



**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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## Fourth Sunday of Easter

**30 April 2023**

### GOSPEL REFLECTION

*'I am the gate of the sheepfold'*  
John 10:1-10

In the Middle-East, it was the task of the shepherd to find water and pasture and to ensure safety.

Important to the shepherd's ability to give security to the sheep is the fact that he was known and familiar to them.

We are all familiar with the image of Jesus as the shepherd. The image of Jesus as the door (or gate) is not so familiar but is one that merits attention. Jesus presents himself as the door (gate) through which we pass and find life. The Gospel calls us not to be half alive, but to be fully alive. Let us enter by the gate himself, because the gate to life is always open.



## Céad Comaoineach

**Comhghairdeas ó chroí le Rang a dó i nGaelscoil Chaladh an Treoigh a fuair a gCéad Comaoineach ar an Satharn 29 Aibreán. Is ócáid fíor speisialta a bhí ann agus d'éirigh thar cionn leo!**

## MASS INTENTIONS

**Sat 29 Apr - Sun 07 May '23**

### This Weekend

Sat 19.00 Michael Murphy  
Sun 10.00 Mary O' Toole Ridgeway  
11.30 John, Catherine & Bernie O' Connor

### Weekdays

Tue 09.45 Special Intention  
Wed 09.45 Agnes & Tom Daly & Family  
Thu 09.45 Peter Ireton  
Fri 09.45 Betty Cagney

### Next Weekend

Sat 19.00 Pro Populo  
Sun 10.00 Oliver Condon  
11.30 Seamus O' Shea

**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

## BAPTISMS

Sat at 4pm - Sun at 12.30pm

## Faith Community News

### Fáilte/Welcome

This weekend we celebrate the baptisms of **John Burton and Rory Costelloe**. We welcome John and Rory into the Christian family and congratulate their families on this happy occasion.

### Some Prayer Resources

by Bishop Brendan Leahy

### Prayers for Your Day

A collection of prayers for various occasions, with suggested Prayer Apps and Websites

### Reflections on Prayer

Pamphlet written by Bishop Brendan

Available at the exits - All Free!

### Parish Retreat Day

Some very positive feedback is being received to the planned Parish Retreat Day on Saturday 4th November in Glenstal Abbey. The Parish Pastoral Working Group is at an early stage of planning this day with the Monks in Glenstal. For now we suggest you keep the date free and more details will be given in the coming weeks.

### Castletroy College

'Giving back to the Community'

20 Transition Year students will be doing some jobs around our Church this Tuesday. It will mainly involve weeding flower beds and planting tulip bulbs, gifted to us by our friends Amparo & Ulysses, from Mexico. Our gratitude in advance for the support of our local young people.

### Trocaire Collection

Our annual Trocaire collection has so far come to **€1,051**. Thank you for your generosity in helping to make the lives of others a little easier and building a more just world.

## NEWSLETTER ITEMS BY THURSDAY, 16.00hrs

Email to:

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or [info@monaleenparish.org](mailto:info@monaleenparish.org)

## For your Diary

- ◆ **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
- ◆ **Vincent de Paul Collection**  
Next weekend, 6/7 May
- ◆ **Sacristans' Collection**  
Next weekend, 6/7 May.  
This twice yearly collection will be shared between James and Joan.
- ◆ **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. This event is open to young people, 18-35.  
Bookings close 30th April.
- ◆ **Parish Retreat Day**  
Saturday 4th November  
Glenstal Abbey—More details soon.

### Prayer to St. Joseph

In quiet Nazareth long ago,  
the Holy Spirit spoke to your heart  
and you followed God's will  
with wonderful faith.

In the quiet of my days,  
and in the hard choices I must make,  
help me follow the Spirit's guidance  
and believe when I cannot see.

[thepassionists.org](http://thepassionists.org)

