

## For your Diary

- ◆ **Presentation to James Butler** Sun 02 April, 11.30 Mass Refreshments served afterwards.
- ◆ **First Friday Calls - Change** Calls on Spy Wednesday 5th April. (First Friday is Good Friday)
- ◆ **Holy Week Ceremonies** (Volunteers Welcome)  
**Palm Sunday 02 April**, Palms provided and blessed.  
**Tue 04 April**, Mass in Monaleen at 9.45am. Reconciliation Service, Milford Church at 7.30pm.  
**Spy Wednesday 05 April**, Mass in Monaleen at 9.45am. First Friday calls to housebound Chrism 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
- ◆ **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

## Good Friday Collection

In aid of Holy Places' in the Holy Land. This collection goes to support the work of maintaining precious holy sites and supports those who keep them open.

## Community News


### New Principal - Monaleen N.S.

Our congratulations to Mr Ian Madigan, on his appointment as the new Principal of Monaleen National School. He takes up his new role after the Easter holidays on Monday 17th April. We wish Mr Madigan all the very best and look forward to working with him.

Our heartfelt thanks to Ms Carmel Stokes for the wonderful job she has done in her role as 'Acting Principal'. We are most grateful for her kindness and support to all the pupils, staff, parents, and all in our Parish. Thank you Carmel.

### Monaleen Cancer Support Group

Monaleen Cancer Support Fun run/walk was a great success last Sunday, thanks to everyone for your support. The sun shone as it has each year, as we reflect on those gone before us. If you or anyone you know has cancer, we are here to assist you in any way we can. Please make that call to 087 211 3394.



**LOURDES**

**LIMERICK DIOCESAN 2023 PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES**

Led by the Bishop of Limerick, Most Reverend Brendan Leahy

**22 - 27 JUNE 2023**

**5 Nights**

**From €879 per person**

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Limerick Diocesan Lourdes Office St Manchins Corbally Tel: 061-350000 Email: <a href="mailto:lourdesdirector@limerickdiocese.org">lourdesdirector@limerickdiocese.org</a>	Newcastle West Parish Office St Ita's Presbytery Newcastle West	Kilmallock Parish Office Kilmallock Co. Limerick	Augustinian Church O'Connell Street Limerick City Centre (After daily Mass - March & April only)
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## Monaleen Parish

## Newsletter

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

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

Parish Office: +353 61 338340 (Tue, Wed & Thu 7.45am - 12.45pm)  
E-mail: [info@monaleenparish.ie](mailto:info@monaleenparish.ie) Website: [www.monaleenparish.ie](http://www.monaleenparish.ie)

### Passion Sunday

02 April 2023

### GOSPEL REFLECTION

'In truth this was a son of God'  
Mt 26:14 - 27:66

*Where am I in the unfolding drama that begins on Palm Sunday and plays out over Holy Week and which climaxes on Easter? Where am I as Jesus passes by on the donkey? Am I one of the crowd shouting out his name? Am I like Judas in any way? When have I betrayed others or Jesus? When like Peter, have I denied knowing Jesus? Am I like Pilate when I judge and condemn others? How am I like Simon or Veronica who helped Jesus in his time of need. Having stood with the crowd shouting out his name and welcoming Jesus, will I stand with then same people spitting out insults as I shout 'Crucify him! Crucify him!'*

*As we celebrate Palm/Passion Sunday and begin our journey through Holy Week, we are called to ask ourselves, who and where we are in the crowd. This is a week to pray and then decide what kind of followers of Christ we are going to be.*

*As we begin this most holy of weeks, may Jesus be our companion. May we enter the mystery of Jesus' life, death and resurrection with faith and hope.*

### NEW EXTRA OFFICE HOURS

From the 1st April the Parish Office will be open Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday mornings, 7.45am-12.45pm  
**Tel: 061 338340**

### MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 01 - Sun 09 April '23

#### This 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

#### Weekdays

Tue	09.45	Des O' Reilly Billy Coffey
Wed	09.45	Gerry Fulham

#### Holy Thursday

19.00 Mona Byrne

#### Good Friday

No Mass (Services at 3pm & 7pm)

#### Next Weekend

#### Holy Saturday - Easter Vigil

21.00 Pro Populo

#### Easter Sunday

10.00 Charlie & Joan Dowling

11.30 Margaret Collins  
Tom Moore

#### 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

#### First Friday Calls

First Friday calls for April will take place on **Wednesday 05 April**. This is earlier due to the First Friday falling on Good Friday. Please continue to keep the sick of our parish in your thoughts and prayers.

#### Easter Cards 2023

Details of all dates and times of our Holy Week and Easter Ceremonies are now available. Please take an Easter card home with you and feel free to bring one to friends and neighbours.

#### Easter Dues 2023

Envelopes are now available in the Church if you wish to contribute towards the support of your Priest. Your help with distribution would also be much appreciated. Thank you.

#### Church Count - March 2023

Weekend	Sat 7pm	Sun 10am	Sun 11.30am
11/12	62	166	109
18/19	63	100	105
25/25	49	78	123

Average per Sunday = 285 people. Numbers for last weekend were down, due to GAA Dance & Limerick match. This will be noted in the returns.

#### New Extra Office Hours

Our parish office will now open three days a week - Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings, for five hours each day; 07.45am to 12.45pm. This is an increase of 50%. The Church Diary will now be held in the Parish Office at these times and in the sacristy at Mass times. **Please note; you are now asked to ring the Parish Office (office hours) or call in to the sacristy, to book Mass Intentions, Baptisms, Weddings etc. TEL NUMBER 061 338340**

### Retirement of James Butler

This Sunday, after the 11.30am Mass, 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 RIP (former PP), and has been a good friend to all in Monaleen.

Today we welcome to our Mass members of James' family; his brothers Tom and John and their wives Josephine and Christina and also his sister Mary Tinnelly. We also welcome Mgr. Dan Neenan, Canon Gerard Garrett, and Fr. Michael O' Shea.

Fr Seamus Madigan will present the sculptured piece pictured below to James at the end of Mass which depicts Jesus washing the feet of Peter.



The inscription reads:

*Presented to James Butler in appreciation of 29 years of dedicated and loyal service to St Mary Magdalene Church. From the Faith Community of Monaleen Parish.*

Following this presentation Mr Anton O' Carroll, Chairperson of our Pastoral Council will express our gratitude and make a presentation to James on behalf of our Parish.

Thank you James for your good spirit and your service. Ad multos annos!

**Monaleen Church 150 Years!**  
Our Church was built in 1873. 150 years of faith and worship! This is our **SESQUICENTENNIAL** Year!

#### First Holy Communion & Confirmation

Please keep in your prayers the girls and boys from our Faith Community preparing for 1st Holy Communion and those also preparing for Confirmation. Between Monaleen National School and the Gaelscoil, 140 pupils from 2nd Class and another 140 pupils from 6th Class are receiving these Sacraments.

**World Youth Day**

SPACE IS LIMITED!

31 July - 8 August, 2023

What is WYD?  
World Youth Day is a world-wide gathering of young people, focused on Christ. Millions of youth will come to meet with each other and Pope Francis in a life-changing pilgrimage!

- 8 nights/9 days
- Lisbon, Portugal
- Ages 18 - 35
- Includes flights, lodging, and all expenses

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# Trocaire

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You are invited to return your Trocaire Boxes to the Church. Please leave them at/near the Altar. Thank you.

**Chrism Mass - All Welcome**  
Our annual Chrism Mass takes place in St. John's Cathedral, Wednesday evening 5th April, at 7.30pm. This year our Pastoral Unit 1, is organising the Mass. Bishop Brendan has asked that we make sure everyone knows they are most welcome. "It's a wonderful diocesan event, a moving ceremony involving the blessing of oils and priests renewing their promises. This year there'll also be a 'sending forth' ceremony of lay pastoral leaders who have completed a two year programme of formation and studies. Everyone is welcome" Bishop Brendan

**Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes - 22-27 June 2023**  
Futher details on noticeboard

**Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock - Saturday 22 July**  
Feast day of St. Mary of Magdala

**World Youth Day 2023**  
31 July -08 August, Lisbon, Portugal.  
This event is open to young people between the ages of 18 to 35.

Join the Diocese of Limerick on the 2023

# Lourdes YOUTH PILGRIMAGE

Travel with other young people from the Diocese of Limerick for this life-changing pilgrimage to France!

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**5 NIGHTS/6 DAYS**

- 22 - 27 June 2023
- ages 16+
- Vatican/Astoria Hotel - full board
- all flights and travel costs included

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