAIMING & RECEIVING THE WORD



Ezekiel 37: 1-14

The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all round them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, 'Mortal, can these bones live?' I answered, 'O Lord God, you know.' Then he said to me, 'Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord.' So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, 'Prophecy to the breath, prophecy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.' I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude. Then he said to me, 'Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, "Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely." Therefore prophecy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act, says the Lord.'

John 11: 1-45

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, 'Lord, he whom you love is ill.' But when Jesus heard it, he said, 'This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it.' Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. Then after this he said to the disciples, 'Let us go to Judea again.' The disciples said to him, 'Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?' Jesus answered, 'Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them.' After saying this, he told them, 'Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him.' The disciples said to him, 'Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right.' Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. Then Jesus told them plainly, 'Lazarus is dead. For

your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.' Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow-disciples, 'Let us also go, that we may die with him.' When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him.' Jesus said to her, 'Your brother will rise again.' Martha said to him, 'I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.' Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?' She said to him, 'Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.' When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, 'The Teacher is here and is calling for you.' And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.' When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, 'Where have you laid him?' They said to him, 'Lord, come and see.' Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, 'See how he loved him!' But some of them said, 'Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?' Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, 'Take away the stone.' Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, 'Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead for four days.' Jesus said to her, 'Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?' So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upwards and said, 'Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.' When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, 'Lazarus, come out!' The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, and let him go.' Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

CHURCH & COMMUNITY LIFE



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 Reverend Eileen Cremin.

MOTHERS' UNION "LADY DAY" SERVICE Wednesday 25th March at 7.30 pm The Bishop's final service in Cloyne Cathedral with commissioning of the new Diocesan President.

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

29th March 2026

The Sixth Sunday in Lent – Palm Sunday

Isaiah 50; 4-9a; The Liturgy of the Passion

11.00am THE EUCHARIST WITH PROCESSION OF PALMS AND
DRAMATIC READING OF THE PASSION *in St James's, Mallow*,
United Service for the Fifth Sunday of the Month, followed by
refreshments.

FOR OUR PRAYERS



FOR THE CHURCH For Paul, our Bishop, for the clergy and people of this united Diocese; for the worldwide Anglican Communion, for the Anglican Church of Korea.

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

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, June Gardiner. Betty Livingstone,

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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