



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 Second Sun, Year A

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GOSPEL REFLECTION

'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let them renounce themselves'
Mt 16:21-27

If Peter, the rock on which the Church was built, struggled to do what God wants, to think and speak in God's way, the rest of us will certainly do likewise. Being a faithful follower of Jesus won't always come easy to us. As Jesus goes on to say in the Gospel reading, it will often involve renouncing ourselves, just as Peter had to renounce his desire that Jesus take a less demanding path.

By telling us to 'take up' our cross, Jesus isn't saying that we have to meekly endure unfair treatment and suffering or embrace a blind 'offer it up' sort of spirituality. And, while they may be opportunities for grace; illness, sad events, and even disasters aren't the cross.'

There is nothing particularly Christian about many of the challenges we face in daily life. We can never silently or blindly accept abuse or injustice as being the will of God. Jesus rejected these and so should we. Instead, 'the cross' that we carry is the sacrifices, trials, and hardships that can be a consequence of placing our faith and hope in him and of living according to his teaching.

ADORATION

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Tuesdays, 10am to 10pm. All Welcome

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 02 - Sun 10 Sep '23

This Weekend

Sat 19.00 Mark Mc Mullen (Month's Mind)
Nellie & Johnny Moloney

Sun 10.00 Bridget Sheehan
11.30 Ronán Burke

Weekdays

Tue 09.45 Tony Hally
Wed 09.45 Mary & David Whittle
Thu 09.45 Michael Broderick
Fri 09.45 Oliver Stapleton
19.30 Niall O' Brien (2nd A)

Next Weekend

Sat 19.00 Anne Harris
Sun 10.00 Sean & Ann Fitzgibbon
11.30 Frank Byrne and his sons
Gregory and Stuart
Maeve Leonard Ryan

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

PARISH OFFICE

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Faith Community News

Fáilte/Welcome

This weekend we celebrate the baptisms of TJ John Gavin, Conor Fitzgerald and Delia O' Dwyer. We welcome T.J., Conor and Delia into the Christian family and congratulate their families on this special occasion.

Wedding Congratulations



Congratulations to **Caroline O' Farrell** (Lisnagry) and **Lee Campbell**, (Dublin) who celebrated their wedding here on Saturday 2nd September.

Congratulations to **John McLaughlin** and **Linda Higgins** (Kylemore) who celebrated their wedding in Ballintuber Abbey, Co. Mayo on Fri 1st September.

We wish both couples every blessing and a happy future.

Funeral Mass

The Funeral Mass for Michael Murphy, will take place in Monaleen Church on Tuesday 5th September at 11am. Our sympathy to his wife Peggy & family, Killonan, on the death of Michael. May he rest in peace.

Sympathy

Our sympathy to Mary Morris (a teacher in Monaleen school for over 20 years), and family, on the death of her husband Dermot on Saturday 26th August. Dermot's funeral took place last Monday in Ballinlough, Co. Roscommon. He worked in the University of Limerick. May he rest in peace.

Welcome back

A warm welcome back to school to all the young people of our parish and faith community. The summer has gone by so quickly and we now wish you and your families every blessing for the new school year ahead.

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.

For your Diary

- ◆ **Vincent de Paul Collection**
Our monthly St Vincent de Paul collection takes place this weekend. Your support is much appreciated.
- ◆ **Niall O' Brien RIP (2nd A)**
The second anniversary Mass in memory of Niall O' Brien will take place in our Church on Fri 8th Sep at 7.30pm. All Welcome.
- ◆ **Suicide Prevention Day**
Sunday 10th September. 'O Lord our God, for those whose lives are strained and stressed.... Pour out your peace.' *You are NOT alone!*
- ◆ **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.

CHURCH OPENING TIMES

Effective Tuesday 5th September

Sunday	8.30am - 6pm
Monday	9.30am - 6pm
Tuesday	8.30am - 10pm
Wednesday	8.30am - 6pm
Thursday	8.30am - 6pm
Friday	8.30am - 6pm
Saturday	3pm - 8pm

BAPTISMS

Sat at 4pm - Sun at 12.30pm

CONFESSION - NEW TIME

Saturday, 6 - 6.45pm

NEW CHURCH ORGANIST

We are currently exploring options for a new Church Organist for 1st, 2nd & 3rd Sundays of the month for the 11.30am Mass. If you or someone you know may be interested, please let us know.