



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 of Easter

16 April 2023

GOSPEL REFLECTION

'My Lord and my God'
Jn 20:19-31

Mercy and merciful are words which speak to the heart and rightly so because we all need from time to time the experience of mercy and compassion, not only from our neighbour but also from God. We see something of that mercy in today's gospel: Thomas is unable to come to faith and Jesus reaches out to him, inviting him to touch him. The climax of the story is the "beatitude" which closes it: Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe!

The struggle for faith experienced by the Apostle Thomas leads us to think on the meaning of faith in the risen Christ. The writer Thomas Merton, a Trappist monk, shares with us an insight: *Only when we are able to 'let go' of everything within us, all desires to see, to know, to taste and experience the presence of God, do we truly become able to experience that presence with a conviction and reality that revolutionises our entire inner life.* If we don't let go of our preconceived ideas of where Jesus is and how things ought to be, we hinder ourselves from experiencing Christ's risen life where we need to experience it most.... and that is within us! Christ has been put within us! He lives in our hearts! Alleluia!

BAPTISMS

Sat at 4pm - Sun at 12.30pm

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 15 - Sun 23 April 2023

This Weekend

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

Weekdays

Tue 09.45 Anne Lynch
Wed 09.45 Peter Ireton
Thu 09.45 Catherine O' Higgins
Fri 09.45 Anne Lynch

Next Weekend

Sat 19.00 Mrs McCarthy
Deceased members of
the Finucane Family
Sun 10.00 Eamon O' Gorman
Tom Gavin (1st A)
11.30 Betty Cagney
John Kenzie

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday,
7.45am-12.45pm

Parish Secretary, Mrs Brid Hession

Tel: 061 338340

Pastoral Unit 1

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

Faith Community News



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

Easter Dues - Thank You

Father Seamus would like to thank everyone who contributed so generously towards the Easter Dues. All contributions are deposited in a special account called 'Monaleen Parish'. This account pays Fr Seamus' salary. The generosity of the people of our faith community means this account is well supported and a percentage of the excess; that which is above the Priests' recommended annual basis salary, is given annually to support Priests in poorer parishes, though the Diocesan Incomes Pool. So, on behalf of all Priests who benefit - Thank you!

Collections for March '23

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| Weekend | 05 | 740.09 |
| | 12 | 944.88 |
| | 19 | 738.19 |
| | 26 | 1,273.44 |
| | DD/SO/Online | 750.70 |

Total parish collection €4,447.30

Diocesan Needs Collection €477.00

Emigrants Collection €535.00

Thank you for your generosity

For your Diary

- ◆ **Unit Pastoral Council**
Meeting on Tue 18th April
- ◆ **Milford Hospice Collection**
Annual Church Gate collection
Sat 23 & Sun 24 April.
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. If interested, please see Fr Seamus.



Thankyou

Thank you Amparo & Ulysses, from Mexico, for the recent donation of tulips for our Church flower beds. They return to Mexico at the end of May. Gracias!

Diocesan Needs Collection

Monthly collection, supporting the admin and pastoral work of our diocese, takes place this weekend. Spare envelopes provided; please place in collection bag.