



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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Ascension of the Lord

21 May 2023

GOSPEL REFLECTION

'I am with you always'
Mt 28:16-20

Jesus meets the disciples for the last time. His final words give them direction for the future. But three little earlier words make all the difference and present an unexpected phrase in today's gospel. We are told the eleven fell down before Jesus - 'though some hesitated'. Did they really? After all they had been through together?

The best news is that their hesitancy doesn't disqualify the disciples from the mission to spread the Good News. Jesus sets a low bar for his missionary disciples: all they have to do is turn up, and be willing to take on the mission.

This message comes to us also. When we feel we can't pledge undying loyalty or total commitment, when in our own way we hesitate. We have a Saviour who understands, he has seen it all before, even in the first eleven.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday,
7.45am -12.45pm

Parish Secretary, Mrs Brid Hession

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All Church Bookings to be made though contacting the Parish Office or by calling into the sacristy. Thankyou.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 20 - Sun 28 May '23

This Weekend

Sat	19.00	John Ashworth (1st A) John Madden Michael O' Regan Maureen & Máire Gaffney
Sun	10.00	D.M. of the Ryan Family (Beechwood, Golf Links Rd.) Patricia Leahy
	11.30	Michael Burke Tommy O' Neill Mary O' Brien & D.M. of O' Brien & Hurley Family Phyllis Mullane Joe & Eda Mulqueen

Weekdays

Tue	09.45	Michael Caffrey
Wed	09.45	Clare Courtney
Thu	09.45	Pat & Tommy Sheahan
Fri	09.45	Janet Farrell

Next Weekend

Sat	19.00	Jim Griffin & Larry English
Sun	10.00	Pro Populo
	11.30	Bridie Mitchell

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

First Holy Communion

Congratulations to the pupils of Second Class, Monaleen National School, who received their First Holy Communion on Saturday 20 May. It was a really special occasion!



THE LETTER

A message for our Earth

A film inspired by Laudato Si', on Care for our Common Home

This film premiered at the Vatican on the feast of St Francis of Assisi, patron saint of ecology. It follows the story of five people representing environmentally marginalised groups, on their way to meet Pope Francis to discuss the growing threats of climate change. After their papal meeting they go to Assisi, the home of St Francis, whose *Canticle of the Creatures* provided the name for the encyclical *Laudato Si'*.

Behind the lens was Nicolas Brown: *Our original question was, Can faith and science unite to save the planet?*

Brown transformed the Pope's document into a visual journey portraying the lives of those impacted by environmental destruction. He recognised that there was no story in the encyclical, so thought it might be an idea to bring together people from different walks of life, those disenfranchised from the process of decision making around climate change: the voice of the poor, the voice of youth, voice of the Indigenous, the voice of the wildlife.

We're telling Laudato Si' through the eyes of the people who live it.

You are invited to a screening of this challenging and visually stunning film on

Tuesday 23rd May at 7pm
In the Don Bosco Centre
(beside Milford Church)

Friars of the Renewal

Fr Gabriel from the Friars of the Renewal will be at the Don Bosco Centre, Milford, on Monday 21st May at 2.30pm. This reflection time will focus on the Feast of the Ascension. All Welcome.

For your Diary

- ◆ **Diocesan Needs Collection**
This weekend, 20/21 May. Supporting the administration and ministry of our diocese.
- ◆ **Screening of 'The Letter'**
Salesian Spirituality Centre, Milford - Tuesday 23rd May at 7pm
- ◆ **Limerick Youth Service**
Annual Collection 27/28 May
2 of 6 - RED BAG Collection 
- ◆ **Confirmations 2023**
Venue - Milford Church
Thu 1st Jun, Monaleen NS, 10am/12noon
Fri 2nd June - Gaelscoil, 11.30am
- ◆ **New to the Parish**
Welcome cuppa and chat,
Sunday, 4th June at 10.30am
- ◆ **Vincent de Paul Collection**
03/04 June. No collection Jul/Aug
- ◆ **First Friday Calls**
Our monthly visit for June to our sick and housebound will take place on Friday 9th June.
- ◆ **Limerick Social Services**
Annual Collection 10/11 June
3 of 6 - RED BAG Collection 
- ◆ **Peter's Pence**
Annual collection 01/02 July
4 of 6 - RED BAG Collection 

Take the risk for Christ

A new video promoting the vocation to Diocesan Priesthood. You can view this video by connecting to the link on our parish website: monaleenparish.ie

NEWSLETTER ITEMS BY THURSDAY, 16.00hrs

Email to:

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or info@monaleenparish.org

BAPTISMS

Sat at 4pm - Sun at 12.30pm