



# 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 Easter

**07 May 2023**

#### GOSPEL REFLECTION

*'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life'*  
John 14:1-12

'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God. Believe also in me.' Thomas struggled with the desire, which is in all of us, to know exactly the destination before we set out. Jesus invites us to make an act of faith and to take one step at a time.

Jesus proposed himself to Thomas as the way, the truth and the life. In what ways - either by his teaching or by his example - has Jesus been the way, the truth and the life for you on your faith journey?

Philip wanted Jesus to give him a glimpse of God and got a surprising answer; 'Whoever has seen me has seen the Father'. Jesus puts a human face on the love of God. He gives us a glimpse of the divine. We are Jesus people in the world of today, called to follow Jesus and to put a human face on the love of God for those who meet us.

### First Holy Communion

*Congratulations to the pupils of Second Class, Monaleen National School, who received their First Holy Communion on Saturday 06 May. It was a really special occasion! The remaining classes will receive their communion on 20 May.*

### MASS INTENTIONS

**Sat 06 - Sun 14 May '23**

#### This Weekend

Sat	19.00	Kitty McNamara & Special Intention Stuart & Greg Byrne
Sun	10.00	Oliver Condon
	11.30	Seamus O' Shea

#### Weekdays

Tue	09.45	Oliver Stapleton
Wed	09.45	Exam Students Eamon O' Gorman
Thu	09.45	Oliver Stapleton
Fri	09.45	Nora & Larry Kenny

#### Next Weekend

Sat	19.00	Irene McNamara
Sun	10.00	Pro Populo
	11.30	Margaret Corless Maura Reade

**MAY THEY REST IN PEACE**

### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

### NEW TO THE PARISH?

Please join us today for a cuppa and chat just off the sacristy, between the 10am and 11.30am Masses. This is just a brief hello and to say welcome to our Parish.

## Faith Community News

### Fáilte/Welcome

This weekend we celebrate the baptisms of **Theo Clancy and Lottie Tierney**. We welcome Theo and Lottie into the Christian family and congratulate their families on this happy occasion.

### CHY3 Certs - Tax Forms

Thanks to all who replied to a recent written invitation to return signed CHY3 Tax Forms to the Parish Office. 25 forms are still outstanding and we would appreciate if they were SIGNED and returned as soon as possible. Thankyou.

## Community News

### Milford Care Centre

Milford Care Centre is offering an online Bereavement Support Education Programme, commencing on Wed 13th Sep 2023 and running over 12 consecutive Wed from 2.30-4.30pm, with a Development Weekend on 29th Sept - 1st Oct '23. Fees apply.

An online live free webinar Information Evening takes place on Wed 10th May 2023 from 6pm - 7.30pm and anyone interested should participate to see if the programme will meet their needs.

Please register in advance on: <https://milfordeducation.ie/event/bereavement-support-education-programme-introductory-information-evening-10thmay23/>

## For your Diary

- ♦ **First Holy Communion 2023**  
**Venue - Monaleen Church**  
Sat 20th May, Monaleen NS, 10.30/12.30
- ♦ **Vincent de Paul Collection**  
This weekend, 6/7 May
- ♦ **Sacristans' Collection**  
This weekend, 6/7 May.  
This twice yearly collection will be shared between James and Joan.
- ♦ **ICA Castletroy**  
Meeting on Wednesday next 10th May- 8pm - Don Bosco Hall, Milford  
New members more than welcome.
- ♦ **Blood Donation Clinic**  
Castletroy Park Hotel  
Monday 8th & Tuesday 9th May  
16:15 - 19:30  
Ph 1800 222 111 for appointment.  
New and existing donors welcome.
- ♦ **Milford Care Centre**  
Annual Service of Remembrance on Sunday 14th of May commencing at 3pm in Our Lady Help of Christians Church, Milford.
- ♦ **Confirmations 2023**  
**Venue - Milford Church**  
Thu 1st Jun, Monaleen NS, 10am/12noon  
Fri 2nd June - Gaelscoil, 11.30am

### Thank you

Last weeks church gate collection for Milford Hospice raised **€1,044.75**



Castletroy College  
'Giving back to the Community'

Thanks to Ms Hanley and the 24 TY students pictured for cleaning the Church grounds last Tuesday.