



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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Fifth Sunday of Lent

26 March 2023

GOSPEL REFLECTION

'I am the resurrection and the life'
Jn 11:1-45

The gospels are full of great stories, and this one has it all - tragedy and sadness, suspense and tension, building up to a climax of deliverance and liberation. We tell this story as we come closer to Easter: at one level it acts as a precursor for what is to come, the death and resurrection of Jesus, but at another level, it simply points to the inadequacy of our hopes for this life, which are surpassed by far in the resurrection. Lazarus simply returned to the life he had left; death still lay ahead. Jesus rose to a life that has no end.

And so today, we look forward as we witness the power of Jesus over death and anticipate his resurrection to new life. And in the words of the gospel we ask him to 'unbind us,' to free us from all that imprisons us and prevents us from living as God wants.



BAPTISMS

Sat at 4pm - Sun at 12.30pm

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 25 Mar - Sun 02 Apr '23

This Weekend

Sat	19.00	Peggy Keane
Sun	10.00	William & Josephine O' Brien
	11.30	Mary, Joe & Billy Kerley Adelaide & Sean McCarthy Rosemarie Clancy

Weekdays

Tue	09.45	Margot Buckley
Wed	09.45	Special Intention (B'day) Anne Lynch
Thu	09.45	Shiela Driscoll
Fri	09.45	Phil McGrath

Next Weekend

Sat	19.00	Anne Lynch
Sun	10.00	Special Intention
	11.30	Eoghan O' Driscoll & D.M. O' Driscoll/Cregan Family D.M. of the Butler Family

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

Pastoral Unit 1

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



Donation Clinic, Castletroy Park Hotel,
Mon 27th & Tue 28th March.
Make appointment on 1800 222 111

Faith Community News

Fáilte/Welcome

This weekend we celebrate the baptisms of **Jessie Meade and Saraid Lanigan**. We welcome Jessie and Saraid into the Christian family and congratulate their families on this happy occasion.

Congratulations

Heartiest congratulations to **Julie Doheny and Cian Davis**, Kilbane, who celebrated their wedding here in Monaleen Church, on Thursday 23rd March. We wish both Cian and Julie a long and happy life together.



First Friday Calls

First Friday calls for April will take place on **Spy Wednesday 05 April**. This is earlier due to the fact our First Friday this year falls on Good Friday. These brief calls to the sick and housebound of our parish, involve a short chat, prayer, reception of Holy Communion, with the option of confession and the Anointing of the Sick. Please continue to keep the sick of our parish in your prayer.

New Altar Carpet



New carpet for the Altar area will be going down in the coming days. While there may be some disruption, Masses will continue at the usual times.

Retirement of James Butler

Next weekend, after the 11.30am Mass, and in the company of his family, we will mark the retirement of our Sacristan, James Butler. James has given 29 years of loyal and dedicated service to our Faith Community and to our Parish Church. He became sacristan at the invitation of Fr Terry O' Brien PP, and throughout the past 29 years has been a good friend to all in Monaleen. Thank you James for your good spirit and your service. Ad multos annos!

Church Count - Week 3 of 3

For your Diary

- ◆ **Gate Collection**
This weekend - Pro Life 
- ◆ **Cancer Fun Run/Walk**
Sunday 26th March. Registration at GAA Clubhouse at 11am. Race begins at 2pm followed by walk. Your contribution of buns and cakes would be welcome from 11am Contact: Marie 087 273 2946
- ◆ **Holy Communion Classes**
Monaleen N.S. Communion Classes will join us for our morning Masses on Wed 29th & Thu 30th March.
- ◆ **First Friday Calls - Change**
Calls on Spy Wednesday 5th April. (First Friday is Good Friday)
- ◆ **Presentation to James Butler** Sun 02 April, 11.30 Mass Refreshments served afterwards.
- ◆ **Holy Week Ceremonies** (Volunteers Welcome)
Palm Sunday 02 April, Palms provided and blessed.
Tue 04 April, Mass in Monaleen at 09.45am. Reconciliation Service, Milford Church at 7.30pm.
Spy Wednesday 05 April, Mass in Monaleen at 09.45am. First Friday calls to housebound Chrim Mass, St John's at 7.30pm.
Holy Thursday, 06 April, No morning Mass in Monaleen Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7pm
Good Friday, 07 April, Passion of the Lord at 3pm Confessions 4-5pm Stations of the Cross at 7pm
Holy Saturday, 08 April, Confessions 5-6pm Easter Vigil at 9pm 
- ◆ **Easter Sunday, 09 April**, Masses at 10am and 11.30am