



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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Twentieth Sunday, Year A

20 August 2023

GOSPEL REFLECTION

'Woman, you have great faith'
Mt 15:21-38



Having met with rejection from the Pharisees Jesus goes to Gentile territory and encounters unexpected faith in the Canaanite woman. His mission had previously been to his own people. This adds a new dimension to the mission of Jesus.

The initial reaction of Jesus to the woman was one of rejection but her persistence won a response from him.

So Jesus, changes his mind! How is that possible? Up to now Jesus has limited his ministry to the 'lost sheep of the house of Israel' (Mt10:6; 15:24). In today's story however, a very feisty woman, clearly not a daughter of Abraham, with her urgency and her witty retort, brings Jesus to recognise the needs of those beyond the ethnic confines of the Jewish people. They are ordinary human beings too, just as much in need of the Good News of the Kingdom as anyone else.

Who are the 'Canaanite women' who call out for attention today - people in Church or State whose needs are not being attended to?

Pastoral Unit 1

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

Mr Anton O' Carroll
Monaleen Pastoral Working Group
Chairperson - 087 2556510

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 19 - Sun 27 Aug '23

This Weekend

Sat 19.00
Sun 10.00
11.30 Paddy Dyer
Georgina Hillary
(Months Mind)

Weekdays

Tue 09.45
Wed 09.45
Thu 09.45
Fri 09.45 John & Nora Ireton

Next Weekend

Sat 19.00
Sun 10.00
11.30

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

PARISH OFFICE

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday,
7.45am -12.45pm

Parish Secretary, Mrs Brid Hession

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SACRISTY

Sacristan, Mr Aidan O' Mahony
Tue-Fri, 8.30-11.30am

087 902 4117

Weekend Sacristan, Ms Joan Body
087 663 9459

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

Faith Community News

Altar Servers

We soon hope to see the return of Altar Servers in our Church. Servers must be in their confirmation year in primary school (6th Class) or in post-primary school. Please give your name and contact details to either David Burke or Eithne Gavin who have agreed to co-ordinate the Servers. You may also give your name into the Parish Office. Expression of interest are now welcome.



AWAKEN YOUR SPIRIT TO ADVENTURE

Starting at 10.30am with tea and coffee at registration, the day includes talks, Mass, lunch, art, Holy Hour (with the option of confession), and afternoon tea. The retreat day ends at 5pm but all are welcome to remain for Vespers at 6pm.

SATURDAY 4 NOVEMBER 2023

LUNCH AND REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED. COST €45

FOR FURTHER DETAILS AND BOOKING CONTACT:

info@monaleenparish.ie OR PHONE 061-338340

RETREAT - BOOK YOUR PLACE

You are now welcome to book your place on our Parish Retreat at Glenstal Abbey for Saturday 4th November. Bookings and payment of €45 to be made though the Office: Tue/Wed/Thu, 7.45am to 12.45pm.

POSTERS AVAILABLE NOW

Could you find a public place to display the above poster? Your help is needed!

For your Diary

- ◆ **Monthly Diocesan Needs**
This weekend - 19/20 August
Supporting the administrative and pastoral work of our diocese.
- ◆ **Parish Retreat**
Glenstal Abbey, Saturday 4th Nov. 10.30am to 5pm. €45 per person: includes morning coffee, lunch, afternoon tea, talks etc. Bookings now open through the parish office.
- ◆ **Annual Remembrance Mass**
Sunday 19th November at 11.30am
Remembering especially, members of our Faith Community who died since 01 Nov 2022.

Limerick Diocesan News

ALONE

'Would you be willing to provide companionship to an older person locally? ALONE are seeking volunteers in your area. Full training and support provided. If interested, please apply via the ALONE website at www.alone.ie

Or for further information please contact Caroline on 086-0591399 or via email caroline.bradley@alone.ie

If you are over 60 and would like to know more about the services ALONE can offer you, please call 0818 222 024'

BAPTISMS

Sat at 4pm - Sun at 12.30pm

NEWSLETTER ITEMS BY THURSDAY, 16.00hrs

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