

# THE PARISHES OF MALLOW & MOURNEABBEY

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## 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ 26<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2025 ~ SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD

### 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- Betty Brennan, Sun. 11am Anniv- Kitty & Jerry O'Sullivan, Mon. Anniv-Kevin Bolster, Tue. Anniv- Betty O'Keeffe, Wed. Anniv- Annie & Tim Moynihan, Thur. Anniv- Frank Mulcahy, Fri. Anniv- Michael O'Connell Sat. Anniv-Ann & Derry Mannix.

**Church of the Resurrection** Sat. Vigil 7.30pm Anniv-Phyllis Kelly, Sun. 10am Anniv-Michael Buckley, 12 noon First Anniv- Maisie France, Thur. Anniv-Kathleen & Michael Walsh.

**St Michael the Archangel, Analeentha** Sun. 10am Anniv-Mary Buckley.

**Readers for the Month of February-St. Mary's** - Sat., Vigil., 6.30pm, Linda Kiely, Sun., 11am Donna Crowley. **Church of the Resurrection** - Sat., Vigil., 7.30pm - John McDonnell, Sun., 10am - Christine McAuliffe, 12 noon- Gillian Greoger.

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

**Sun 26<sup>th</sup>** Sts Timothy & Titus (not observed this year) **Mon 27<sup>th</sup>** *St Angela Merici, Virgin* **Tue 28<sup>th</sup>** St Thomas Aquinas, Priest & Doctor of the Church **Thur 30<sup>th</sup>** *St Aidan, Bishop; Blessed Margaret Ball & Francis Taylor, Martyrs* **Fri 31<sup>st</sup>** St John Bosco, Priest; **Sat 1<sup>st</sup> Feb** St Brigid, Abbess

## 28<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY – ST THOMAS AQUINAS, PRIEST & DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

ST THOMAS was born of a noble family in southern Italy, and was educated by the Benedictines. He joined the Dominican Order and studied in Paris and in Cologne under the great philosopher St Albert the Great. It was a time of great philosophical ferment. The writings of Aristotle, the greatest philosopher of the ancient world, had been newly rediscovered, and were becoming available to people in the West for the first time in a thousand years. Many feared that Aristotelianism was flatly contradictory to Christianity, and the teaching of Aristotle was banned in many universities at this time. Into this chaos Thomas brought simple, straightforward sense. Truth cannot contradict truth: if Aristotle (the great, infallible pagan philosopher) appears to contradict Christianity (which we know by faith to be true), then either Aristotle is wrong or the contradiction is in fact illusory. And so Thomas studied, and taught, and argued, and eventually the simple, common-sense philosophy that he worked out brought an end to the controversy. Out of his work came many writings on philosophy and theology, including the *Summa Theologiae*, a standard textbook for many centuries and still an irreplaceable resource today. Out of his depth of learning came, also, the dazzling poetry of the liturgy for Corpus Christi. And out of his sanctity came the day when, celebrating Mass, he had a vision that, he said, made all his writings seem like so much straw; and he wrote no more. Let us pray for the Holy Spirit to inspire us, like St Thomas, to love God with our minds as well as our hearts; and if we come across a fact or a teaching that seems to us to contradict our faith, let us not reject it but investigate it: for the truth that it contains can never contradict the truth that is God.

### NOTICES

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

**Rediscover the Foundations of the Faith** An 8 week programme will take place in the Parish Centre beginning on Tuesday, 28<sup>th</sup> January at 7.30pm. Weekly themes will include an exploration of the person of Jesus; the Sacraments; what it means to be a member of the Church; living the Christian moral life today; the life of prayer. Sessions will be about an hour and will comprise a video presentation and time for reflection and discussion. All welcome to attend. The programme is based on the 'Sycamore' course and can be checked out at sycamore.fm.

**Cloyne Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes** 30th May – 4th June All bookings to be made through Joe Walsh Tours by telephone 01-2410800, online, www.joewalshstours.ie/pilgrimages/group-diocesan-pilgrimages/ or by post to 89 Harcourt Street, Dublin 2, D02WY88. **Pilgrims who would like to travel with the Special Assisted Section should apply to:** Cloyne Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes, c/o Parish Secretary, 27/28 Bank Place, Mallow, Co. Cork. Tel: 022-20276. The closing date for receipt of application is 31 March 2025.

**Jubilee Pilgrimage to Assisi and Rome** 25th September – 2nd October: Booking with Barter's Travelnet, 92 Patrick Street, Cork. Telephone: (021) 4851700. Email: info@travelnet.ie

**The Annual Lourdes Mass** will take place on Friday 7th February in St Gobnait's Church, Ballyvourney at 7.30pm.

### Agreed Report of the Parish Pastoral Council Meeting – January 21<sup>st</sup> 2025 -

- The attendance at all the Christmas Masses was heartening. We thank all the singers, choirs and musicians who enhanced the liturgy so beautifully at these Masses.
- Saturday February 1<sup>st</sup> is Lá le Bhríde, Saint Brigid's Day. Please make a special effort to attend Mass to honour this Feast Day.
- Suggestion Boxes – We would welcome your ideas/suggestions with regard to the celebration of Lent this year.