

THE PARISHES OF MALLOW & MOURNEABBEY

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23RD NOVEMBER 2025 ~ OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

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

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

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

THE FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING

The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, crowns the liturgical year, celebrated on the last Sunday of Ordinary Time. Instituted by Pope Pius XI in 1925 through the encyclical *Quas Primas*, it affirms Christ's universal sovereignty amid rising secularism and totalitarianism post-World War I. This feast invites the faithful to recognize Jesus not as an earthly monarch, but as the divine King whose reign extends over creation, hearts, and history, fulfilling Old Testament prophecies of a messianic ruler.

Theologically, Christ's kingship is rooted in his divine perfection and the hypostatic union. As the "image of the invisible God" and "firstborn of all creation," he holds judicial power, reconciles all things through his cross, and reigns eternally. Unlike worldly powers, his kingdom is "not of this world" (Jn 18:36), manifesting paradoxically on the cross—throne of thorns, where he promises paradise to the repentant thief. The liturgy draws from 2 Samuel, portraying David's anointing as a foreshadowing of Christ's covenantal rule; Psalm 122 evokes Jerusalem as the city of God's thrones; Colossians extols Christ's cosmic primacy; and Luke's Gospel depicts his mocked yet triumphant kingship.

Pius XI emphasized that this solemnity combats individualism by reminding nations and rulers to honour Christ publicly, integrating faith into law, justice, and education. Subsequent popes, like John Paul II and Francis, highlight its eschatological hope: a kingdom of "truth and life, holiness and grace, justice, love and peace," calling believers to pray "Thy kingdom come" amid modern divisions. It renews consecration to the Sacred Heart, fostering unity in the Church as Christ's body.

In daily life, the feast challenges us to enthrone Christ in personal decisions, family, and society—resisting sin's "power of darkness" through obedience and charity. By participating in the Mass, we acclaim his eternal dominion, anticipating the heavenly Jerusalem where all thrones bow to him. In summary, the Solemnity proclaims Christ's victorious reign, urging renewal in faith and action.

NOTICES

There will be a Holy Hour in St Mary's Church at 5.00pm today, the Feast of Christ the King.

Weekly Lectio Divina Meetings for Advent beginning on Fri., 28th Nov., -7.30pm in Parish Centre, consisting of prayerful meditation on the upcoming Sunday's Gospel, followed by refreshments. People of all ages are welcome to attend.

Southside Tea/Coffee Morning – Everyone's welcome for a cuppa and a chat after 9.15am Mass (Church of the Resurrection) on Wed., 26th Nov., in the Arches – getting to know each other to grow our sense of community (sponsored by Mallow Parish Pastoral Council).

For Young Women (18-40yrs) who are discerning a vocation to Religious/Consecrated Life, monthly meeting in Charleville Retreat Centre - Prayer, Holy Mass, Adoration and a chance to meet with Sisters of different communities, email – womendiscern@corkandross.org

The Christmas Carol Services will take place in **Church of the Resurrection** on Sun., 7th December at 3 pm and in St. Mary's on Sunday, 14th December at 3 pm this year.

Charity Christmas Concert, in **St. John the Baptist, Burnfort** in aid of Cancer Research UCC on Fri., 5th Dec., at 8 p.m. Tickets €20 and to book contact - 085 8438864.

Mallow Library – Free SEAI Home Energy Grants Talk – Wed., 26th Nov., - 1 p.m. Everyone welcome. Mallow GAA – A.G.M. in Carrigoon Complex on Mon., 24th Nov., at 7.30 p.m. All members are invited to attend.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR COMING WEEK- MONDAY 26TH NOVEMBER TO SUNDAY 30TH NOVEMBER

St. Mary's Church *Mon* Chris Brosnan, *Tue* Ann Roche, *Wed* Dick Fleming, *Thur* Mark Findon & Remembering his parents and sister, *Fri* Abraham Chandy *Sat* 10am Deceased Members of McCarthy & Buckley Families, *Sat Vigil* 6.30pm Deceased Members of Kelleher Family & Nan Donegan, *Sun* 8.30am Veronica Lwin, *Sun* 11am Jenny O'Donnell

Church of the Resurrection *Thur* Joan Stack, *Fri* Kathleen O'Leary, *Sat Vigil* 7.30pm Margaret Kelly, *Sun* 10am First Anniv: Elizabeth O'Shea, Jeremiah O'Shea, *12pm* Gerry Linehan

Christmas Cards are for sale in the Parish Office -
General pack of six - €6.00 & Greetings from Mallow pack of six - €7.00.

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK (Optional observance in italics)

Sun 23rd St Columban, Abbot & Missionary (not celebrated this year) **Mon** 24th St Colman, 1st Bishop of Cloyne **Tue** 25th St Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin & Martyr; St Clement I, Pope & Martyr **Thurs** 27th St Fergal, Bishop & Missionary