

THE PARISHES OF MALLOW & MOURNEABBEY

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7TH DECEMBER 2025 ~ 2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

MASS & CONFESSION TIMES

St Mary's Church, Mallow

Saturday (vigil): 6.30pm
Sunday: 8.30am & 11.00am
Tuesday– Saturday: 10.00am this week
Confessions Saturday after 10.00am Mass
Convent of Mercy: Sunday Mass 9.30am

Church of the Resurrection, Mallow

Saturday (vigil): 7.30pm
Sunday: 10.00am & 12.00pm
Tuesday – Friday: 9.15am this week
Confessions Friday after 9.15am Mass

St John the Baptist, Burnfort

Sunday 11.30am
Thursday 9.30am

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 8TH DECEMBER TO SUNDAY 14TH DECEMBER

St Mary's Church *Mon 11am Feast Day* First Anniv: Rita Ryan, *Tue* Frank & Mary Foy, *Wed* Theresa O'Sullivan, *Fri* Johnny Mahony, *Sat 10am* Nora & Dan Nolan, *Sat Vigil 6.30pm* Sheila Healy, *Sun 8.30am* Months Mind: Catherine (Kay) Condon, *Sun 11am* Nealie O'Brien

Church of the Resurrection *Mon 10am Feast Day* Mary Buckley, *Mon Feast Day 7.30pm* Catherine & David O'Leary, *Tue* First Anniv: Rita Ryan *Wed* Christmas Remembrance: Bridie O'Brien, *Thur* Anne Tynan, *Fri* Months Mind: Brona Cahill, *Sat Vigil 7.30pm* Tony, Tom & Nellie Britton, *Sun 10am* Maura Lehane *Sun 12pm* Jerry Walsh

St. Michael the Archangel, Analeentha *Sun* Months Mind: Richard Curtin

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 7th St Ambrose, Bishop & Doctor of the Church (not celebrated this year)

Mon 8th The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Tue 9th *St Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin* **Wed 10th** *Our Lady of Loreto*

Thurs 11th *St Damasus I, Pope* **Fri 12th** *Our Lady of Guadalupe; St Finian, Bishop*

Sat 13th St Lucy, Virgin & Martyr

ST JOHN THE BAPTIST

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St. John the Baptist, the son of Zachary and Elizabeth, straddles the both Old and New Testaments. His parents were reckoned as "just before God" (Lk 1, 6). John the Baptist is a major figure in the history of salvation. While in his mother's womb, he recognised the Saviour, as he was borne in his mother's womb (cf. Lk 1, 39-45); his birth was accompanied by great signs (cf. Lk 1, 57-66); he retired to the desert where he led a life of austerity and penance (cf. Lk 1, 80; Mt 3, 4); "Prophet of the Most High" (Lk 1, 76), the word of God descended on him (Lk 3, 2); "he went through the whole of the Jordan district proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins" (Lk 3,3); like the new Elijah, humble and strong, he prepared his people to receive the Lord (cf. Lk 1, 17); in accordance with God's saving plan, he baptized the Saviour of the World in the waters of the Jordan (cf. Mt 3, 13-16); to his disciples, he showed that Jesus was "the Lamb of God" (John 1, 29), "the Son of God" (John 1, 34), the Bridegroom of the new messianic community (cf. John 3, 28-30); he was imprisoned and decapitated by Herod for his heroic witness to the truth (cf. Mk 6, 14-29), thereby becoming the Precursor of the Lord's own violent death, as he had been in his prodigious birth and prophetic preaching. Jesus praised him by attributing to him the glorious phrase "of all children born to women, there is no one greater than John" (Lk 7, 28).

NOTICES

Monday, 8th December, is the Solemnity of Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary and a Holy Day of Obligation. **There will be no vigil Masses on Sunday evening.**

Masses in Mallow: St Mary's: 11.00am

Church of the Resurrection: 10.00am & 7.30pm

Masses in Mourneabbey Analeentha 10.00am

Burnfort 7.30pm followed by blessing of the outdoor Crib.

Next Sunday is *Bambinelli Sunday*. All are invited to bring the Infant Jesus figures from their home cribs to be blessed ahead of Christmas.

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.

St. Mary's Tea/Coffee after Mass – come along and have a cuppa and chat after 10. a.m. Mass on Fri., 12th Dec., (in the Hibernian Hotel)! Helping us to get to know our parish community (sponsored by Mallow Parish Pastoral Council)

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

Eucharistic Adoration Cloyne Diocese – Eucharistic Holy Hour Sun., 14th Dec., 5pm - 6pm – Holy Family Church Youghal, led by Fr. John Keane, Diocesan Director of Eucharistic Adoration. All warmly welcome.

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 **Masses next weekend 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.

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

