

THE PARISHES OF MALLOW & MOURNEABBEY

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5TH JULY 2026 ~ 14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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
Tuesday – Friday: 9.15am (July & August)
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. Enquiries 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

Mallow Young Catholics Fridays at 7pm in the Parish Centre. Prayer, Scripture, Refreshments.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR COMING WEEK – MONDAY 6TH JULY – SUNDAY 12TH JULY

St. Mary's Church *Wed* Con Kelly, *Thur* Michael Coleman, *Fri* Mary & John Sheehan,
Sat 10am Mary Buckley, *Sat Vigil 6.30pm* Rosaleen Kelleher & Remembering her brother John,
Sun 8.30am Betty O'Connor, *Sun 11am* First Anniv: Michael Sullivan & Remembering his brother
Jimmy Sullivan

Church of the Resurrection *Thur* Birthday Remembrance (RIP) Rita & Matt Ryan, *Fri* Nora
Cusack, *Sat Vigil 7.30pm* First Anniv: Nicola Carey, *Sun 12pm* Denis Crowley

St. John the Baptist, Burnfort *Sun 11.30am* Months Mind: Kathleen Curtin

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK (Optional observance in italics)

Sun 5th St Anthony of Zaccaria, Priest **Mon 6th** St Maria Goretti, Virgin & Martyr; St Monnina, Virgin
Tue 7th St Maelruain, Bishop & Abbot **Wed 8th** St Kilian, Bishop & Martyr **Thurs 9th** Ss Augustine
Zhao Rong, Priest & Companions, Martyrs **Sat 11th** St Benedict, Abbot & Patron of Europe

6 JULY – ST MARIA GORETTI

ST MARIA GORETTI was the third of seven children of a poor peasant family living near Corinaldo in the province of Ancona in Italy; owing to extreme poverty the family later migrated to a village near Anzio. In order to make ends meet, Maria's father entered into partnership with a man called Serenelli, and shared a house with him and his two sons, one of whom was called Alessandro. Her father died in 1900, when Maria was ten.

Maria impressed everyone with her radiant purity. She was naturally pious, kind, and helpful. She was also outstandingly beautiful – and Alessandro Serenelli was an outstandingly passionate and undisciplined man. She resisted his attentions, which only made her the more desirable, and narrowly managed to escape a serious sexual assault, which he made her keep secret by means of threats of murder. A month later Alessandro arranged things so that he would be alone in the house with Maria; and he had a dagger. She tried to resist, begging him to have care for his immortal soul, but he thrust a handkerchief into her mouth to prevent her from crying out, tied her up, and threatened her with the dagger. She could, the theologians say, have consented then, with no danger to her soul; but her love of purity was too great. Alessandro, enraged, stabbed her fourteen times.

She did not die immediately. She was taken to hospital, seven miles of bad road in a horse-drawn ambulance, and was operated on for more than two hours. She lived for twenty hours more, became a Child of Mary, received the Last Sacrament, and specifically forgave her murderer. She died in the afternoon of 6 July 1902, at the age of eleven years, eight months, and twenty days.

Alessandro was tried and sentenced to thirty years' penal servitude with hard labour. For the first seven years or so he maintained a cynical and defiant attitude, but he repented, and dreams of Maria herself figured largely in his repentance. (You might say, he pretended to repent so as to get his sentence reduced – but the most sceptical experts were convinced, and he had to remain in prison for another twenty years, which is a long time to sustain a pretence).

Maria was beatified in 1927. Alessandro was released in 1928; and he and Maria's mother received Communion side by side on Christmas Day 1937, and they spent Christmas together. Maria was canonized in 1950. Her mother was present at the ceremony, the first time this has ever happened. Alessandro spent his last years in a Capuchin monastery: he died in 1970.

Act of Faith *O my God, I believe in you
and in all that your holy Church teaches
because you have said it
and your Word is true.
You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.
You are my Lord and my God.
Lord, I believe, increase my faith. Amen*

NOTICES

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Mourneabbey Parish - The Annual Mass will take place in Burnfort Cemetery on **Fri., 10th July** at 7.30pm. Please note, 2nd Friday in July.

