

THE PARISHES OF MALLOW & MOURNEABBEY

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21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ 25TH AUGUST 2024

MASS & CONFESSION TIMES

St Mary's Church, Mallow

Saturday (vigil): 6.30pm
Sunday: 8.30am & 11.00am
Monday – Saturday: 10.00am
Confessions Saturday after 10.00am Mass
Mass in Convent of Mercy, Bathview

Church of the Resurrection, Mallow

Saturday (vigil): 7.30pm
Sunday: 10.00am & 12.00pm
Monday – Friday: 9.15am
Confessions Friday after 9.15am Mass
Sunday: 9.30am

St John the Baptist, Burnfort

Sunday 11.30am
Thursday 9.30am

St Michael the Archangel, Analeentha

Sunday 10.00am
Friday 9.30am

Adoration Chapel in St Mary's Church Monday to Saturday 10.30am – 6.00pm

The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated on Saturdays & Sundays. Inquiries to the Parish Office

Livestreaming from St Mary's Church on churchservices.tv/mallow

Catholic newspapers are on sale after Sunday Masses in Mallow

Society of St Vincent de Paul Contact (022)50188 or (086)2693571

Bethany Bereavement Service for all types of bereavement and losses. Contact (086) 3918751

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

St Mary's Church

Saturday Vigil
6.30pm First Anniv: James Lowe
Sunday
8.30am Anniv: Noel & Kitty Tuohy
11.00am Anniv: John O'Mahony

Mon Anniv: Ita Dunphy
Tue Anniv: Bibiann O'Connell
Wed
Thur
Fri
Sat First Anniv: Thomas O'Donovan

St John the Baptist, Burnfort

Sun First Anniv: Joan O'Callaghan (nee O'Connor)
Thur Anniv: John Manley

Church of the Resurrection

Saturday Vigil
7.30pm Anniv: Kathleen Clehane
Sunday
10.00am Months Mind: Breda Murray
12.00pm Anniv: J.J. & Margaret Buckley

Mon Anniv: Karl Sheehan
Tue Months Mind: Noele Willis
Wed
Thur
Fri Anniv: Jack Beecher

St Michael the Archangel, Analeentha

Sun Anniv: Christy Bradford
Fri

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK (Optional observance in italics)

Sun 25th St Louis of France & St Joseph Calasan, Priest (not observed this year) **Tue 27th** St Monica
Wed 28th St Augustine, Bishop & Doctor of the Church **Thur 29th** The Passion of St John the Baptist
Fri 30th St Fiacre, Monk **Sat 31st** St Aidan of Lindisfarne, Bishop & Missionary

THE SACRAMENT OF THE EUCHARIST *Continued*

When we consider the institution of the Holy Eucharist our minds will generally go straight to the Last Supper the night before the Lord's death, and this indeed was the moment when the Eucharist was instituted. But in the Gospel according to St John there is no Last Supper account. Instead, St John places the Lord's Eucharistic teaching earlier on in his ministry, back in Chapter 6 of the Gospel, which not only speaks about the Eucharist but does so in what is apparently a much more explicit and radical way than what we find at the Last Supper in the other Gospel accounts.

Chapter 6 of St John's Gospel has two main sections. The first is the miracle of the multiplication of the loaves and fish and the second is a long and controversial teaching known as the 'Bread of Life Discourse.' The miracle of the Loaves and Fish is deeply Eucharistic and it is told in all four Gospels. The Lord is set up as the one who feeds his people, who nourishes those who are following him when they are hungry and sustains them when they are lagging. The actions he performs with the five loaves and two fish also mirror closely his actions in the Last Supper. Jesus *takes* the food, *gives thanks* for it and *shares* it among the crowd. The crowd is naturally very impressed by all this, but it's not long before the Lord draws out their real motivations. He says that they are only interested in him because of the material food he gave them, and that they should look for food that gives true life. During the ensuing discussion the Lord declares, out of the blue: *'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.'*

This statement naturally leads to even more debate as the crowd makes mention of the manna that God had sent from heaven when the people of Israel were in the desert, and rather than easing off the Lord becomes even more direct: *'I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.'*... *'Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink.'* *Continued next Sunday.*

Readers for the Month of September –

St. Mary's: Vigil, Sat., 6.30 p.m. John Collins, Sun., 8.30 a.m., Ann Higgins, 11 a.m. Gearoid Murphy.

Church of the Resurrection:

Vigil, Sat., 7.30 p.m., Hannah Twomey, Sun., 10 a.m., Robin Robson, 12 noon Marie O'Sullivan.

NOTICES

Autumn Stations 2024 -We invite families who are willing to hold a Station Mass in their homes to contact the Parish Office on 022 20276 to arrange a date of your choice between the 9th September and 25th October. Please consider holding a Station to keep this spiritual tradition alive with your neighbours.

Mallow Young Catholics is a newly-formed group for young people in the Mallow area who would like to come together for prayer (usually Rosary & discussion of next Sunday's Gospel) and a cup of tea & chat. The group is for those aged 18-35 and hopes give younger Catholics some support and formation for living out the Faith today. At present meetings are on Thursdays at 7.00pm in the Parish Centre.

Mallow Adult Learning Centre, Parish Centre, tutors needed. Tutor Training Course beginning in September. Contact 022 42642 for further details.

