

THE PARISHES OF MALLOW & MOURNEABBEY

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13TH SEPTEMBER 2026 ~ 24TH 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
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. 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

MASS INTENTIONS FOR COMING WEEK - MONDAY 14TH SEPTEMBER - SUNDAY 20TH SEPTEMBER

St. Mary's Church *Mon* Mary Fitzgerald, *Tue* Holy Souls, *Wed* Michael Fitzgerald *Thur* David Cleary, *Fri* Breda & Jack Holmes, *Sat 10am* Denis O'Connor, *Sat Vigil 6.30pm* Florrie & Lennie Robinson, *Sun 8.30am* James Flannery, *Sun 11am* Elizabeth Buckley

Church of the Resurrection *Wed* Holy Souls, *Thur* Holy Souls, *Sat Vigil 7.30pm* Toni Noonan & Months Mind: Eric Keane, *Sun 10am* Dan Joe Cronin *Sun 12pm* Tommy Hayes

St. John the Baptist, Burnfort *Sun 11.30am* Dan & Sheila O'Brien & their daughters Anne & Bernadette

St. Michael the Archangel, Analeentha *Sun 10am* Mary O'Sullivan

The World Youth Day 2027 will take place in Seoul, South Korea from 1st to 9th of August. The Diocese of Cloyne is now forming a **pilgrimage group** led by Fr Eamon Roche (CC Fermoy) and Fr Tiernan Burke (CC Cobh). The diocese is inviting expressions of interest from young Catholics living in the diocese, aged between 18 and 30. The cost of the 9-day pilgrimage has not yet been finalised, but a significant fundraising effort at parish-level will be needed to be made by each travelling pilgrim. To indicate your interest only tentative at this stage, please email your name and telephone number to worldyouthday@cloynediocese.ie. The closing date for expression of interest is 30th September 2026.

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK (Optional observance in italics)

Sun 13th St John Chrysostom, Bishop & Doctor of the Church (not celebrated this year)

Mon 14th The Exaltation of the Holy Cross **Tue 15th** Our Lady of Sorrows **Wed 16th** Ss Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs **Thur 17th** St Robert Bellarmine, Bishop & Doctor of the Church; St Hildegard of Bingen, Virgin & Doctor of the Church **Sat 19th** St Januarius, Bishop & Martyr

15 SEPTEMBER – OUR LADY OF SORROWS

A SERMON BY ST BERNARD OF CLAIRVAUX – *HIS MOTHER STOOD BY THE CROSS*

The martyrdom of the Virgin is set forth both in the prophecy of Simeon and in the actual story of our Lord's passion. The holy old man said of the infant Jesus: *He has been established as a sign which will be contradicted.* He went on to say to Mary: *And your own heart will be pierced by a sword.*

Truly, O blessed Mother, a sword has pierced your heart. For only by passing through your heart could the sword enter the flesh of your Son. Indeed, after your Jesus – who belongs to everyone, but is especially yours – gave up his life, the cruel spear, which was not withheld from his lifeless body, tore open his side. Clearly it did not touch his soul and could not harm him, but it did pierce your heart. For surely his soul was no longer there, but yours could not be torn away. Thus the violence of sorrow has cut through your heart, and we rightly call you more than martyr, since the effect of compassion in you has gone beyond the endurance of physical suffering.

Or were those words, *Woman, behold your Son*, not more than a word to you, truly piercing your heart, cutting through to the division between soul and spirit? What an exchange! John is given to you in place of Jesus, the servant in place of the Lord, the disciple in place of the master; the son of Zebedee replaces the Son of God, a mere man replaces God himself. How could these words not pierce your most loving heart, when the mere remembrance of them breaks ours, hearts of iron and stone though they are!

Do not be surprised, brothers, that Mary is said to be a martyr in spirit. Let him be surprised who does not remember the words of Paul, that one of the greatest crimes of the Gentiles was that they were without love. That was far from the heart of Mary; let it be far from her servants.

Perhaps someone will say: "Had she not known before that he would not die?" Undoubtedly. "Did she not expect him to rise again at once?" Surely. "And still she grieved over her crucified Son?" Intensely. Who are you and what is the source of your wisdom that you are more surprised at the compassion of Mary than at the passion of Mary's Son? For if he could die in body, could she not die with him in spirit? He died in body through a love greater than anyone had known. She died in spirit through a love unlike any other since his.

We welcome Fr. Micah Kibet Kemboi, C.C. to Mallow Parish, from the Diocese of Kitale, Kenya.

We thank Fr. Damien Lynch C.C. for all his work in Mallow Parish for the past four years and we wish him well in his new appointment in Middleton Parish.

NOTICES

Autumn Stations 2026 - We invite families who are willing to hold a Station Mass for their neighbourhood in their homes to contact the Parish Office on 022-20276 to arrange a date of your choice **commencing on Friday 25th September and concluding on Friday 30th October.** Please consider holding a Station to keep this spiritual tradition alive with your neighbours.

The Annual Collection for the Education of Students for the Priesthood and Permanent Deacons will be taken up at all Masses **next weekend, 19th / 20th September.**

Koinōnia Cloyne is a **two-year, one evening a week, Adult Faith Development Course** run by the Diocese of Cloyne at Mallow Campus of Further Education. Applications for the 2026-2028 programme are open. The course will commence in late September. Anyone interested in participating should speak as soon as possible with Msgr. Anthony O'Brien – see website <https://cloynediocese.ie/mission-and-ministry/> for further details.

Mallow Active Retirement - Coffee Morning in aid of Marymount Hospice on Tues., 15th Sept., in the Mercy Centre from 10.30am – 12.30pm. Please support. All welcome.

