THE PARISHES OF MALLOW & MOURNEABBEY

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9TH MARCH 2025 ~ 1ST 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 Confessions Friday after 9.15am 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

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.

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

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

St Mary's Church Sat. Vigil 6.30pm Anniv-Dan O'Brien, 8.30am Anniv Paddy Moynihan, 11am-Maura O'Connor, Mon. Months Mind-Teresa O'Brien, Tue. Months Mind-James Patrick O'Regan, Wed. Anniv-Mary Coleman, Thur. Holy Face Mass, Fri. Months Mind-John O'Connor. Sat. Anniv-Dan Joe Fitzgerald.

Church of the Resurrection Sat. Vigil 7.30pm First Anniv-Bridget Carey, Sun. 10am-Anniv-Eddie Doherty, 12pm Anniv-John O'Sullivan, Mon. Anniv-Frank McNamara, Tue. Holy Face Mass, Wed. Anniv-William Hooton, Thur. Anniv-John Kidney Fri. Anniv-John & Maureen O'Connor St John the Baptist, Burnfort Sun. 11.30am Anniv-Julia & Michael O'Donoghue.

St Michael the Archangel, Analeentha Sun. 10am Anniv-Ted & Eileen McSweeney.

St. Mary's Church Sat. 15/3 Vigil 6.30pm Anniv-Paddy & Maureen Crowley, Sun. 16/3 8.30am Anniv-Sheila & Christy McCarthy, Sun. 16/3 11am Anniv-Jerry Murphy, Sun. 16/3 Vigil of Feast Day 6.30pm Anniv-Maurice Murphy.

Church of the Resurrection Sat. 15/3 7.30pm Anniv-Pat Barrett, Sun.16/3 Anniv-Liz Browne, Sun. 16/3 12pm Anniv- Joan O'Shea, Sun. 16/3 Vigil of Feast Day 7.30pm Months Mind-Tadgh

St John the Baptist, Burnfort Sun. 16/3 Months Mind-Patrick Paudie O'Mahony

St Michael the Archangel, Analeentha Sun. 16/3 Anniv-Connie Murphy

Please note from next week the Mass Intentions will be from Monday to Sunday.

Behind the disobedient choice of our first parents lurks a seductive voice, opposed to God, which makes them fall into death out of envy. Scripture and the Church's Tradition see in this being a fallen angel, called "Satan" or the "devil". The Church teaches that Satan was at first a good angel, made by God: "The devil and the other demons were indeed created naturally good by God, but they became evil by their own doing." Scripture speaks of a sin of these angels. This "fall" consists in the free choice of these created spirits, who radically and irrevocably rejected God and his reign. We find a reflection of that rebellion in the tempter's words to our first parents: "You will be like God." The devil "has sinned from the beginning"; he is "a liar and the father of lies".

FROM THE CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH, §§391-395 "THE FALL OF THE ANGELS"

It is the irrevocable character of their choice, and not a defect in the infinite divine mercy, that makes the angels' sin unforgivable. "There is no repentance for the angels after their fall, just as there is no repentance for men after death." Scripture witnesses to the disastrous influence of the one Jesus calls "a murderer from the beginning", who would even try to divert Jesus from the mission received from his Father, "The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the works of the devil." In its consequences the gravest of these works was the mendacious seduction that led man to disobey God.

The power of Satan is, nonetheless, not infinite. He is only a creature, powerful from the fact that he is pure spirit, but still a creature. He cannot prevent the building up of God's reign. Although Satan may act in the world out of hatred for God and his kingdom in Christ Jesus, and although his action may cause grave injuries - of a spiritual nature and, indirectly, even of a physical nature - to each man and to society, the action is permitted by divine providence which with strength and gentleness guides human and cosmic history. It is a great mystery that providence should permit diabolical activity, but "we know that in everything God works for good with those who love him."

NOTICES

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

Spring Station Offerings for our priests - white envelope will be taken up at all Masses this weekend. 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: 'Forgiveness, Healing & Mission'.

Lectio Divina for Lent 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. All welcome.

Our Parish Council has invited Fr. Eamon McCarthy, Cloyne Diocesan Co-ordinator of Jubilee Year of Hope, to attend Mallow Parish Centre - Monday 10th March at 7.30pm to lead an evening of prayer and discussion on the papal document "Hope does not disappoint". He will be bringing a statue of the Sacred Heart which was blessed by Pope Francis which will be visiting all parishes of the Diocese. The statue will be in the Church of the Resurrection on Tues., 11th Mar., and in St. Mary's on Wed., 12th Mar., from after morning Mass until 6pm.

St Mary's Tea/Coffee after Mass - why not come along for a cuppa and a chat after 10 am Mass on Fri., 14th Mar., (St. Mary's Family Room by the main door)? Make the most of this chance to grow our parish community (from Mallow Parish Pastoral Council).

St. Patrick's Day Parade, we invite all parishioners to walk with us to celebrate St. Patrick.

Mallow Field Club Lecture -GAA Complex, Carrigoon, Tues., 11th Mar., - 8pm. David Heffernan will speak on "The Mallow Estate in the Munster Plantation". A.G.M. (confined to paid-up members) will follow immediately afterwards. Adm. free and everybody welcome.

Irish Cancer Society., Daffodil Day Coffee Morning in Centra, Main St-Fri., 14th Mar., 10 am to 12.30pm. Please support.

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK (Optional observance in italics) **Tue 11**th St Aengus, Religious