

Sunday 13 March - 2022 — Second Sunday of Lent

St. Mary Magdalene Parish, Monaleen

'May Christ who transformed Mary Magdalene from sinner to saint make his presence felt in our lives'



We are celebrating the Second Sunday of Lent

Three of the activities that have become associated with Lent are: prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Prayer is simply moving towards God who is already close to us. In Luke's gospel, Jesus encourages us to do this all the time and not to lose heart. The gospels present Jesus to us as someone who gave prayer an important place in his life. No matter how far removed from God we may think we are that gap is bridged when we begin to pray.

Words of encouragement from Sacred Scripture.

Children are not bashful about asking for things. They would not be normal if they did not boldly make their needs known. God has said to His children, let us come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need. God is keenly aware that we are dependent upon Him for life's necessities. It was for that reason that Jesus said "Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you".

Saturday / Sunday 12 / 13 March 2 nd Sunday of Lent	7:00pm Vigil Mass: - Mossie McGrath RIP (A); Nicholas and Nancy Flannery RIP (A); Michael and Frances McEntee RIP (A); 10:00am – Douglas and Margaret Howell RIP (A); Alan Howell & Rosaleen Howell RIP (A) 11:30am – Rose Clancy RIP (A); Maureen Ivan RIP (Month's Mind)
Tuesday, March 15	9:45am – Ann & Susan Dundon RIP (A)
Wednesday March 16	9:45am – Maureen O'Sullivan RIP 7:00pm - Deceased members of the Boddy & O'Connor families RIP
Thursday, March 17 St Patrick	9:45am – Lorraine Bunbury RIP
Friday, March 18 St Cyril of Jerusalem	9:45am – Dick Sadlier RIP
Saturday, March 19 St Joseph 3 rd Sunday of Lent	7:00pm Vigil Mass –
Sunday, March 13 3 rd Sunday of Lent	10:00am - 11:30am –

Parish Notices

St Patrick's Day: This coming Thursday is St. Patrick's Day. Mass times are as follows: Vigil Mass, Wednesday at 7pm and St. Patrick's Day 10am

Parish Choir: The Parish Choir will resume shortly and will practice on Wednesday evenings from 8pm until 9:30pm. Eucharistic Adoration on Wednesdays will be from 6pm until 8pm

Trócaire Boxes: Boxes are available at the back of the church

Irish Catholic: The Irish Catholic newspaper is on sale at the back of the church

Eucharistic Adoration: Continues daily from 6pm to 10pm except on **Tuesday** from 10am to 6pm and Wednesday from 6pm to 8pm

Parish Website: Please visit our website at monaleenparish.ie

The Popes Intentions – March 2022 – We pray for Christian facing new bioethical challenges; may they continue to defend the dignity of all human life with prayer and action

Community Noticeboard

Castletroy ICA: Meet on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at Monaleen GAA clubhouse. The next meeting of will take place in Monaleen GAA clubhouse at 7:30pm on Wednesday 16th March 2022 with a talk by Roisin Meaney, author, on her books.

An Appeal for Ukraine - From Fr Seamus Enright C.Ss.R:

The Redemptorists in Limerick have a special relationship with the Redemptorists in Ukraine and have been in regular contact with them since the war began. They have opened their churches and monasteries as places of safety and refuge for the victims of war and are also helping people who are waiting to cross the border into Poland. They are working closely with the Polish and Slovak Redemptorists.

They are working flat out but are close to running out of money. They asked us for help and as a result we have launched An Appeal for Ukraine. People are responding very generously. It is possible to donate online at www.novena.ie or to make a credit card donation by phoning 061-315099. Cheques should be made payable to Redemptorists Limerick and mailed to Fr Seamus Enright, Mount St Alphonsus, South Circular Road, Limerick. People are also welcome to donate by calling into the Monastery.

Every little helps and every Euro will go directly to the Redemptorists in Ukraine.

Diocesan Spring Pastoral Outreach Programme

Exploring the Word with Sr Therese Fitzgerald **will begin on Tuesday March 1st** and will run every second Tuesday until the 24th of May. These sessions will offer an experiential reading of the Gospel according to St Luke, where you will personally engage with scripture while in a group setting. You can register for this programme here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ExploringTheWord>

'Enviro-Lenten' film series: this series concludes on the **26th of March** in the Diocesan Centre - THEME – Living the Change You can register for the films here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Enviro-LentenFilms>

Pure in Heart: will be holding a monthly Friday Vigil from 7pm-10:30pm on 25th March; 29th April. This monthly vigil will include Rosary, Holy Mass, Adoration, Confession, Benediction, Fellowship & Talk with Tea & Biscuits at St. Saviour's Dominican Church. For more information, please contact info@pureinheart.ie or www.pureinheart.ie

Youth 2000 Limerick Weekly Prayer Meeting with Adoration, Reflections & Music, followed by a Cup of Tea & Chat!

Mondays @7:30pm, Ages 16-35, Prayer Meeting Location:

St. Saviours Dominican Church Limerick: **March 21st**, April 4th

Our Lady Help of Christians Church University of Limerick: **March 14th**, March 28th

Women in the Bible' - A Bible Study for Women: Meet on Zoom Thursdays @ 8:30pm - 9:30pm,

March 24th, 31st, **April 7th**, 28th, **May 5th**, 12th

For zoom link and more information please email: limerick@op-tn.org



Prayer to St Michael the Archangel

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle, be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls.
Amen.



Christ with me,
Christ before me,
Christ behind me,
Christ in me,
Christ beneath me,
Christ above me,
Christ on my right,
Christ on my left,
Christ when I lie down,
Christ when I sit down,
Christ when I arise,
Christ in the heart of every man
who thinks of me,
Christ in the mouth of everyone
who speaks of me,
Christ in every eye that sees me,
Christ in every ear that hears me.
Christ with me. Christ with me. Christ with me.

St Patrick,
Pray for us

The Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Blessed Sacrament.
I love You above all things,
and I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace You as if you were already there,
and I unite myself wholly to You.
Never permit me to be separated from You.
(Saint Alphonsus Liguori)

At Your feet, O my Jesus,
I prostrate myself and I offer You
repentance of my contrite heart,
which is humbled in its nothingness
and in Your holy presence.
I adore You in the Sacrament of Your love,
the ineffable Eucharist.
I desire to receive You
into the poor dwelling that my heart offers You.
While waiting for the happiness of sacramental communion,
I wish to possess You in spirit.
Come to me, O my Jesus,
since I, for my part, am coming to You!
May Your love embrace my whole being in life and in death.
I believe in You,
I hope in You,
I love You. Amen.
(Cardinal Rafael Merry del Val)

Prayer to the Blessed Sacrament

My Lord Jesus Christ, it is Your great love for us that keeps You day and night present in the Blessed Sacrament, full of compassion and love, waiting for us to visit You.

I believe that You are really present in the Sacrament of the Altar.

From the depth of my heart, I adore You and I thank You for the many graces You have given me, especially for the gift of Yourself in this Sacrament, for the gift of Your most holy Mother as my Mother and for the privilege of visiting You in this church at this time.

My Jesus, I love You with all my heart. I am sorry for my ingratitude, and I now resolve, with the help of Your grace, never to offend You again.

I consecrate my entire self to You, my thoughts, my feelings, and all that I have.

From now on, do whatever You want with me.

All I ask for is Your love and strength to do Your Holy Will.