

THE PARISHES OF MALLOW & MOURNEABBEY

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3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT ~ GAUDETE SUNDAY ~ 15TH 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

St John the Baptist, Burnfort

Sunday 11.30am
Thursday 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 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.

Christmas Mass and Confession Times

St Mary's Church - Confessions Wed., 18th Dec., - Sat., 21st Dec., & Monday 23rd Dec., -10.30 am.
Tues., 24th Dec., 10.30am -2.00 pm

Christmas Masses- Christmas Eve, Tues., 24th Dec., 5pm, 7pm & 9pm. Christmas Day, Wed., 25th Dec., 8.30 a.m. & 11am. Thurs., 26th - Sat., 28th Dec., at 10.00 a.m.

Church of the Resurrection - Confessions -Wed., 18th Dec., - Fri., 20th Dec., & Mon., 23rd Dec., at 9.45 am, Sat., 21st Dec., 6pm -7pm, Tues., 24th Dec., 11 am - 2pm.

Christmas Masses – Christmas Eve, Tues., 24th 5pm & 7pm., Christmas Day, Wed., 25th Dec., 10am & 12 noon. Thurs., 26th & Fri., 27th at 9.15am.

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

St Mary's Church Sat. Vigil 6.30pm Anniv-Sheila Healy, 8.30am Anniv-Paddy Healy,

11am First Anniv-Morgan McCarthy. Mon. Anniv: Lisa Marie Buckley,

Tue. Anniv-Seoirse McAuliffe, Wed. Anniv-Elizabeth Coakley, Thur. Anniv-Claire Howard,

Fri. Anniv-Peg O'Connell Sat. Deceased members of St. Mary's Choir.

Church of the Resurrection Sat. Vigil 7.30pm First Anniv- Tony Britton, Sun. 10am Anniv-Jerry

Walsh, 12noon Anniv- Neily & Joan Kelleher & Deceased members of Kelleher family. Mon.

Anniv-Ann Ryan & John Murphy, Tue. Anniv- Dorothy O'Shea, Wed. Anniv- Nora & Dan Nolan,

Thur. Months Mind - Elizabeth Griffin.

St John the Baptist, Burnfort Sun. 11.30am Anniv- Jerry Buckley.

GAUDETE SUNDAY

Certain Sundays throughout the liturgical year have taken their names from the first word in Latin of the Entrance Antiphon at Mass. Gaudete Sunday is one of these.

Gaudete Sunday is a joyous celebration. Although it takes place during the usually penitential period of Advent, Gaudete Sunday serves as a mid-point break from the austere practices to rejoice in the nearness of Jesus's return. The Entrance Antiphon for Gaudete Sunday is taken from Philippians 4:4,5: "*Gaudete in Domino semper*" "Rejoice in the Lord always".

Like Lent, Advent is a penitential season so the priest normally wears violet vestments. But on Gaudete Sunday, having passed the midpoint of Advent, the Church lightens the mood a little, and the priest may wear rose vestments. The change in colour provides us with encouragement to continue our spiritual preparation—especially prayer and fasting—for Christmas. For this same reason of lightening the mood, the third candle of the Advent wreath, lit on Gaudete Sunday, is traditionally rose-coloured.

Christmas Offerings for the Priests of the Parish -Where possible we would appreciate if you could hand in the Christmas Offerings next weekend, the 22nd December for security reasons. Your offerings are very much appreciated.
(Please make cheques payable to Mallow Catholic Church)

Agreed Report of the P.P.C. Meeting held on 10th December:

Congratulations to our Chairperson, Eoghan Kenny, on his election to Dáil Éireann. We wish him every success in the future.

A new Rota for Ministers of the Word and Ministers of the Eucharist is being drawn up for the coming year, 2025. We would welcome in particular new readers.

NOTICES

The schedule of Masses and Confessions for Christmas is available in the porches. Please take one home with you.

Lectio Divina for Advent takes 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 Service takes place in the Church of the Resurrection on Sunday, 15th December at 3.00pm. Featuring church, school and local choirs with congregational carols and Scripture readings.

The Annual Nativity Play will be held on **Monday, 16th Dec., in St. Mary's Church at 7.00 pm.**

Annual Carol Service in St James' Church this evening, Sun., 15th Dec., at 7.00 p.m. All our welcome.

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK (Optional observance in italics)

Wed 18th St Flannan, Bishop

Fri 20th St Fachanan, Bishop

Sat 21st St Peter Canisius, Priest & Doctor of the Church