

THE PARISHES OF MALLOW & MOURNEABBEY

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16TH AUGUST 2026 ~ 20TH 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 17TH AUGUST – SUNDAY 23RD AUGUST

St. Mary's Church *Mon* John & Kathleen Dollery, *Wed* Jack & Bina Walsh, *Fri* Mary Cronin,
Sat 10am Celine Browne, *Sat Vigil* 6.30pm First Anniv: Frances O'Riordan, *Sun* 8.30am Pat Healy,
Sun 11am Months Mind: John Paul Curran

Church of the Resurrection *Wed* John Mani, *Fri* Deceased Members of the Bouchier Family,
Sat Vigil 7.30pm *Sun* 10am *Sun* 12pm First Anniv: Michael Bourke

St. John the Baptist, Burnfort *Sun* 11.30am Joan O'Callaghan & Remembering parents John & Hannah O'Connor

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK (Optional observance in italics)

Sun 16th St Stephen of Hungary (not celebrated this year) **Mon** 17th Our Lady of Knock
Wed 19th St John Eudes, Priest **Thur** 20th St Bernard, Abbot & Doctor of the Church
Fri 21st Pope St Pius X **Sat** 22nd The Queenship of Mary

THE QUEENSHIP OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY (22ND AUGUST)

For a certain generation of Europeans, the title of 'Queen Mother' is a very familiar one given the long and active life led by Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother after the death of her husband, King George VI. Everybody knew, however, that this title did not signify any formal power or authority and simply meant that that she was the monarch's mother. Not so in the history of the Near East, however, where the role of queen mother was quite significant and influential.

The importance of a king's mother may seem odd until we recall that most Ancient Near Eastern kings practiced polygamy and had large harems, some Old Testament kings being no exception. While kings may have had many wives, most of whom bore him children, they each had only one mother, and she reigned as queen in her son's kingdom. One event from the beginning of the 1st Book of Kings shows how much the status of a king's wife changed when her son succeeded as king. Bathsheba, one of the wives of King David, goes to him as he is dying to secure the succession of her son, Solomon. When she enters the king's chamber, she bows and does obeisance to him. But a chapter later when David has died and Solomon has taken his place as king, Bathsheba comes to see him and it is the king who rises from his place and bows down to her. He then has a throne brought in for her and seats her at his right hand which, as we know, is the place of greatest honour. It is more than just a gesture of honour, however, and the scene goes on to show that the queen mother's place was bound up with her role as advocate. Bathsheba has come to make a request of the king on behalf of one of his brothers who had instinctively gone to her knowing that she would have the king's ear. Now as it turns out, and unknown to Bathsheba, the request itself was made in bad faith and Solomon, in his famous wisdom, turns it down. But this, in a sense, is a moot point. It is established that a sure way to get the attention of the king is to go through his mother.

In the feast of Our Lady's Queenship, then, it is clear that this title has both firm historical and theological foundations and is not just a trite honour bestowed on her by the Church. As this feast is in a sense the octave day of the Assumption and is necessarily linked to it, we can imagine that at Our Lady's entry into heaven a similar scene unfolded to the one described in the 1st Book of Kings: that Jesus rose from his throne, did homage to his mother and enthroned her at his right hand, from which place she began her role as advocate, interceding with him on behalf of poor sinners in small and great things alike. And in response to prayers made in good faith, we can hear the Lord, for his part, echoing the words of King Solomon when Bathsheba sought leave to intercede with him: 'Make your request, my mother, for I will not refuse you.'

NOTICES

There will be **no 9.15am Mass on Mondays** in Church of the Resurrection for the month of August.

Mallow Adult Learning Centre thank all who helped and contributed in any way to their recent Flag Day. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Mallow Field Club – will visit remaining Mallow Laneways, led by club guides, on Tues., 18th August. Assemble at Garda Station at 6.00pm. Everybody welcome.

National Heritage Week Mourneabbey, Ballinamona Graveyard Group are hosting an Information Evening this Monday 17th Aug., 7pm - 8pm. Archaeological Consultant Mr. Eamonn Cotter will give an historical account of Templemichael Church and Graveyard, followed by a walkabout to view conservation work carried out by Ballinamona Graveyard Group volunteers and contractors since 2024. Car parking please at Murphy's Bar P51 AK44 where refreshments will be served afterwards. All are welcome especially those with family connections to the graveyard.

Doneraile Parish have recently opened a Religious Shop – opening hours, Mon., Wed., Fri., from 10.30am – 12.30pm.