

THE PARISHES OF MALLOW & MOURNEABBEY

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28TH DECEMBER 2025 ~ FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

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

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

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

MASS INTENTIONS FOR COMING WEEK – MONDAY 29TH DECEMBER 2025 – SUNDAY 4TH JANUARY 2026

St. Mary's Church *Tue* Ned & Kitty Roycroft, *Wed* Moll Lane, *Thur* Mallow Rotary Memorial Tree, *Sat 10am* John Murphy, *Sat Vigil 6.30pm* Willie Ryan, *Sun 8.30am* Joe Donovan

Church of the Resurrection *Sun 10am* First Anniv: Lis Seabra

St. Michael the Archangel, Analeentha *Fri* Kevin Murphy

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

Sun 28th The Holy Innocents (not celebrated this year) **Mon 29th** *St Thomas Becket, Bishop & Martyr*

Wed 31st *St Sylvester, Pope* **Thur 1st Jan** Mary, The Holy Mother of God

Fri 2nd Ss Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops & Doctors of the Church

Sat 3rd *The Holy Name of Jesus; St Munchin, Bishop*

FROM A SERMON OF ST QUODVULTDEUS ON THE HOLY INNOCENTS

A tiny child is born, who is a great king. Wise men are led to him from afar. They come to adore one who lies in a manger and yet reigns in heaven and on earth. When they tell of one who is born a king, Herod is disturbed. To save his kingdom he resolves to kill him, though if he would have faith in the child, he himself would reign in peace in this life and for ever in the life to come.

Why are you afraid, Herod, when you hear of the birth of a king? He does not come to drive you out, but to conquer the devil. But because you do not understand this you are disturbed and in a rage, and to destroy one child whom you seek, you show your cruelty in the death of so many children. You are not restrained by the love of weeping mothers or fathers mourning the deaths of their sons, nor by the cries and sobs of the children. You destroy those who are tiny in body because fear is destroying your heart. You imagine that if you accomplish your desire you can prolong your own life, though you are seeking to kill Life himself. Yet your throne is threatened by the source of grace, so small, yet so great, who is lying in the manger. He is using you, all unaware of it, to work out his own purposes freeing souls from captivity to the devil. He has taken up the sons of the enemy into the ranks of God's adopted children.

The children die for Christ, though they do not know it. The parents mourn for the death of martyrs. The child makes of those as yet unable to speak fit witnesses to himself. See the kind of kingdom that is his, coming as he did in order to be this kind of king. See how the deliverer is already working deliverance, the saviour already working salvation. But you, Herod, do not know this and are disturbed and furious. While you vent your fury against the child, you are already paying him homage, and do not know it.

How great a gift of grace is here! To what merits of their own do the children owe this kind of victory? They cannot speak, yet they bear witness to Christ. They cannot use their limbs to engage in battle, yet already they bear off the palm of victory.

Readers for the month of January -

St. Mary's Sat., Vigil 6.30pm Margaret Lane, Sun., 8.30am Denis Murphy, Sun., 11am Peter McKenna.

Church of the Resurrection - Sat., Vigil 7.30pm Margaret Cremin, Sun., 10am Robin Robson, Sun., 12 noon Anthony O'Connell.

The Parish Office will be closed for Annual Leave until Wednesday 7th January 2026.

NOTICES

Thanks to all who assisted in various ways for the celebration of the Christmas Masses.

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

On 6th January, the Feast of the Epiphany, the morning Mass times will be as on a weekday in both churches: Church of the Resurrection at 9.15am and St Mary's Church at 10.00am. Vigil Mass in St Mary's at 6.30pm (Monday 5th). Mass in the Church of the Resurrection at 7.30pm (Tuesday 6th).