

# THE PARISHES OF MALLOW & MOURNEABBEY

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23<sup>RD</sup> MARCH 2025 ~ 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN LENT

## 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

**Lectio Divina for Lent** Fridays at 7pm in the Parish Centre.

## MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

**St Mary's Church** *Mon.* Anniv- Margaret Fleming, *Tue.* Anniv-Chris & C.P. Joyce, *Wed.* Station Mass, *Thur.* Anniv-Billy & Eileen Johnston, *Sat.* 10am Months Mind-Lilanne O'Flynn, *Sat Vigil* 6.30pm First Anniv-Helen Long, *Sun.* 8.30am Anniv Ann Geary, 11am-First Anniv-Anne Murphy

**Church of the Resurrection** *Mon.* Anniv-Henry & Bridget Glavin, *Tue.* Anniv-Patrick & Joan Fitzpatrick, *Wed.* Anniv-Seán Gannon, *Thur.* Station Mass, *Sat Vigil* 7.30pm Anniv-Seán Gyves, *Sun.* 10am Months Mind-Lis Seabra, 12pm-Anniv-Daniel Hartnett

**St John the Baptist, Burnfort** *Sun.* First Anniv-John Dennehy

**St Michael the Archangel, Analeentha** *Sun.* Deceased Members of Clyda Rovers G.A.A.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock-Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2025. Parishes to make their own travel arrangements.

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

**Sun 23<sup>rd</sup>** St Turibius of Mongrovejo, Bishop (not celebrated this year) **Mon 24<sup>th</sup>** St Macartan, Bishop  
**Wed 25<sup>th</sup>** The Annunciation of the Lord

## REFLECTION ON THE ANNUNCIATION (25<sup>TH</sup> MARCH) BY ST BERNARD OF CLAIRVAUX

You have heard, O Virgin, that you will conceive and bear a son; you have heard that it will not be by man but by the Holy Spirit. The angel awaits an answer; it is time for him to return to God who sent him. We too are waiting, O Lady, for your word of compassion; the sentence of condemnation weighs heavily upon us. The price of our salvation is offered to you. We shall be set free at once if you consent. In the eternal Word of God we all came to be, and behold, we die. In your brief response we are to be remade in order to be recalled to life. Tearful Adam with his sorrowing family begs this of you, O loving Virgin, in their exile from Paradise. Abraham begs it, David begs it. All the other holy patriarchs, your ancestors, ask it of you, as they dwell in the country of the shadow of death. This is what the whole earth waits for, prostrate at your feet. It is right in doing so, for on your word depends comfort for the wretched, ransom for the captive, freedom for the condemned, indeed, salvation for all the sons of Adam, the whole of your race. Answer quickly, O Virgin. Reply in haste to the angel, or rather through the angel to the Lord. Answer with a word, receive the Word of God. Speak your own word, conceive the divine Word. Breathe a passing word, embrace the eternal Word. Why do you delay, why are you afraid? Believe, give praise, and receive. Let humility be bold, let modesty be confident. This is no time for virginal simplicity to forget prudence. In this matter alone, O prudent Virgin, do not fear to be presumptuous. Though modest silence is pleasing, dutiful speech is now more necessary. Open your heart to faith, O blessed Virgin, your lips to praise, your womb to the Creator. See, the desired of all nations is at your door, knocking to enter. If he should pass by because of your delay, in sorrow you would begin to seek him afresh, the One whom your soul loves. Arise, hasten, open. Arise in faith, hasten in devotion, open in praise and thanksgiving. *Behold the handmaid of the Lord, she says, be it done to me according to your word.*

## NOTICES

**The Sacrament of Confirmation** will be celebrated by Bishop Crean in Analeentha Church on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> at 10.00am. **No Mass in Burnfort that day.**

**Confessions** are heard after the 6.30pm Mass in St Mary's Church on the Saturdays of Lent.

**Lectio Divina for Lent** takes place in the Parish Centre on Fridays at 7.00pm. Prayerful reflection on the following Sunday's Gospel. All welcome.

**Stations of the Cross** for the Sundays of Lent in St Mary's Church at 5.00pm.

**Southside Tea/Coffee Morning**- Everyone's welcome for a cuppa and a chat after 9.15am Mass (Church of the Resurrection) on Wednesday, 26<sup>th</sup> March in the Arches- helping us to get to know one another in our parish community (sponsored by Mallow Parish Pastoral Council).

**The Missionaries of Africa (White Fathers)** will visit our Parish **this weekend-22nd/23<sup>rd</sup> March.** The White Fathers were founded in Nigeria in 1868 to be witnesses to God's love to the Muslim population of North Africa. In 2025 they are still present in 24 African and Middle Eastern Countries. Today they have 500 Seminarians, mainly in Africa, preparing to become Missionaries of Africa. They come to us **this weekend** seeking our help to enable them continue their work, located in areas where the presence of the Church is at an early stage of development. They often represent a focal point of life, justice and hope among the people. Please be as generous as you can in your support of the White Fathers.

**Blessing of Expectant Parents for a Healthy and Safe Delivery of their Baby – Sat., / Sun., 29<sup>th</sup>/30<sup>th</sup> March** - at all Masses in Mallow (St. Mary's and Church of the Resurrection). Following the mid-week Feast of the Annunciation, we invite all pregnant women to come to Mass on Sat./Sun., 29<sup>th</sup>/30<sup>th</sup> March, where there will be a special Prayer of the Faithful to bless them and their families. Then, for those who wish, the priest will bless individuals just after Mass.

**Blood Donation Clinic**-Cork Racecourse, Mallow Tues., 25<sup>th</sup> - Thurs., 27<sup>th</sup> March. Call 1800 731 137 to book. See website www.giveblood.ie.