



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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Easter Sunday

09 April 2023

GOSPEL REFLECTION

'He must rise from the dead'
Jn 21:1-9

The resurrection gospel narratives show us that Jesus wanted to lead His disciples to transcend the old relationship they had with Him, with its limitations. He wanted them to discover Him in another way, to find a new way of relating to Him. Jesus wanted his disciples to discover Him as the risen Christ, now totally free. He also wants us to discover new life in freedom within ourselves!

One of the questions the disciples had on that first Easter morning was 'If Jesus is not in the tomb, where is he now?' In the light of his appearances to them, they came to understand that he was to be found among themselves, the community of believers. The risen Lord journeys with us, and he wants to journey through us as well; he wants to take flesh in our lives so that we become living signs of his Easter presence. He wants to live in us, so his life-giving love becomes a reality in our world today. We can be grateful this Easter for ways that the Lord's love has taken flesh in the lives of so many people.

Happy Easter

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 08 - Sun 16 April 2023

This Weekend

Sat 19.00 Pro Populo
Sun 10.00 Charlie & Joan Dowling
11.30 Margaret Collins (1st A)
Tom Moore

Weekdays

Tue 09.45 Michael O' Keeffe
Wed 09.45 Anne Lynch
Thu 09.45 Maura Reade
Fri 09.45 Anne Lynch (Month's Mind)

Next Weekend

Sat 19.00 Mary & Michael Nicholas
Sun 10.00 Anne Lynch
11.30 Con Twomey
Gerard Cosgrave & D.M.
of the Cosgrave family.

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday,
7.45am-12.45pm
Parish Secretary, Mrs Brid Hession
Tel: 061 338340

NEWSLETTER ITEMS BY THURSDAY, 16.00hrs

Email to:
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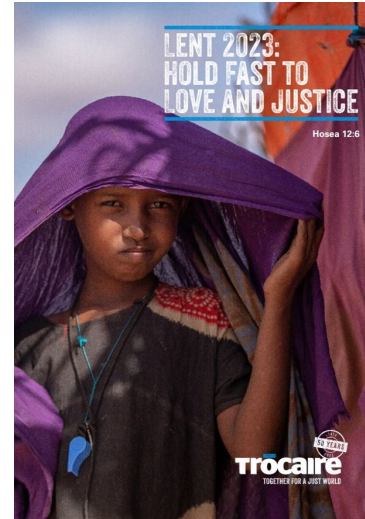
BAPTISMS

Sat at 4pm - Sun at 12.30pm

Faith Community News

Fáilte/Welcome

This weekend we celebrate the baptisms of **Liadán O' Flanagan and Isabelle Anderson**. We welcome Liadán and Isabelle into the Christian family and congratulate their families on this happy occasion.



Please return your Trociare Box to the Church or to the Parish Office.

Easter Ceremonies - Thanks

Thanks to everyone who supported our Easter Ceremonies and especially to all who volunteered for various jobs. It's been a great team effort.



St Mary of Magdala and the Easter Egg

According to tradition, after Jesus' Ascension Mary Magdalene, presented herself to the Emperor Tiberius in Rome to proclaim the resurrection of Jesus Christ, with an egg in hand to illustrate her message. Holding the egg out to him, she exclaimed for the first time what is the universal Easter proclamation among Christians, "Christ is risen!"

The emperor, mocking her, said that Jesus had no more risen than the egg in her hand was red. Immediately, the egg turned red as a sign from God to illustrate the truth of her message. In some iconography we read St Mary Magdalene holding an egg (usually red in colour). Our image of St Mary Magdalene by the artist Richard Stodart, could be used for reflection and prayer with the words; 'He is Risen, Alleluia!'

For your Diary

- ◆ **Sat/Sun 23/24 April**
The Annual Church Gate collection for Milford Hospice takes place this weekend. All support appreciated.
- ◆ **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**
Further details on noticeboard
- ◆ **Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock - Saturday 22 July -**
Feast day of St. Mary of Magdala
- ◆ **World Youth Day 2023**
02-09 August in Lisbon, Portugal.
This event is open to young people between the ages of 18 to 35.

Thank You

James Butler wishes to express his thanks for the farewell he received last Sunday, marking his retirement as our Sacristan. Our thanks to all who helped to organise this event.