

# THE PARISHES OF MALLOW & MOURNEABBEY

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## 1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT ~ 1<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 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  
Convent of Mercy: Sunday Mass 9.30am

#### Church of the Resurrection, Mallow

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

#### 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  
**Mallow Young Catholics** Fridays at 7pm in the Parish Centre. Prayer, Scripture, Refreshments.

### MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

**St Mary's Church** *Sat. Vigil* 6.30pm Anniv - Kelleher family & Relatives (RIP),  
Sun. 8.30am Anniv - Veronica Lwin, 11am Anniv - Nora & Joe Cronin, Mon. First Anniv- Gerry Linehan, Tue-Christmas Rem. Mass-Bridie O'Brien, Wed. Anniv-Margaret Barrett,  
Thur. Anniv- Billy Syms, Sat. Anniv- Liam Blake.

#### **Church of the Resurrection**

*Sat. Vigil* 7.30pm Anniv-Diarmuid Cronin, Sun. 10am First Anniv- Jeremiah Ronayne,  
12 noon Anniv- Maura Lehane, Mon. Christmas Rem. Mass -Agnes & Dan O'Sullivan & family,  
Tue. Anniv- Mark Anthony O'Connell, Wed. Anniv- Mary O'Connell, Thur. Anniv- Joe Hendley.

**St John the Baptist, Burnfort** Sun. 11.30am First Anniv- Mary (Mai) Lyons

**St Michael the Archangel, Analeentha** Sun. 10.00am First Anniv- Paddy Burke

*Christmas Cards are for sale in the Parish Office –  
General pack of six - €6.00 & Greetings from Mallow pack of six - €7.00.*

### FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK (Optional observance in italics)

Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> St Francis Xavier, Priest **Thur 4<sup>th</sup> St John Damascene, Priest & Doctor of the Church**  
Fri 6<sup>th</sup> St Nicholas, Bishop **Sat 7<sup>th</sup> St Ambrose, Bishop & Doctor of the Church**

### THE SEASON OF ADVENT

While our civil year begins on 1<sup>st</sup> January, the Church's year begins on the First Sunday of Advent. It is the first stage of our yearly commemoration of the Lord's life in what we call the Church's *temporal cycle*. From the First Sunday of Advent each year until the Saturday after the Feast of Christ the King we recall the mysteries of the Lord's life, death and resurrection and peppered among that commemoration is the *sanctoral cycle* i.e. the feast days of the saints and martyrs whose lives and, at times, deaths stood as a witness to the love of God in the world.

Advent is a time of preparation for celebrating the birth of Christ and for recalling that he will come again at the end of time. It is a penitential time and so the colour violet (purple) is used in the Liturgy and flowers are removed from the church. The Advent wreath, which has become a staple part of marking the Advent season in the last 30 years or so, marks off the four Sundays of this short season, the circle of evergreen leaves being a reminder of the eternity of God himself who has neither beginning nor end.

### 3 DECEMBER – ST FRANCIS XAVIER, PRIEST

**S**T FRANCIS XAVIER He was born in the Basque country of Spain in 1506. He met Ignatius Loyola when he was a student in Paris, and he was ordained priest in 1537. In 1541 the Pope sent him as part of a mission to India, and he spent the rest of his life in the East, preaching the Gospel in Goa and Malacca. He made many converts and fought against the exploitation of the native population by the Europeans. He spent two years on a successful mission to Japan, laying the foundations of many Christian communities; and in 1552, after entering China secretly to preach the Gospel there, he died of fever and exhaustion on the Chinese island of Shangchwan.

### NOTICES

**Next Sunday is 8<sup>th</sup> December.** The Feast of the Immaculate Conception is transferred to Monday, 9<sup>th</sup> December this year and is not a holy day of obligation. Masses at 9.15am & 10.00am as usual on that day.

**First Saturday Devotions** in honour of Our Lady of Fatima in St. Mary's - 9.15 a.m.

**Lectio Divina** for Advent will take place in the Parish Centre on Fridays at 7.00pm. Reflection on the following Sunday's Gospel. *Lectio Divina* (Divine Reading) is a reading of Scripture in a group setting which leads to prayerful engagement with the text. Cup of tea afterwards. All welcome.

**Carol Services** will take place in **St Mary's Church on Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> December at 3.00pm** and in the **Church of the Resurrection on Sunday, 15<sup>th</sup> December at 3.00pm**. Featuring church, school and local choirs with congregational carols and Scripture readings.

**Burnfort Church, Children's Mass** followed by **Blessing of the Crib -7 pm, Thurs., 5<sup>th</sup> Dec.,** All welcome.

**Analeentha Church** – Due to additional necessary works being undertaken in the church, it is expected that the 10 am Sunday Mass will be held in the Community Centre for the next few weekends. The Friday morning Mass in Analeentha is cancelled at this time.

Mallow Field Club – Launch of Journal No. 42, Thurs., 5<sup>th</sup> Dec., at 8 p.m. in the Hibernian Hotel, by Rev. Meurig Williams, Rector of St. James'. Entry free. Everybody welcome.

### Agreed Report of the recent Parish Council Meeting -

**A number of new volunteers** have come forward to assist our Church Community. We have 3 new members for our Baptism Team, 1 new reader and 1 new adorer. We welcome them and extend our thanks to them for their much – needed help. **Any music group or individual musician/singer** who is willing to offer their services to enhance the **liturgy at the Masses on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day** should contact Monsignor O'Brien as soon as possible.

