



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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Twenty First Sunday, Year A

27 August 2023



GOSPEL REFLECTION

Mt 16:13-20

When Jesus presses the question, who do you say I am?, we feel him speaking to us. Naturally, we think of our faith now in the light of our own journey of life and pilgrimage of faith. How did I start out? What was my image of Jesus then and how did I relate to him? How have I deepened my familiarity with Jesus and who is he for me now?

The word 'Church' is often a stumbling block for many. There is something which makes us feel uncomfortable! The Gospel today presents to us the Faith Statement of Peter, and then Jesus declaring to him that '...on this rock, I will build my Church; and the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it.'

The Church is not a mere building; the Church is the People of God. We reduce the Church in our everyday vocabulary to a mere building made of stones and cement. But, the Church is made of living stones (1Pt 2:5) and all of us need to contribute to keeping alive this Church of God. Do I give my share of talents and gifts to the Church to keep it effective and relevant for our modern times?

NEW CHURCH ORGANIST

Mr Tom Clinton announced his retirement as our Church Organist. We are grateful to Tom and thank him for his years of service. We are now exploring options for a new organist for 1st, 2nd and 3rd Sundays of the month at 11.30am.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 26 Aug - Sun 3 Sep '23

This Weekend

Sat 19.00 Mary Twomey

Sun 10.00 Ellen White

11.30 Jim O' Driscoll

Weekdays

Tue 09.45

Wed 09.45

Thu 09.45

Fri 09.45

Next Weekend

Sat 19.00

Sun 10.00 Bridget Sheehan

11.30 Ronán Burke

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

PARISH OFFICE

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A Mighty River
Amos 9: 24

**Let Justice
and Peace Flow**
Season of Creation 2023

The Season of Creation, 1 Sep to 4 Oct (Saint Francis of Assisi) celebrates the joy of creation as well as encouraging awareness initiatives to protect the natural environment. This year's theme is "Let Justice and Peace Flow" takes its inspiration from the Prophet Amos.

Faith Community News

Collections for July '23

Weekend	02	981.29
	09	595.95
	16	984.37
	23	875.25
	30	629.79
	DD/SO/Online	1,266.06

Total parish collection €5,332.71

Peter's Pence 390.00

Diocesan Needs Collection 384.50

Thank you for your continued generosity

Wedding Congratulations

Congratulations to **Jessica Fine** (originally from Monaleen) and **Fergal Cullen**, who celebrated their wedding at Our Lady, Star of the Sea Church in Quilty, Co. Clare on Friday 11th August. We wish Jessica and her husband Fergal, every blessing for their future.

Sympathy

Our sympathy to Peggy Murphy & family, Killonan, on the death of Joe, on Friday 18th August in England. Joe will be repatriated for burial in due course. May he Rest in Peace.

MONALEEN PARISH
RETREAT DAY AT GLENSTAL ABBEY



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 through 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

- ◆ **Vincent de Paul Collection**
Our monthly St Vincent de Paul collection will resume next week, 2nd/3rd September. Your support is much appreciated.
- ◆ **Annual Remembrance Mass**
Sunday 19th November at 11.30am
Remembering especially, members of our Faith Community who died since 01 Nov 2022.

welcome to our

SACRED SPACE

CHURCH OPENING TIMES

From Tuesday 5th September new opening/closing times will come into effect in our Church.

Sunday	8.30am - 6pm
Monday	Closed (?)
Tuesday	8.30am - 10pm
Wednesday	8.30am - 6pm
Thursday	8.30am - 6pm
Friday	8.30am - 6pm
Saturday	3pm - 8pm

ADORATION

From Tuesday 5th September Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at our Church will take place each Tuesday, 10am-10pm.

This is subject to at least two people (preferably three or more) committing to one hour of adoration over a 12 hour period. This means we need at least 24, preferably 36 people, to commit to silent Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament each week? If you would like to volunteer for a weekly one hour period, please speak with any member of the Adoration Group.



Sign-up for
Eucharistic
Adoration

Everyone is welcome to 'call-in' and spend a shorter time in Adoration on Tuesdays at anytime. Everyone is also welcome to call into our church outside of Tuesday adoration (see new opening hours) and spend time in quiet prayer.