

THE PARISHES OF MALLOW & MOURNEABBEY

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31ST AUGUST 2025 ~ 22ND 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

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 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* Recently Deceased-Monica Casey, *Tue* Anniv-Victor & Helen Vowles, *Wed* First Anniv-Esty Fahy, *Sat 10am* Anniv-Michael Ferris, *Sat Vigil 6.30pm* First Anniv- Senan O'Donoghue, *Sun 11am* First Anniv-Tom Cronin

Church of the Resurrection *Tue* Anniv-Kathleen and William Walsh, *Sat Vigil 7.30pm* Anniv-Michael O'Keeffe, *Sun 10am* Anniv-Timothy O'Flynn, *Sun 12pm* Anniv-Liam Sheehan

St John the Baptist, Burnfort *Sun* Anniv-Tade Sheahan

Readers for the month of September-

St Mary's - Vigil Sat., 6.30pm John Collins, Sun., 8.30am Ann Higgins, Sun., 11am Peter McKenna.

Church of the Resurrection – Vigil Sat., 7.30pm Hannah Twomey, Sun., 10am Robin Robson, Sun., 12 noon Marie O'Sullivan.

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

Sun 31st St Aidan of Lindisfarne, Bishop & Missionary (not celebrated this year)

Wed 3rd St Gregory the Great, Pope & Doctor of the Church **Thurs 4th** *St Mac Nissi, Bishop*

FROM A RECENT ADDRESS OF POPE LEO XIV TO CATHOLIC LAWMAKERS

To find our footing in the present circumstances – especially you as Catholic legislators and political leaders – I suggest that we might look to the past, to that towering figure of Saint Augustine of Hippo. As a leading voice of the Church in the late Roman era, he witnessed immense upheavals and social disintegration. In response, he penned *The City of God*, a work that offers a vision of hope, a vision of meaning that can still speak to us today.

This Church Father taught that within human history, two “cities” are intertwined: the City of Man and the City of God. These signify spiritual realities – two orientations of the human heart and, therefore, of human civilization. The City of Man, built on pride and love of oneself, is marked by the pursuit of power, prestige and pleasure; the City of God, built on love of God unto selflessness, is characterized by justice, charity and humility. In these terms, Augustine encouraged Christians to infuse the earthly society with the values of God's Kingdom, thereby directing history toward its ultimate fulfilment in God, while also allowing for authentic human flourishing in this life. This theological vision can anchor us in the face of today's changing currents: the emergence of new centres of gravity, the shifting of old alliances and the unprecedented influence of global corporations and technologies, not to mention numerous violent conflicts. The crucial question before us believers, therefore, is this: how can we accomplish this task?

To answer this question, we must clarify the meaning of human flourishing. Today, a flourishing life is often confused with a materially wealthy life or a life of unrestricted individual autonomy and pleasure. The so-called ideal future presented to us is often one of technological convenience and consumer satisfaction. Yet we know that this is not enough. We see this in affluent societies where many people struggle with loneliness, with despair and a sense of meaninglessness.

Authentic human flourishing stems from what the Church calls integral human development, or the full development of a person in all dimensions: physical, social, cultural, moral, and spiritual. This vision for the human person is rooted in natural law, the moral order that God has written on the human heart, whose deeper truths are illuminated by the Gospel of Christ. In this regard, authentic human flourishing is seen when individuals live virtuously, when they live in healthy communities, enjoying not only what they have, what they possess, but also who they are as children of God. It ensures the freedom to seek truth, to worship God and to raise families in peace. It also includes a harmony with creation and a sense of solidarity across social classes and nations. Indeed, the Lord came that we “may have life, and have it abundantly” (Jn 10:10).

NOTICES

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

Bus to Knock, Sat., 27th Sept., Leaving Courtbrack -7.15am, Grenagh -7.30am, Rathduff -7.40am. Further details and bookings - contact Mary - 086 1000531 / Margaret – 087 6177537.

Breast Cancer Awareness Month - takes place from 1st to 31st October. Further details see website-www.breastcancerireland.com

Mallow Field Club – Visit to Nazareth House on Tues., 2nd September. Both talks will take place in the hall at Nazareth House. Meet at Mallow Garda Station at 6.00pm. Everybody welcome.