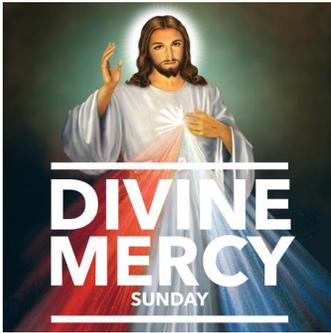


St. Mary Magdalene Parish, Monaleen

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



We are celebrating the Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)

The Easter or Pascal candle is a reminder to us of the presence of the risen Lord among his people when they assemble in his name. Its flame is bright and alive. His presence among us is dynamic and empowering. It gives light in darkness. Jesus as the light of the world is the clearest revelation of God that has ever been or will ever be.

A specific Prayer Request from Pope Francis.

Brothers, sisters, Easter means "passage". This year above all, it is a blessed occasion to pass from the worldly god to the Christian God, from the greed that we carry within us to the charity that sets us free, from the expectation of a peace brought by force to the commitment to bear real witness to the peace of Jesus. Brothers and sisters, let us place ourselves before the Crucified One, the wellspring of our peace, and ask him for peace of heart and peace in the world.

<p>Saturday/Sunday 23/24 April</p> <p>Second Sunday of Easter – Divine Mercy Sunday</p>	<p>7:00pm – Eamon O’Gorman RIP (Birthday Remembrance)</p> <p>10:00am – Christopher & Maureen O’Brien RIP (A) and the deceased members of the O’Brien and McGee families RIP</p> <p>11:30am – Adelaide McCarthy RIP (Month’s Mind); Sean McCarthy RIP (A)</p>
<p>Tuesday, April 26</p>	<p>9:45am – Seamus Brogan RIP</p> <p>12:00 noon – Requiem Mass for Tom Gavin, RIP</p>
<p>Wednesday April 27</p> <p>St Asicus, bishop</p>	<p>9:45am – Don Reddan RIP; Gerry Leonard & Fay Campion RIP</p>
<p>Thursday, April 28</p> <p>St Peter Chanel</p> <p>St Louis Marie Grignion de Montfort</p>	<p>9:45am – Tony Cahill RIP</p>
<p>Friday April 29</p> <p>St Catherine of Siena</p>	<p>9:45am – Joan Hickey RIP</p>
<p>Saturday, April 30</p> <p>Third Sunday of Easter</p>	<p>7:00pm –</p>
<p>Sunday, May 1</p> <p>Third Sunday of Easter</p>	<p>10:00am -</p> <p>11:30am –</p>

Parish Notices

Special Collection for Ukraine Relief: We wish to thank our parishioners who contributed €1,100 to the Ukraine Relief Appeal.

Trócaire Boxes: We should be grateful if you would return your Trócaire boxes at your convenience

Easter Dues Envelopes: - (for the support of the clergy of the Diocese) are available at the back of the church

Confirmation: We look forward to the confirmation of the boys and girls of Monaleen NS which will take place in St John's Cathedral at 2pm and 4pm on the 27th and 28th April 2022

Rosary at the Grottos: The Rosary will be prayed each day during the month of May at hundreds of grottos around the Island of Ireland. To see a list of locations, or to register a grotto (or other suitable location) simply visit www.coastalrosaryireland.ie You can also register by texting 087 278 6552. We are praying for Ireland and for peace in the world.

Parish Choir – New Member Welcome: Our senior choir have resumed singing at the 11.30am mass on the first and third Sundays of the month and on other Special occasions. They would welcome new members and if you are interested you can approach any member of the choir or phone Josephine Browne on 086 3960664. Rehearsals are held in the church on Wednesdays from 8.00pm to 09.30pm. People of all singing abilities are welcome.

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

The Popes Intentions – April 2022 – We pray for health care workers who serve the sick and elderly, especially in the poorest countries; may they be adequately supported by governments and local communities

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 are continuing their appeal for Ukraine and are grateful for the generous response to date. It is still 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 can donate by calling into the Monastery. Every little helps and every Euro will go directly to the Redemptorists in Ukraine.

News from our Diocese

Vacancies – Limerick Diocese: The Diocese of Limerick has two exciting vacancies: Assistant Director St Senan's Education Office and Office Assistant Diocese of Limerick / St Senan's Education Office. Closing date for applications is 5pm on the 29th April 2022. For further information please follow this [link](#)

Pure in Heart: will be holding a monthly Friday Vigil from 7pm-10:30pm on 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

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

April 28th, May 5th, 12th

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

Recently Deceased



Tom Gavin, RIP, Peafield Road, Newtown, Castletroy - Requiem Mass in Monaleen Church, Castletroy on Tuesday (April 26th) at 12 noon

Please pray for all our deceased, especially those recently deceased and those whose anniversaries occur at this time

Eternal Rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them

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)

An Easter Prayer

Good and gracious God,
Our most glorious Creator,
As we greet the signs in nature around us:
Of Spring once again regaling us in bloom,
In the songs of returning birds and fields soon to be planted,
We give you praise for an even greater sign of new life: the resurrection of your Son,
Our Lord Jesus Christ, that we especially celebrate at this time.
The sadness and despair of his death has given way to the bright promise of immortality.
For the Resurrection is our guarantee that justice will triumph over treason, Light will overcome darkness, and love will conquer death.
As we celebrate, we also dare to ask for your grace that we may live the promise given to us,
By imitating the life of Jesus in reaching out to the poor, the marginalized, the least among us,
As we strive to be neighbour to all those we meet,
We ask your special blessings each and every day
We praise you in this Easter season. Change our lives, change our hearts to be messengers of Easter joy and hope.
We make our prayer through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord forever.

Amen.