



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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Fourth Sunday - Year B 28th January 2024

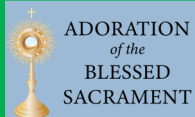
Gospel Reflection

'He taught them with authority.'
Mk 1:21-28

In today's gospel Mark's stress is on the authority of Jesus which he exercises in two ways. Firstly, he teaches with authority - his own authority. This was different from the scribes whose teaching was dependent on what others had said or written. Secondly, Jesus show his authority over unclean spirits. He is able to confront, silence and expel the spirit that has taken possession of the unfortunate man in the story.

It makes a difference when you listen to someone who is clearly speaking from experience and personal knowledge. Jesus' combined teaching with healing drove the evil spirit out of the man. The power of God that worked this wonder through Jesus is also at work in and through us today.

The evil spirit convulsed the man before it left him. The path to liberation can be a painful struggle. It is not only individuals but groups that can be struggling with an evil spirit - jealousy, rivalry, malicious gossip, abuse of power, etc. Sometimes a Jesus person comes into the group and drives out the evil spirit. Have you experienced this? Perhaps you yourself have been this person on some occasion?



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Tue, 10am - 10pm
All Welcome

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 27th Jan - Sun 4th Feb

This Weekend

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| Sat | 19.00 | Seamus Hanrahan |
| Sun | 10.00 | Jeremiah & Bridie Duane |
| | 11.30 | Pat & Jane McGrady Margaret O' Brien & DM of O' Brien & Hurley Families |

Weekdays

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| Tue | 09.45 |
| Wed | 09.45 |
| Thu | 09.45 |
| Fri | 09.45 |

Next Weekend

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| Sat | 19.00 | Nora O' Dwyer |
| Sun | 10.00 | Jim & Mary Sheehan |
| | 11.30 | Esther Meehan (Mth's Mind) Joe Clancy (1st Anniversary) Sean Lovett (1st Anniversary) Pat Walsh James & Bridget McNamara |

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

PARISH OFFICE

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday,
7.45am -12.45pm
Parish Secretary, Mrs Brid Hession
Tel: 061 338340
Email: info@monaleenparish.ie

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

SACRISTY

Sacristan, Mr Aidan O' Mahony
Tue-Fri, 8.30-11.30am
087 902 4117

Faith Community News

Fáilte/Welcome

This weekend we celebrate the baptisms of **Liam and Tara Meaney and Oscar O' Regan Barrett**. We welcome Liam, Tara and Oscar into the Christian family and congratulate their families on this special occasion.

Special Mission Appeal

This weekend we are joined by Sr Bridie Counihan LSA, from the Little Sisters of the Assumption. Sr Bridie will speak at all Masses seeking support for their Missionary Work. The Little Sisters of the Assumption have worked in our Diocese for over 40 years from the 1970s.



They would greatly appreciate any support you can give to their missionary work among some of the poorest people of today's world, particularly in Latin America and Africa

Website for further information:
www.littlesistersoftheassumption.org

Getting Married?

If you plan to get married in any Church and are living in Monaleen Parish; please remember you must complete pre nuptial Marriage Papers with Fr Seamus. Please see our website for more details.

Parish Website

More info, www.monaleenparish.ie

Welcome Fr Peter

This weekend we are delighted to welcome Fr Peter to Ireland. Fr Peter who comes from Nigeria, has been assigned as 'assistant priest' to our Cathedral Unit. More info next week!

Church Organist

We are still searching for a Church Organist, for 1st, 2nd & 3rd Sundays of the month at the 11.30am Mass. If you know of anyone who would be interested, please let us know.

NEWSLETTER ITEMS BY THURSDAY, 16.00hrs

For your Diary

Mission Appeal

This weekend, 27/28th Jan. the Little Sisters of the Assumption will hold an annual Mission Appeal in our Parish. A collection will be taken up after Holy Communion. Your support for their Missionary work would be appreciated.

St John Bosco



Wednesday 31st January is the feast of St John Bosco; founder of the Salesians and Patron Saint of Young People. We wish the Salesians in Milford along with our sisters and brothers in the Milford Parish Faith Community a very Happy Feast Day. **Buona Festa!!**

St Brigid's Feast Day

Thur 1st Feb - Mass at 9.45am



First Friday Calls

Calls with Holy Communion to the sick and housebound will take place on Friday 2nd February, 10.30am to 1pm.

Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible

An 8-week programme which helps you uncover the story woven throughout Scripture, including a unique colour-coded Bible Timeline arranging key people, places, and events in chronological order. Pauline Maher, with Mossy Hynan & Paudie Hurley will run the programme from Tue 6th Feb. to Tue 26th March (7.30pm-9pm). Each evening will conclude with a lively group discussion over a cup of tea/coffee. Beginners are welcome.

Venue: Limerick Diocesan Centre, St Munchin's, Corbally. V94925C. Cost: €40
Register: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/UnlockingBibleMystery>.

Ash Wednesday

Wed 14th February - Mass with distribution of Ashes at 9.45am.

Desert Day in Lent

"Come back to me with all your heart"
A silent retreat with Eucharist and reconciliation on Saturday 17th Feb, from 10.30am to 5pm in LK Diocesan Centre (V94 925C). Facilitated by Phyllis Moynihan RSM and Bernadette Murphy. Please bring your own packed lunch. Tea/Coffee/Snacks provided. Donation: €20. Booking is essential, contact Phyllis at 087 963 6893 or email: moynihanphyllis525@gmail.com