

THE PARISHES OF MALLOW & MOURNEABBEY

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2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT ~ 8TH 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.

Sunday 15th December – Babinelli Blessing

All children and families are invited to bring the 'Baby Jesus' figurine from their cribs at home to be blessed at all Masses next weekend 15th December, the Third Sunday of Advent.

Following the blessing, families take their 'bambino' home, wrap it and as a family open that parcel first on Christmas morning and the youngest member of the family would place it in the crib.
A gift of the presence of Christ in the home this Christmas.

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

St Mary's Church Vigil, Sat. 6.30pm Anniv- Nealie O'Brien, Sun. 8.30 am Anniv-Michael Doolan, 11am Anniv: James Lehane, Mon. Anniv- Frank & Mary Foy, Tue. Anniv-Daniel O'Connell, Wed. First Anniv- Jude Barry & Remembering her parents Betty & Tommy Barry, Thur. First Anniv- Johnny Mahony, Fri. Deceased Members of the Moriarty Family, Sat. Deceased Members of the Lynch Family.

Church of the Resurrection Vigil, 7.30pm Anniv- Tom & Ber Dempsey, Sun. 10am Anniv-Mary Buckley, 12noon Anniv-William Feehan, Mon. Christmas Remembrance-Mary, Joseph & Liam Buckley, Tue. Anniv-John Ryan, Wed. Anniv-William Barrett, Thur. Anniv-Daniel Murphy, Fri Anniv-May Nunan.

St John the Baptist, Burnfort Sun. 11.30am First Anniv-Pat O'Connor & his son Patrick.

SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL 2024 ANNUAL APPEAL

On the occasion of the St Vincent de Paul's Annual Appeal, we wish to thank Monsignor O'Brien and the priests of the parish for their ongoing support. As a voluntary organization, almost all of our funding comes from local donations, primarily through church gate collections, one-off donations and bequests, and from proceeds of our Vincent's Shop. So far this year, through your great generosity, we have collected €35,000 from church gate collections. **On behalf of those we serve, we wish to sincerely thank you!**

As you may be already aware, the St Vincent de Paul's mission is **to help the needy and vulnerable** in our community. Our only criteria for providing help is **NEED**. We are a unique charity in that, upon receiving a request for support, we visit the 'client' in their homes to get to know them, assess their **ACTUAL NEEDS**, and decide how we can best support them. Our prime focus is to provide short term support to our clients at times of crisis. We also run a food bank, through which we support up to 100 families on a weekly basis. This year, we are providing support, with the assistance of the *SVP Regional Education Bursary* of around €100,000 to assisting third level students, as we strongly believe that education is one of the best ways of getting out of poverty.

Last winter, we assisted more than 360 families, and expect the numbers to be even greater this year. **So many people will depend on us this Christmas – and we depend on you!** So please continue to donate as much as you can – one small act of kindness will help light up someone's life. You can donate through church gate collection, or by visiting svp.ie and click on donations, choosing *South West Region*, with a specific request to donate to *Mallow SVP*.

In closing we would like to thank our members, auxiliary members and our many volunteers for their tremendous dedication.

Should you wish to contact the SVP for help, phone 022-50188 or 086-2693571, or email mallow@svp.ie.

NOTICES

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

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.

St Mary's Tea/Coffee after Mass – this Advent-time everyone's welcome for a cuppa and a chat after 10 am Mass on Fri., 13th Dec., in St Mary's Family Room next to the main door. A chance to meet and get to know each other (from Mallow Parish Pastoral Council).

Carol Services will take place in St Mary's Church on Sunday, 8th December at 3.00pm and 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 7.30 pm.

Christmas Food and Toys Collection for local St Vincent De Paul on Sun., 15th Dec., at Mourneabbey Community Centre from 11 am. to 1 pm.

Analeentha Church – It is expected that Analeentha Church will re-open for Mass of Thanksgiving on **Sun., 15th December at 10 am.** Please note **no** Mass on Friday 13th December.

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

