

# THE PARISHES OF MALLOW & MOURNEABBEY

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## FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD ~ 12<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2025

### 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.

### MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

#### St Mary's Church

*Saturday Vigil*  
6.30pm Memorial Mass-Byrne & O'Brien families

*Sunday*  
8.30am Anniv- Patrick Cashman Snr., & Patrick Cashman Jnr.

11.00am Anniv – Philomena Walsh

*Mon* Anniv–John & Margaret Roche

*Tue*

*Wed*

*Thur*

*Fri* Anniv-Dominic & Nellie Murphy

*Sat* Anniv- Michael Forde & his daughter Elaine

#### St John the Baptist, Burnfort

*Sun*

*Thur*

#### Church of the Resurrection

*Saturday Vigil*  
7.30pm Months Mind-Elizabeth O'Shea & Anniv: Jeremiah O'Shea

*Sunday*  
10.00am First Anniv- Jimmy O'Riordan

12.00pm Anniv – Siobhan (Bunton) Sheehan

*Mon*

*Tue*

*Wed*

*Thur*

*Fri*

#### St Michael the Archangel, Analeentha

*Sun*

*Fri*

### THE BAPTISM OF JESUS

*Catechism of the Catholic Church §§535-536*

**J**ESUS' PUBLIC LIFE begins with his baptism by John in the Jordan. It is on his part the acceptance and inauguration of his mission as God's suffering Servant. He allows himself to be numbered among sinners; he is already "the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world". Already he is anticipating the "baptism" of his bloody death. Already he is coming to "fulfil all righteousness", that is, he is submitting himself entirely to his Father's will: out of love he consents to this baptism of death for the remission of our sins. The Father's voice responds to the Son's acceptance, proclaiming his entire delight in his Son. The Spirit whom Jesus possessed in fullness from his conception comes to "rest on him". Jesus will be the source of the Spirit for all mankind. At his baptism "the heavens were opened" - the heavens that Adam's sin had closed - and the waters were sanctified by the descent of Jesus and the Spirit, a prelude to the new creation.

### ORDINARY TIME

**T**HE LITURGICAL SEASON called "Ordinary Time" begins tomorrow, 13th January. It is called "ordinary" not because it is common or uneventful but simply because the weeks of Ordinary Time are numbered. The Latin word *ordinalis*, which refers to numbers in a series, stems from the Latin word *ordo*, from which we get the English word *order*. Thus, the numbered weeks of Ordinary Time represent the ordered life of the Church—the period in which we live our lives neither in feasting (as in the Christmas and Easter seasons) nor in more severe penance (as in Advent and Lent), but in watchfulness and expectation of the Second Coming of Christ. It's appropriate, therefore, that the Gospel for the Second Sunday of Ordinary Time (which is actually the first Sunday celebrated in Ordinary Time) always features either John the Baptist's acknowledgment of Christ as the Lamb of God or Christ's first miracle—the transformation of water into wine at the wedding at Cana. Thus Ordinary Time is the part of the year in which Christ, the Lamb of God, walks among us and transforms our lives. There's nothing "ordinary" about that!

### NOTICES

**Weekly Envelope Boxes** - Renewed thanks to all who support the church funds, and those who use the envelope method. If you have not received a box and would like to join, please contact the Parish Office 022 20276 or email- sacristanmallow1@gmail.com.

**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.

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

**Mon 13<sup>th</sup> St Hilary, Bishop & Doctor of the Church** **Wed 15<sup>th</sup> St Ita, Virgin**  
**Thur 16<sup>th</sup> St Fursa, Abbot & Missionary** **Fri 17<sup>th</sup> St Anthony, Abbot**