THE PARISHES OF MALLOW & MOURNEABBEY

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14TH SEPTEMBER 2025 ~ THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

MASS & CONFESSION TIMES

St Mary's Church, MallowChurch of the Resurrection, MallowSaturday (vigil): 6.30pmSaturday (vigil): 7.30pmSunday: 8.30am & 11.00amSunday: 10.00am & 12.00pm

Monday – Saturday: 10.00am Monday – Friday: 9.15am Confessions Saturday after 10.00am Mass Confessions Friday after 9.15am Mass

Convent of Mercy: Sunday Mass 9.30am

St John the Baptist, Burnfort St Michael the Archangel, Analeentha

Sunday 11.30am Sunday 10.00am Thursday 9.30am 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 Fri Anniv-Breda and Jack Holmes, Sat 10am Denis O'Connor, Sat Vigil 6.30pm Anniv-Georgina Heelan, Sun 8.30am Anniv-James Flannery, Sun 11am Anniv-Fidelma Glavin

Church of the Resurrection *Thurs* Anniv-Elizabeth Buckley, *Sat Vigil 7.30pm* Anniv-Antoinette Noonan, *Sun 10am* Anniv-John O'Connell, *Sun 12pm* Anniv-Bridget Berry

St. Michael the Archangel, Analeentha Sun Anniv-Mary O'Sullivan

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK (Optional observance in italics)

Mon 15th Our Lady of Sorrows Tue 16th Ss Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs Wed 17th St Robert Bellarmine, Bishop & Doctor of the Church; St Hildegard of Bingen, Virgin & Doctor of the Church Fri 19th St Januarius, Bishop & Martyr Sat 20th Ss Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Paul Chong Ha-sang and Companions, Martyrs

FROM A DISCOURSE OF ST ANDREW OF CRETE ON THE HOLY CROSS

We are celebrating the feast of the cross which drove away darkness and brought in the light. As we keep this feast, we are lifted up with the crucified Christ, leaving behind us earth and sin so that we may gain the things above. So great and outstanding a possession is the cross that he who wins it has won a treasure. Rightly could I call this treasure the fairest of all fair things and the costliest, in fact as well as in name, for on it and through it and for its sake the riches of salvation that had been lost were restored to us.

Had there been no cross, Christ could not have been crucified. Had there been no cross, life itself could not have been nailed to the tree. And if life had not been nailed to it, there would be no streams of immortality pouring from Christ's side, blood and water for the world's cleansing. The legal bond of our sin would not be cancelled, we should not have attained our freedom, we should not have enjoyed the fruit of the tree of life and the gates of paradise would not stand open. Had there been no cross, death would not have been trodden underfoot, nor hell despoiled.

Therefore, the cross is something wonderfully great and honourable. It is great because through the cross the many noble acts of Christ found their consummation – very many indeed, for both his miracles and his sufferings were fully rewarded with victory. The cross is honourable because it is both the sign of God's suffering and the trophy of his victory. It stands for his suffering because on it he freely suffered unto death. But it is also his trophy because it was the means by which the devil was wounded and death conquered; the barred gates of hell were smashed, and the cross became the one common salvation of the whole world.

Autumn Stations 2025 - We invite families who are willing to hold a Station Mass for their neighbourhood in their homes to contact the Parish Office on 022-20276 to arrange a date of your choice **commencing on Friday 26th September** and **concluding on Friday 24th October**. Please consider holding a Station to keep this spiritual tradition alive with your neighbours.

NOTICES

New Altar Servers are being recruited at this time. Parents should collect an application form from the sacristy after Mass this weekend and return it by Sunday, 21nd September. All young people from 4th class upwards, including those in secondary school, should consider coming on board and serving the Lord in this way.

Should there be an adult in the Parish who wishes to become a full member of the Church, i.e. a person who has not received the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and the Blessed Eucharist, give your name to the Parish Priest this weekend. He will give the name to the Diocesan Office in Cobh. The Co-Ordinator of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, Sr Emmanuel Leonard, will be contacted and together with her team will commence the accompaniment for the Reception of the Three Sacraments of Initiation.

The Second Collection for the Education and Formation of Seminarians and Permanent Deacons will be taken up at all Masses this weekend 13th/14th September. Your generosity to this collection will be greatly appreciated.

St Pio Pilgrimage to Knock – Sunday, 21st September. Coach departs from Church of the Resurrection-7.30 a.m., and from St. Mary's Church -7.45a.m. Contact 086 3722143 for further details.