

THE PARISHES OF MALLOW & MOURNEABBEY

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21ST DECEMBER 2025 ~ 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

MASS & CONFESSION TIMES

St Mary's Church, Mallow

Saturday (vigil): 6.30pm

Sunday: 8.30am & 11.00am

Mon., Tue., Wed., Fri., Sat: 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

Christmas Mass and Confession Times –

St Mary's Church, Confessions - Mon., 22nd & Tues., 23rd at 10.30am. Wed., 24th Christmas Eve, 10.30am – 2.00pm.

Christmas Masses – Christmas Eve, Wed., 24th Dec., 5.00pm., 7.00pm & 9.00pm.

Christmas Day, Thurs., 25th Dec., 8.30am & 11.00am. St. Stephen's Day, Fri., 26th Dec., & Sat., 27th Dec., 10.00am.

Church of the Resurrection, Confessions - Mon., 22nd & Tues., 23rd at 9.45am. Christmas Eve, Wed., 24th 11.00am – 2.00pm.

Christmas Masses – Christmas Eve, Wed., 24th Dec., 5.00pm & 7.00pm. Christmas Day, Thurs., 25th Dec., 10.00am & 12.00pm. St. Stephen's Day, Fri., 26th Dec., 9.15am.

Mourneabbey, Christmas Masses - **St. John the Baptist, Burnfort** Christmas Eve, Wed., 24th Dec., 6.00pm Christmas Day, Thurs., 25th Dec., 11.30am

St. Michael the Archangel, Analeentha Christmas Eve, Wed., 24th Dec., 7.30pm

Christmas Day, Thurs., 25th Dec., 10.00am **No Mass on Friday, 26th Dec., in Analeentha.**

MASS INTENTIONS FOR COMING WEEK –MONDAY 22ND DECEMBER – SUNDAY 28TH DECEMBER

St. Mary's Church *Mon Elizabeth Coakley, Tue Claire Howard, Wed Kay Daly, Fri Maureen Corcoran, Sat 10am Frederick & Kevin Buckley, Sat Vigil 6.30pm Maureen O'Connell, Sun 8.30am Timothy Barry, Sun 11am Deceased Members of St. Mary's Choir.*

Church of the Resurrection *Mon Peter Dooley, Tue Donal O'Driscoll, Fri First Anniv: James Rea, Sun 10am John O'Callaghan, Sun 12pm Patrick, Kathleen, Matt & Dan Joe Daly.*

St. John the Baptist, Burnfort *Sun Sheila O'Sullivan & Canon William O'Sullivan*

FROM A SERMON BY ST AUGUSTINE

Awake, mankind! For your sake God has become man. Awake, you who sleep, rise up from the dead, and Christ will enlighten you. I tell you again: for your sake, God became man. You would have suffered eternal death, had he not been born in time. Never would you have been freed from sinful flesh, had he not taken on himself the likeness of sinful flesh. You would have suffered everlasting unhappiness, had it not been for this mercy. You would never have returned to life, had he not shared your death. You would have been lost if he had not hastened to your aid. You would have perished, had he not come.

Let us then joyfully celebrate the coming of our salvation and redemption. Let us celebrate the festive day on which he who is the great and eternal day came from the great and endless day of eternity into our own short day of time. He has become our justice, our sanctification, our redemption, so that, as it is written: Let him who glories glory in the Lord.

Truth, then, has arisen from the earth: Christ who said, I am the Truth, was born of the Virgin. And justice looked down from heaven: because believing in this new-born child, man is justified not by himself but by God. Truth has arisen from the earth: because the Word was made flesh. And justice looked down from heaven: because every good gift and every perfect gift is from above. Truth has arisen from the earth: flesh from Mary. And justice looked down from heaven: for man can receive nothing unless it has been given him from heaven.

Justified by faith, let us be at peace with God: for justice and peace have embraced one another. Through our Lord Jesus Christ: for Truth has arisen from the earth. Through whom we have access to that grace in which we stand, and our boast is in our hope of God's glory. He does not say: "of our glory," but of God's glory: for justice has not come out of us but has looked down from heaven. Therefore, he who glories, let him glory, not in himself, but in the Lord.

Christmas Offerings for the Priests of the Parish may be handed in at any of the Masses this weekend or at any of the Masses over the Christmas period. Your offerings are very much appreciated.

(Please make cheques payable to Mallow Catholic Church)

**The Parish Office will be closed from Monday 22nd December at 5 p.m.
for Annual Leave until Wednesday 7th January 2026.**

NOTICES

The Christmas schedule of Masses and Confessions is available at the porches. Please take one home with you.

Thanks to all who attended, organised and took part in our recent parish Carol Services.

Eucharistic Adoration **Cloyne Diocese** – Day of Prayer, Tues., 30th Dec., - 10.45am to 5pm at Shalom Retreat Centre Charleville (former Convent of Mercy), led by Fr. John Keane, Diocesan Director of Eucharistic Adoration. Holy Mass, Guided Eucharistic Adoration and Eucharistic Blessing. Bring a packed lunch. Tea/Coffee provided. **Booking essential**, email shalom.retreatcentre2025@gmail.com

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK (Optional observance in italics)

Sun 21st St Peter Canisius, Priest & Doctor of the Church (not celebrated this year)

Fri 26th St Stephen, Protomartyr **Sat 27th** St John, Apostle & Evangelist