



Monaleen Parish *Newsletter*

Church of St Mary Magdalene, Monaleen Road, Castletroy, V94 E3C8

'We seek to create an inclusive community, where all are welcome'

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Second Sunday of Advent - A



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GOSPEL REFLECTION

*'A voice cries in the wilderness'
(Mt 3:1-12)*

John the Baptist came to bear witness to Jesus. John appears in the story as one who had the courage to be himself in the face of opposition. He was also a person who knew his own value, did not make exaggerated claims and was content with his mission. John was 'the voice of the one crying in the wilderness' - announcing confidently to those in the wilderness that they must not despair because God's grace may come to them at any moment.

Advent Prayer

*Lord Jesus,
Master of both the light and the darkness,
send your Holy Spirit upon our preparations
for Christmas.*

*We who have so much to do,
seek quiet spaces to hear your voice
each day.*

*We who are anxious over many things
look forward to your coming among us.*

*We who are blessed in so many ways
long for the complete joy of your kingdom.*

*We whose hearts are heavy seek the joy of
your presence.*

*We are your people, walking in darkness,
yet seeking the light.*

To you we say, "Come Lord Jesus!"

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 03 - Sun 11 Dec

This Weekend

Sat	19.00	Grace Dunphy Nancy O' Sullivan
Sun	10.00	John & Kitty Fitzgibbon Special Intention Mary Barrett
	11.30	Clement & Nan O' Regan Michael Parkes Zigmas & Genute

Weekdays

Tue	09.45	James Griffin
Wed	09.45	Pro Populo

Holy Day - Immaculate Conception

Vigil Mass

Wed	19.00	John Mulhern
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Day Mass

Thu	10.00	PJ Slattery Ronan Murphy
Fri	09.45	Fr Dermot Murphy SJ

Next Weekend

Sat	19.00	John Sheehan Jim Corless & Teresa Taylor
Sun	10.00	Noel Moynihan
	11.30	Sean Murphy Martin Maher Louis Neville D.M. of the Swords and Frost Families

Pastoral Unit 1

Fr Seamus Madigan - Monaleen
Co-Parish Priest - 086 8441609

Faith Community News

Fáilte/Welcome

This weekend we celebrate the Baptisms of; Rory and Conor Wang. We welcome both brothers into the Christian family. Congratulations to their family on this happy occasion.

Vincent de Paul Collection

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul's Annual Christmas Collection will take place this weekend. Blue donation envelopes are available at the entrance to the Church. The local conference would like to thank the community for their support.

Sympathy

- * To the family of Annette Collins from Monaleen Heights, whose funeral Mass took place on Mon.
- * To the Salesian Community and family of Fr John Fagan SDB, who died on Tuesday 29th Nov.

May they Rest in Peace

Weekend Mass Readers

2023 Sunday Missals available in the sacristy for all who are on the reading rota for Saturday or Sunday. Please note reading rota has been updated on the parish website for next year.

Rosary and Morning Prayer

The Rosary is recited in the Church before Mass each weekday at 9.25am. Morning Prayer is celebrated after Mass; Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday.

Parish Calendar 2023

Our 2023 Parish Calendar is now available in the Church. This is a valuable source of Church and local information. One for every household in our Faith Community!

Parish Christmas Cards

Please feel free to take home a Parish Christmas Card and take one also for friends. Along with seasons greetings this card provides information on all Masses celebrated in Monaleen Church during the Christmas period.

Faith Community News Cont'd

Holy Water Container Fixed

Holy Water is now available from the silver container near the sacristy door.

Planned Giving Envelopes '23

The Planned Giving Boxes are being prepared and will be distributed over the weekend of 17/18 December in the Church. Please register so we can have your box ready for collection.

Sacristans Collection

Our Sacristans collection takes place next weekend. Envelopes are available to take home and return next week.

For your Diary

- ◆ **Sat/Sun - 3/4 Dec**
Vincent de Paul Annual Christmas Appeal takes place this weekend.
- ◆ **Sat/Sun - 10/11 Dec**
Sacristans collection will take place at all Masses - Thank You!
- ◆ **Tue 20 Dec. 7.30pm**
Christmas Reconciliation Service
Milford Church - All Welcome!

Christmas Invitation 2022



This year children are invited to send Jesus a Birthday/Christmas Card.

If you wish you can make your own card, wishing Jesus a Happy Birthday/Christmas. You might also like to add a little prayer to Baby Jesus with your hopes and dreams for our world. Cards will be displayed in our Church and some may be used at the Children's Mass on Christmas Eve at 5pm.

Return cards to; Baby Jesus Post Box,
Monaleen Church, Castletroy, Limerick.