



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 - Year A

15 January 2023

GOSPEL REFLECTION

'Look, there is the lamb of God'

(Jn 1:19-34)

In today's Gospel story we are told of the moment when John the Baptist realised who Jesus was for him. Reflecting on this scripture passage, you might hear Jesus say to you the words he says to every disciple, 'And you, who do you say that I am?'

John is the one who directs people to Jesus as the one who has a life-giving message for them. In the narrative John recognised that Jesus had more to offer people than he himself. He had the humility not to need to be the star of the show.

John proclaims Jesus as one who takes away the sin of the world. It was not just on the cross that Jesus gave up his life as the lamb of God. His public ministry was a constant struggle against injustice and oppression. Who is Jesus for you?

BAPTISMS

Sat at 4pm - Sun at 12.30pm

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 14 - Sun 22 Jan 2023

This Weekend

Sat 19.00
Sun 10.00 Helen Murray
11.30 Brian and Cecil Begley

Weekdays

Tue 09.45
Wed 09.45 Special Intention
Thu 09.45 Annie Kiely
Fri 09.45

Next Weekend

Sat 19.00 Neily and Mary Clancy
Pat and Margaret Doyle
Sun 10.00
11.3 Jerry McMahon

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

Pastoral Unit 1

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

Mr Anton O' Carroll
Monaleen Pastoral Council
Chairperson - 087 2556510

St John's

Fr Ger Garrett & Fr Frank O' Connor

St Michael's

Fr Leo McDonnell

St Patrick's & St Brigid's
Fr Joe Shire

Our Lady, Help of Christians
Fr Koenraad & Fr Robert Swinburne

Faith Community News

Retirement of our Sacristan James Butler

During the past week our Sacristan, James Butler retired. James has given 29 years of loyal and dedicated service to our Faith Community and our Parish Church. We are sad to see him retire but we also understand, following a recent illness that this is a wise decision he has made. James became sacristan at the invitation of Fr Terry O' Brien PP, and throughout the past 29 years has become a good friend and support to all in Monaleen. You will be missed James. Thank you for your good spirit, your friendship and your service. Hopefully we may get to mark James' retirement at some point in the future. Ad multos annos!

Diocesan Needs Collection

The 'Diocesan Needs' collection will be taken up this weekend. This collection takes place on the third Sunday of each month. If you do not use 'planned giving' envelopes and wish to contribute, please use the envelopes provided at the entrances to make a donation. All envelopes may be placed in the regular collection bag. Your support towards the administration of our diocese is much appreciated.

New Altar Carpet

New red carpet for the Altar area of the Church will be going down soon. While there may be some disruption Masses will continue as normal.

2023 Parish Calendars

You are welcome to take Calendars home for family & friends. Thank you!

Rosary and Morning Prayer

The Rosary is recited in the Church before Mass each Tue/Wed/Thu/Fri, at 9.25am. Morning Prayer is celebrated after Mass on Wed, Thursday & Friday.

Adoration

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament takes place each day in our Church: Tuesday 10am-10pm and every day from 6pm to 9pm. (Wed 6-8pm) All are welcome.

Community News

Monaleen GAA

Congratulations to all involved in Monaleen GAA Club upon reaching the All Ireland Intermediate Hurling Final.

The game against Tooreen, County Mayo, takes place in Croke Park, this Saturday 14th January. The game will be LIVE on TG4 at 7pm.

As this Newsletter is printed before the match is played—we cannot predict the final score.... (we don't have those powers just yet!) But we hope to be celebrating this Sunday! Up Monaleen!

For your Diary

♦ Social Services Collection

Second collection next weekend in support of our Limerick Diocesan Social Services Centre.



John the Baptist points those around him in the direction of Jesus.



Seeing Christ in all people, changes everything

NEWSLETTER ITEMS BY THURSDAY, 16.00hrs

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