

Sunday 20 March - 2022 — Third 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'.

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In an age when so many are hungry while there is so much surplus food around, fasting can be looked at cynically. It has a special connection to Lent. It has something to recommend it still. Maybe the money spared could be given to someone in need. To experience hunger is to be aware of something which is shared by many today.

Pope Francis on a message for Lent 2022.

Let us not grow tired of uprooting evil from our lives. May the corporal fasting to which Lent calls us fortify our spirits for the battle against sin. Let us not grow tired of asking for forgiveness in the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation, knowing that God never tires of forgiving.

Saturday / Sunday 19 / 20 March 3rd Sunday of Lent	7:00pm Vigil Mass: - Jim & Claire Supple RIP (A); 10:00am – Special Intention 11:30am – For the Sick
Tuesday, March 22	9:45am – Tom O'Connor RIP
Wednesday March 23	9:45am – Tom Browne RIP
Thursday, March 24 St Macartan	9:45am – Lorraine Bunbury RIP
Friday, March 25 The Annunciation of the Lord	9:45am – Tim & Teresa Gleeson RIP
Saturday, March 26 4th Sunday of Lent	7:00pm Vigil Mass – Ted & Nancy Collins RIP (A)
Sunday, March 27 4th Sunday of Lent	10:00am - 11:30am –

Parish Notices

Church Heating System: As you have no doubt notices, our heating system is out of order. This is not an enforced Lenten practice. We hope to have it restored shortly

Special Collection for Ukrainian Sisters & Brothers : Next weekend a special collection will be taken up to aid our Ukrainian sisters and brothers. Monies collected will be directed to Caritas Internationalis which is confederation of over 160 member Catholic organizations who are working at the grassroots in almost every country of the world.

Parish Choir: The Parish Choir has resumed, and practice takes place in the church on Wednesday evenings from 8pm until 9:30pm. Accordingly, 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.

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 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.

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.