



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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Thirtieth Sunday, Year A

29 October 2023

GOSPEL REFLECTION



*'Love the Lord your God
and your neighbour as yourself'
Mt 22:34-40*

You may feel some sympathy with the Jews struggling with 613 laws and wondering which were the important ones. Have you ever felt overwhelmed by the rules and regulations of your own tradition? And have you ever been blest by meeting someone, or reading something, that was able to cut through all the layers and point out to you what is essential?

Jesus does not pluck his summary teaching from the air - he quotes from the Shema Yisrael, the great prayer of Judaism found in the book of Deuteronomy, Chapter 6. The second part about love of neighbour is taken from the Book of Leviticus, Chapter 18.

This mission statement stands as a resounding appeal to us today. We are asked not just to believe there is a God, but to love God. We are asked not just to respect our neighbour, but to love our neighbour. Love is not only the truth about human beings but also the truth about God, who is love itself.

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MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 28 Oct - Sun 05 Nov '23

This Weekend

Sat 19.00 Sean & Derek Dawson
Sun 10.00 Margaret O' Gorman
11.30 Special Intention
Margaret O' Gorman

Weekdays

Tue 09.45 Special Intention

Holy Day - All Saints

Tue 19.00 Special Intention
Wed 10.00 Billy Leahy and D.M. of
Glesson & Keating Family

All Souls

Thu 09.45 All deceased relatives
and friends
Fri 09.45 John & Nora Ireton
Billy Leahy

Next Weekend

Sat 19.00 Brian Begley
John Power
Seamus Byrne
Sun 10.00 Catherine and Laurence
O' Mahony
Peig & Maurice Horgan
11.30 Tommy & Mary Sheahan
Tomás, Betty & Barry
Sheahan
Pat & Tommy Sheahan
Frank O' Callaghan
Billy Leahy & D.M. of the
Begley Family
Sonny Larkin

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

Faith Community News

Fáilte/Welcome

This weekend we celebrate the baptisms of **Jamie and Alana Keehan and Archie Bennett**. We welcome Jamie, Alana and Archie into the Christian family & congratulate their families on this special occasion.

Choral Concert

A concert in aid of Monaleen Cancer Support Group will take place in Monaleen Church on Friday 10th Nov at 7.30pm. The Concert will feature the Killaloe Male Voice Choir, the East Clare Community Choir plus additional Artists. Tickets available after Mass for next 3 weeks.

Ministers of the Word

Copies of the 2024 (Cycle B) Sunday Missal are now available in the sacristy. Each Sunday Reader is welcome to take a copy to help with preparing for their Mass on rota. Thanks to all our 24 readers who take turns in sharing the Word of the Lord with us each week.

In November, We Remember!

Altar list for the Dead and envelopes are now available in the Church for collection. You are welcome to take the blank list home with you and fill it in at your convenience. Once returned your remembrance list of loved ones who have died will be placed on the Altar during the month of November.



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

Parking: Turn left before the entrance archway of the Monastery and park in the school carpark.

For your Diary

- ◆ **Church Gate Collection**
The Annual Collection this weekend is in support of 'Epilepsy Ireland.' Your support is much appreciated.
- ◆ **Holy Day Mass Times**
Feast of All Saints,
Tue 31st Oct, 7pm, Wed 1st Nov, 10am.
- ◆ **Prayer for Priests**
The Marian Movement for Priests will meet for prayer after the 10am Mass on Wed 1st Nov. All Welcome.
- ◆ **Monaleen Pastoral Group**
The parish pastoral working group will meet on Thu 2nd Nov, 7.30pm. Members are: Anton O' Carroll, Frank O' Brien Geraldine White, and Fr Seamus.
- ◆ **Parish Retreat - Last Call!**
Glenstal Abbey, Sat 4th Nov. 10.30am to 5pm. Cost: €45 per person, includes morning coffee, lunch, afternoon tea, talks. Book through the parish office.
- ◆ **Vincent de Paul Collection**
Our monthly collection takes place **next** weekend. Your support is appreciated.
- ◆ **Choral Concert**
In aid of Monaleen Cancer Support Group, in Monaleen Church, on Fri 10th Nov, 7.30pm. Tickets now available after weekend Masses.
- ◆ **Diocesan Liturgy Day**
St Munchin's College, Saturday 11th Nov, 11am to 6pm.
If interested, contact Fr Seamus.
- ◆ **Retreat led by Fr Joe Hayes**
Parish Centre, Holy Rosary Parish, Ennis Rd. on Sat 11th Nov. See Noticeboard.
- ◆ **Ballysimon Cemetery**
Prayers will be offered at Ballysimon Cemetery on Sunday 12th November at 1.30pm. All Welcome.
- ◆ **Annual Remembrance Mass**
Sunday 19th November at 11.30am
Remembering members of our Faith Community who died since 01 Nov '22.
- ◆ **Kilmurry Cemetery Mass**
The annual Mass remembering all who are buried in Kilmurry Cemetery will take place on Sun 19th Nov at 3pm in Milford Church. All are welcome.