

THE PARISHES OF MALLOW & MOURNEABBEY

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23RD FEBRUARY 2025 ~ 7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

Sat. Vigil 6.30pm Anniv-Phil & Mary Murphy, Sun. 8.30am First Anniv- Gerrard Marrinan, 11am Anniv-Gust Tammis Nagle, Mon. Anniv-Nora Sheahan, Tues. Anniv-Flora Sheehan, Wed. Months Mind-Lilanne O'Flynn, Thur. Deceased Members Crowley & Tarrant families, Fri. Anniv-John Lynch, Sat Anniv-Frederick & Kevin Buckley

Church of the Resurrection

Sat. Vigil 7.30pm First Anniv-Brian Roche, Sun. 10 am Anniv-Deirdre Power 12pm Anniv-Noreen Twomey, Mon. Anniv-Sheila Forde, Tues. Anniv-Paddy Buckley, Thur. Anniv-Michael O'Donovan Fri. Anniv-Denis Lynch

St Michael the Archangel, Analeentha

Sun Anniv-Cornelius Harold

Spring Stations 2025 - We invite families who are willing to hold a Station Mass for their neighbourhood in their homes to contact the Parish Office – 022 20276 **to arrange a date of your choice between the 5th March and 11th April.** Please consider holding a Station to keep this spiritual tradition alive with your neighbours.

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

Sun 23rd St Polycarp, Bishop & martyr (not celebrated this year)

Thur 27th *St Gregory of Narek, Abbot & Doctor of the Church* **Sat 1st March** *St David, Bishop*

PREPARING FOR LENT

LENT BEGINS the week after next, on 5th March. As we know, Lent is a time of penance and reconciliation with God in preparation for the celebration of Easter, the greatest feast of the Christian calendar. In days gone by Lent was still a time of serious fasting and abstinence with each bishop setting down fasting regulations for his diocese. After the Second Vatican Council these official regulations gradually disappeared and aside from Ash Wednesday & Good Friday people were left to decide their Lenten penances for themselves, as it was felt that genuine penance should be from the heart rather than the slavish adherence to rules. Strangely, this makes things more difficult for us as we have to come up with our own ways of marking Lent and making it a time that genuinely brings us closer to God through prayer, fasting and almsgiving. This may involve giving some things up for the season and taking other things on. Either way, may each of us begin Lent with a clear and realistic plan of the things we will do, be they extra fasting (as opposed to dieting!), attending daily Mass or resolving to spend more time each day at prayer e.g. the Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet, Stations of the Cross, meditative prayer or other prayers or reading the Scriptures. 'Feeling' Lent as a time that is marked by prayer and self-denial makes the joy and celebration of Easter all the more meaningful.

23 FEBRUARY – ST POLYCARP, BISHOP & MARTYR

ST POLYCARP was a disciple of the Apostles, bishop of Smyrna, and a friend of St Ignatius of Antioch. He went to Rome to confer with Pope Anicetus about the celebration of Easter. He was martyred in about 155 by being burnt to death in the stadium. Polycarp is an important figure in the history of the Church because he is one of the earliest Christians whose writings still survive. He bears witness to the beliefs of the early Christians and the early stages of the development of doctrine.

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 Tuesdays at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre. The programme is based on the 'Sycamore' course and can be checked out at sycamore.fm. Comprising a video presentation and time for reflection and discussion. This week's topic: 'The Sacraments of Baptism & Confirmation'. All welcome.

Every blessing to the children who will celebrate 1st Confession in the coming week.

Southside Tea/Coffee morning – Everyone's welcome for a cuppa and a chat after 9.15 am Mass (Church of the Resurrection) on Wed., 26th Feb., in the Arches-helping us to get to know one another in our parish community in 2025 (sponsored by Mallow Parish Pastoral Council).

The spring Munster Youth 2000 retreat will take place at Knockadoon Camp, Co. Cork from Friday evening 7th – Sunday 9th March. Everyone aged 16 – 35 is welcome to attend for all or part of the weekend. Donation only, suggested donation €75 pp (includes accommodation and meals). Bishop William Crean will celebrate Holy Mass on Sunday 9th March. Please see www.youth2000.ie.

St Mary's Church Eucharistic Ministers – meeting in Parish Centre, **Thurs., 6th March at 7.30 p.m.**
Church of the Resurrection Eucharistic Ministers- meeting in Resurrection Church, **Tues., 11th March at 7.30 p.m.**

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.

Online Free Information Event - "Ireland, Abortion and Advocating for Life in 2025" - 3rd March 7.30pm - 8.30pm. Register at prolifecampaign.ie/events.

