

THE PARISHES OF MALLOW & MOURNEABBEY

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24TH AUGUST 2025 ~ 21ST 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 loss. Contact (086) 3918751

Mallow Young Catholics Fridays at 7pm in the Parish Centre. Prayer, Scripture, Refreshments.

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

St Mary's Church *Mon* Anniv-John Mahony, *Tue* First Anniv-Christine King,
Wed Anniv-Christine & Timothy O'Donovan, *Sat 10am* Months Mind-Michael O'Sullivan,
Sat Vigil 6.30pm Anniv-Noel and Kitty Tuohy *Sun 11am* Tom O'Donovan.

Church of the Resurrection *Mon* Anniv-Josephine Carroll, *Tue* Anniv-Joseph Jose,
Thurs Anniv-John Beecher, *Sat Vigil 7.30pm* Anniv-Teresa Linehan,
Sun 10am Anniv-Tom O'Connor, *Sun 12pm* Anniv-J.J. & Margaret Buckley.

St John the Baptist, Burnfort *Sun* Anniv-Mary, Dan & Rory O'Hanlon.

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK (Optional observance in italics)

Sun 24th St Bartholomew, Apostle (not celebrated this year) **Mon 25th** *St Louis of France; St Joseph Calasan, Priest* **Wed 27th** St Monica **Thur 28th** St Augustine, Bishop & Doctor of the Church
Fri 29th The Passion of St John the Baptist **Sat 30th** *St Fiacre, Monk*

28 AUGUST – ST AUGUSTINE, BISHOP & DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

ST AUGUSTINE was born in Thagaste in Africa of a Berber family. He was brought up a Christian but left the Church and embraced the Manichaean heresy, later seeing how nonsensical it was and becoming a Neoplatonist instead. He led a wild and dissolute youth. He took a concubine by whom he had a son, Adeodatus. He had a brilliant legal and academic career. At length, through the prayers of his mother Monica, and the teaching of St Ambrose of Milan, he was converted back to Christianity. He was baptized in 387, shortly before his mother's death. He returned home to Africa and led an ascetic life. He was elected Bishop of Hippo and spent 34 years looking after his flock, teaching them, strengthening them in the faith and protecting them strenuously against the errors of the time. He wrote an enormous number of works: the Divine Office has many extracts from them. He was declared a Doctor of the Church by Pope Boniface VIII in 1308.

29 AUGUST – THE PASSION OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST

ST JOHN THE BAPTIST is the only saint in the calendar (apart from St Joseph) who has two feasts to himself. One, in August, celebrates his death, and one, in June, celebrates his birth. And this is as it should be, for as Christ himself said, John was the greatest of the sons of men.

The greatest, but also the most tragic. A prophet from before his birth, leaping in the womb to announce the coming of the incarnate God, his task was to proclaim the fulfilment of all prophecies – and thus his own obsolescence. And *he did it*: with unequalled courage he spread the news that he, the greatest of all men, was the least in the kingdom of heaven. His disciples, and the devil, would have preferred him to fight, to build his sect, to defeat this upstart whom he himself had baptized, to seize his place in history. But he did not – and so, rightly, he *has* his place, and he has glory in heaven.

We envy the great and the talented, and sometimes we think that they themselves are beyond envy. But when they come across someone with greater gifts, as one day most of them will, they will see for the first time what it means to feel like us. Let us pray that they, like John the Baptist, may pass that test.

NOTICES

Good wishes and every blessing to the staffs and students of our parish schools as they begin a new academic year at this time.

Please pray for Tiernan Burke who will be ordained to the Diaconate next Saturday, 30th August in Whitechurch. Many will remember Tiernan from the time he spent in Mallow as part of his seminary training during 2022 / '23. We wish him every blessing.

Poor Clares Galway, Monastic Experience Day for women 18-35. An opportunity to explore and experience Poor Clare life and spirituality. The event will take place from 10am to 5pm on Saturday the 6th of September. For more information: poorclares.ie/monastic-experience-days

Mallow Adult Learning Centre – Tutor Training Course, beginning on Tues., 2nd Sept., in St. Joseph's Parish Centre. Contact The Adult Learning Centre Office – 022 42642 for further details.