



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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First Sunday of Lent

26 February 2023

GOSPEL REFLECTION

'Jesus is tempted' (Mt4:1-11)

In today's gospel Jesus is enticed to gratify his own needs, or to perform some spectacular act in public. He rejects the temptation because he chooses commitment to his mission and to dependence in his Father over any immediate gratification. We can all be tempted to go for some immediate satisfaction, but is that where happiness lies?

One way of looking at this Gospel is to say that Jesus went into the desert to face his demons. We all have demons we need to face - compulsions, fears, prejudices, anger, and urges that lurk within. It is in facing our demons that we find a way to a fuller life.

In one of her reflections Joyce Rupp describes Lent as 'a time to rediscover lost treasures'. Is there something that once was a healthy part of your life and is no longer there: e.g., reading, exercise, mindfulness, prayer, socialising, fun? Would this Lent be a time to rediscover that lost treasure?

SYRIAN EARTHQUAKE APPEAL

Salesian Mission in Aleppo

Our Ash Wednesday collection raised
€12,500

Thank you for your huge generosity. This amount will now be forwarded in full to the Salesians in Aleppo.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 25 Feb - Sun 05 Mar '23

This Weekend

Sat	19.00	Jim Hegarty Martin Kerins Michael Corcoran
Sun	10.00	Patricia Conyers
	11.30	Aidan & Teresa Buckley Jessie O' Brien Genute Simkiene & Zigmas Simkus

Weekdays

Tue	09.45	Vincent Keating
Wed	09.45	Jim Hegarty
Thu	09.45	Ann Egan
Fri	09.45	Vincent Keating

Next Weekend

Sat	19.00	Joe Clancy (Months Mind) Ann & John Ryan Gertrude O' Connor and Mary & Davy Sheehan
Sun	10.00	Marion Bradley
	11.30	Geraldine O' Doherty Ena & Alphonus Rael Jim O' Driscoll

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

BAPTISMS

Sat at 4pm - Sun at 12.30pm

Faith Community News

Fáilte/Welcome

This weekend we celebrate the baptisms of **Ruby Silke** and **Kornel Socha**. We welcome both Ruby and Kornel into the Christian family and congratulate their families on this happy occasion.

Trócaire Lenten Appeal 2023

We invite every household to take a Trócaire Lenten Envelope which includes the Trocaire Box. Please feel free to also take an envelope for neighbours and friends. We have plenty of envelopes and boxes waiting for a home.... Your support with delivery would be much appreciated. This 40 day Lenten Appeal reminds us we are all sisters and brothers. 91c of every euro you donate will directly help communities at risk around the world. Thank you! Together we can all help to build a better future this Lent.

Vincent de Paul Collection

Our monthly Vincent de Paul collection takes place next weekend. Your support for local people in need is appreciated.

Community News

Monaleen Cancer Run/Walk

All are welcome to join this community fun event on Sunday 26th March. It is open to runners and walkers of all levels and ability. All proceeds go directly to help any person in need of assistance with cancer in our community. Volunteers needed for stewarding and to assist with teas and coffees on the day.

Limerick Diocesan News

World Youth Day '23

Limerick Diocese will be organising a group of young people (18-35) to travel to World Youth Day 2023. This years gathering with Pope Francis, takes place in Lisbon, Portugal in early August. If interested, contact James at the Diocesan Offices, 061 350 000.

For your Diary

- ◆ **First Confessions**
Thu 02 March - Monaleen N.S.
- ◆ **First Friday**
03 March - Mass at 09.45am
- ◆ **World Day of Prayer**
Friday 3rd March, 7.30pm
St. Mary's Cathedral
- ◆ **Eucharistic Ministers**
Meeting, Sat 25 March, 11am-1pm
(Please RSVP with Parish Office)
- ◆ **Monaleen Cancer Fun Run/Walk**
Sunday 26th March
- ◆ **First Holy Communion 2023 Venue - Monaleen Church**
Sat 29th Apr, Gaelscoil, 10.30 / 12.30
Sat 6th May, Monaleen NS, 10.30/12.30
Sat 20th May, Monaleen NS, 10.30/12.30
- ◆ **Confirmations 2023 Venue - Milford Church**
Thu 1st Jun, Monaleen NS, 10am/12noon
Fri 2nd June - Gaelscoil, 11.30am
- ◆ **Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes - 22-27 June 2023**
- ◆ **Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock - Saturday 22 July - Feast day of St. Mary of Magdala**

Bishop's Pastoral Letter 'We are Made for Prayer'

Bishop Brendan's Lenten Pastoral Letter is now available at the information tables. The letter is about a 10 minute read and invites us to reflect on improving our prayer life, praying especially for peace in our world.

NEWSLETTER ITEMS BY THURSDAY, 16.00hrs

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