

THE PARISHES OF MALLOW & MOURNEABBEY

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30TH NOVEMBER 2025 ~ 1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE COMING WEEK- MONDAY 1ST DECEMBER TO SUNDAY 7TH DECEMBER

St. Mary's Church Mon Denis (Dee) O'Sullivan, Tue Kitty Buckley, Thur Neily, Joan & Lizzie Kelleher, Sat 10am Michael Doolan, Sat Vigil 6.30pm First Anniv: Rose Buckley, Sun 8.30am Carmel Holland, Sun 11am James Lehane.

Church of the Resurrection Mon Mark Anthony O'Connell, Tue Michael Connolly, Wed Mary O'Connell, Thur John O'Leary, Sat Vigil 7.30pm Tommy & Ber Dempsey, Sun 10am Paddy Healy, Sun 12pm William Feehan.

St. John the Baptist, Burnfort Sun Pat & Patrick O'Connor

St. Michael the Archangel, Analeentha Sun Paddy Burke

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 30th St Andrew, Apostle (not celebrated this year) **Wed 3rd** St Francis Xavier, Priest
Thur 2nd St John Damascene, Priest & Doctor of the Church **Sat 6th** St Nicholas, Bishop

THE SEASON OF ADVENT

Beginning the Church's liturgical year, Advent (from, "ad-venire" in Latin or "to come to") is the season encompassing the four Sundays (and weekdays) leading up to the celebration of Christmas.

The Advent season is a time of preparation that directs our hearts and minds to Christ's second coming at the end of time and to the anniversary of Our Lord's birth on Christmas. From the earliest days of the Church, people have been fascinated by Jesus' promise to come back. But the scripture readings during Advent tell us not to waste our time with predictions. Advent is not about speculation. Our Advent readings call us to be alert and ready, not weighted down and distracted by the cares of this world (Lk 21:34-36). Like Lent, the liturgical colour for Advent is violet since both are seasons that prepare us for great feast days. Advent also includes an element of penance in the sense of preparing, quieting, and disciplining our hearts for the full joy of Christmas.

The final days of Advent, from December 17 to December 24, we focus on our preparation for the celebrations of the Nativity of our Lord at Christmas. In particular, the "O" Antiphons are sung during this period and have been by the Church since at least the eighth century. They are a magnificent theology that uses ancient biblical imagery drawn from the messianic hopes of the Old Testament to proclaim the coming of Christ as the fulfilment not only of Old Testament hopes, but of present ones as well.

Advent devotions including the Advent wreath, remind us of the meaning of the season. An Advent calendar can help you fully enter into the season with daily activity and prayer suggestions to prepare you spiritually for the birth of Jesus Christ. *Source: United States Conference of Catholic Bishops*

Readers for the month of December - **St Mary's** Sat., Vigil 6.30pm Elizabeth O'Brien, Sun., 8.30am Mercy Thomas, Sun., 11am Mary Buckley. **Church of the Resurrection** – Sat., Vigil 7.30pm Sr. Agnes Kiely, Sun., 10am Gerard O'Connell Sun., 12 noon Deirdre Sexton.

NOTICES

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

Weekly Lectio Divina Meetings for Advent takes place on Fridays at 7.30 p.m. in Parish Centre, consisting of prayerful meditation on the upcoming Sunday's Gospel, followed by refreshments. People of all ages are welcome to attend.

Carol Services will take place in **Church of the Resurrection on Sunday, 7th December at 3.00 p.m.** and in **St Mary's Church on Sunday, 14th December at 3.00 p.m.**, featuring church, school and local choirs with congregational carols and Scripture readings.

Winter Food Appeal – The **Mallow Parish Pastoral Council (PPC)** will be holding a Winter Food Appeal on behalf of the Mallow St. **Vincent de Paul Society (SVP)**, at all **weekend Masses on 13th/14th December**. Parishioners are invited to bring **non-perishable food** to Mass and place their donations in the porch at **St. Mary's Church** and at the rear corners in **Church of the Resurrection**. The food will be distributed by SVP volunteers to the needy at their regular food bank at Ozanam Centre, as well as by SVP members during their Christmas visitations. The PPC and SVP thank you for your generosity.

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.

Burnfort Church, Children's Mass followed by Blessing of the Outdoor Village Crib on **Mon., 8th Dec.**, - 7.30 p.m. All welcome.

Remembrance Masses, reminder - please collect the name tags from the sacristy in St. Mary's Church.

Mallow Field Club – Launch of Journal 43, by Michael O'Sullivan of Doneraile, on Wed., 3rd Dec., at 8 p.m., in the Hibernian Hotel. Entry free. Everybody welcome.

