THE PARISHES OF MALLOW & MOURNEABBEY

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4th Sunday of Advent ~ 22nd 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 ChurchSaturday Vigil6.30pm6.30pmMonths Mind:Eamonn O'ConnellSunday8.30amAnniv: Denis Mangan11.00amDeceased Members of Mullane Family	Church of the Resurrection Saturday Vigil 7.30pm Anniv: Peter Dooley Sunday 10.00am Anniv: William & Christina Spillane 12.00pm Anniv: Margaret Cronin
MonAnniv: Donal O'DriscollTueAnniv: Tom & Dan ConnollyWedChristmas DayThurAnniv: Galvin FamilyFriAnniv: Maureen O'ConnellSatFirst Anniv: Barry Golden	MonAnniv: Tom BegleyTueMonths Mind: Rijo PaulWedChristmas DayThurFriAnniv: Patrick, Donie & Peggy Murphy
<u>St John the Baptist, Burnfort</u> Sun Anniv: Mary Nyhan Thur	<mark>St Michael the Archangel, Analeentha</mark> Sun Fri

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK (Optional observance in italics)

Thur 26th St Stephen, Deacon & Protomartyr Fri 27th St John the Evangelist Sat 28th The Holy Innocents

THE GREAT 'O ANTIPHONS' OF ADVENT

At Evening Prayer each evening, the Church recites the Canticle of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the *Magnificat*. It is always bookended with an antiphon, a short verse that usually calls to mind the particular season or feast being celebrated. From around the 8th Century, a particular set of these antiphons arose in European monasteries for the last week of Advent, beginning on 17 December. Each begins by calling on the Messiah to come by a particular title found in the Old Testament, thus they came to be called the 'O Antiphons'. They are the basis of the popular Advent hymn, 'O come, O come Emmanuel.'

17th: O Wisdom; 18th: O Adonai (Lord); 19th: O Stock of Jesse; 20th: O Key of David; 21st: O Rising Sun; 22nd: O King; 23rd: O Emmanuel.

THE HOLY YEAR JUBILEE 2025

On Christmas Eve, Pope Francis will inaugurate the Holy Year Jubilee 2025 by opening the Holy Door at St Peter's Basilica, a specially reserved door to the right of the main entrance which is opened only during Holy Years. Since the Middle Ages a Holy Year has been celebrated every 25 years in special commemoration of the Lord's Incarnation. Throughout the coming year many thousands of people will travel in pilgrimage to Rome to pass through the Holy Door and gain the Holy Year Indulgence. The theme chosen by Pope Francis for this Holy Year is *Peregrinantes in Spem* – 'Pilgrims in Hope'. A full programme of events for the year can be found at iubilaeum2025.va/en. A Cloyne Diocesan Pilgrimage to Assisi and Rome will take place 26^{th} September – 3^{rd} October, led by Bishop Crean. More information from cloynediocese.ie.

Christmas Offerings for the Priests of the Parish may be handed in at any of the Masses this weekend or at any of the Masses over the Christmas period. Your offerings are very much appreciated.

The Parish Office will be closed for Annual Leave until Tuesday 7th Jan., 2025.

NOTICES

The schedule of Masses and Confessions for Christmas is available in the porches. Please take one home with you. Masses Christmas Eve morning: Resurrection 9.15am & St Mary's 10.00am.

Thanks to all who attended the Parish Carol Services on 8th & 15th December and the Nativity Play on 16th December and to the schools, choirs, singers, musicians and readers who participated.

Masses on 26th & 27th December: Church of the Resurrection 9.15am & St Mary's Church 10.00am. Saturday 28th: St Mary's Church at 10.00am. There will be no Mass in Burnfort on Thursday or Analeentha on Friday.

The Adoration Chapel will close from 4pm on Christmas Eve until after the morning Mass on St. Stephen's Day to facilitate the Christmas Masses. No Adoration on Christmas Day.

Christmas Masses – St. Mary's at 5 pm, 7pm and 9pm on Christmas Eve. Church of the Resurrection at 5pm and 7pm on Christmas Eve. Mass times for Christmas Day as Sunday in both churches.

The Pastoral Council along with the Priests of the Parish wish you and all your families a happy and holy Christmas and a peaceful new year.