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Mallow Union of Parishes

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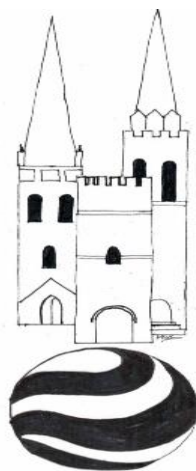
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SUNDAY 4th OCTOBER 2026

THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

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 MORNING PRAYER *in St Mary's, Castletownroche*
11.45am THE EUCHARIST *in St James's, Mallow, followed by refreshments*
4.00 pm "SONGS OF PRAISE" CLOSING SERVICE FOR
THE AOIFA'S FLOWER FESTIVAL
in St Mary's, Doneraile

Wednesday 7th October

- 11.00am THE EUCHARIST *in St James's, Mallow*
Galatians 2: 1-2, 7-14; Luke 11: 1-4

PROCLAIMING & RECEIVING THE WORD



Isaiah 5:1-7

Let me sing for my beloved my love-song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines; he built a watchtower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes. And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. What more was there to do for my vineyard that I have not done in it? When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes? And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it. For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are his pleasant planting; he expected justice, but saw bloodshed; righteousness, but heard a cry!

Matthew 21: 33-46

‘Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watch-tower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, “They will respect my son.” But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, “This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.” So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?’ They said to him, ‘He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.’ Jesus said to them, ‘Have you never read in the scriptures: “The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord’s doing, and it is amazing in our eyes”?’ Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.’ When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

CHURCH & COMMUNITY LIFE



HARVEST THANKSGIVING SERVICES IN THE MALLOW UNION OF PARISHES 2026

- **St Mary's, Doneraile: Sun 11th October at 3.00pm –**
the preacher will be The Revd Susan Green.
- **St Mary's, Castletownroche: Sun 18th October at 3.00pm**
the preacher will be Diocesan Reader Joanna Griffin.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CORK DIOCESAN SYNOD takes place on Saturday 10th October. We pray for our parish delegates and for all those involved as we enter a new era for our United Dioceses of Cork, Cloyne and Ross.

AOIFA'S NATIONAL FLOWER FESTIVAL has been taking place in both the Church of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary and St Mary's, Doneraile this weekend. The closing service at 4.00pm today will be a "Songs of Praise" in St Mary's Doneraile celebrating the wonders of nature and the skill of the floral artists. The displays are well worth a visit and all funds raised will be donated in support of Breast Cancer Ireland.

THANKS to everyone who gave their time and talents to decorating St James's Church for Harvest Thanksgiving last Sunday and providing the wonderful refreshments after the service. The generous donations of food and vegetables used to decorate the church have now been taken to the local food bank where they were very much appreciated.

ITEMS FOR THE NEWSLETTER Please let the Churchwardens have any notices or information for inclusion in the Newsletter by Wednesday of each week: Tom Cremin thomascremin8@gmail.com Catherine Harold Barry catherineharoldbarry@gmail.com and Hazel Ladd laddhazel@gmail.com.

WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY

11th OCTOBER 2026

THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Isaiah 25: 1-9; Matthew 22: 1-14

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| 10.00 am | THE EUCHARIST <i>in St Mary's, Castletownroche</i> |
| 11.45am | THE EUCHARIST <i>in St James's, Mallow followed by refreshments</i> |
| 3.00pm | HARVEST THANKSGIVING <i>in St Mary's Doneraile followed by refreshments</i> |

FOR OUR PRAYERS



FOR THE CHURCH For the bishop, the clergy and people of this united Diocese; for the worldwide Anglican Communion, for the Anglican Episcopal Church of Brazil.

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE ASKED FOR OUR PRAYERS Hugh Garrett, Fiontain Roukema Murray, Jerome O'Callaghan, Mary Greany, Pat MacDonagh, Teagan Chambers, John Gardiner, Marie Nagle, John Nagle, William Nagle, Ruby Austin.

THE RECENTLY DEPARTED & THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME Tom Ludgate, Tommy Moore, Kevin O'Connor, Ben Buckley, Catherine O'Flynn, Terence Cox, Norman Bolster, Anne Kingston, Evelyn Atkinson, Bryan Deane.

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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