



# 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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## Believe

**Third of Lent  
3rd March 2024**

**Gospel Reflection**

*'Many believed in his name'*  
Jn 2:13-25

In the Old Testament the privileged place of God's presence was the Temple in Jerusalem. In the New Covenant, this was replaced by the person of Jesus.

The Lord Jesus comes into our lives expecting to find a place ordered to the worship of the one true God, but what he may find is 'a marketplace.' What does this mean? It means that Christ finds a place where things other than God have become primary. To bring such idolatry closer to our cultural experience, how much of our life is given over to materialism, commercialism or the accumulation of things? What rivals to the one true God have I allowed to invade the sacred space of my soul?

**Believe.... You are a temple  
of the God's Holy Spirit!**

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VOCATIONS OFFICE

**THEOLOGY ON TAP**

7:30PM @ FENNESSY'S PUB  
V94 A9F5

**FR. NOEL KIRWAN**  
Vocation Story

FINGER FOOD PROVIDED  
Contact [Vocations@limerickdiocese.org](mailto:Vocations@limerickdiocese.org)  
for more information

Love is... saying you're sorry

## MASS INTENTIONS

**Sat 2nd - Sun 10th March**

**This Weekend**

Sat	19.00	Gertrude O' Connor, Mary Arnold & Dave Sheehan & DM of O' Connor Family
Sun	10.00	Marion Bradley
	11.30	Geraldine O' Doherty

**Weekdays**

Tue	09.45	Special Intention
Wed	09.45	Kathleen Dillon & Patricia Devaney
Thu	09.45	Michael & Eileen Corbett
Fri	09.45	Billy Coffey

**Next Weekend**

Sat	19.00	Bridget Hennessy
Sun	10.00	Gery (Geraldine) Murphy
	11.30	Jim & Claire Supple Krystyna Bort

**MAY THEY REST IN PEACE**

## PARISH OFFICE

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday,  
7.45am -12.45pm  
Parish Secretary, Mrs Brid Hession  
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**All Church Bookings to be made by  
contacting the Parish Office or  
calling into the sacristy. Thankyou.**

## PARISH WEBSITE

[www.monaleenparish.ie](http://www.monaleenparish.ie)  
Bishops' Statement on Referendums  
Report on Church Tower

## Faith Community News

### Fáilte/Welcome

This weekend we celebrate the baptisms of Ellie Nestor, Rian Buckley & Maya De La Cinta Clifford Bautista. We welcome Ellie, Rian and Maya De La Cinta into the Christian family and congratulate their families on this special occasion.

### Sympathy

The Funeral Mass of Aidan 'Amby' Byrne (O' Shea's Pub, Ballysimon) took place in our Church on Thursday 29th Feb. Our sympathy to his partner Nicole & family. May he rest in peace.

### Lent 2024

Your Trócaire Box is waiting for you!



Please take a Trócaire Box with you after Mass. All boxes to be collected after Easter. Thank you for your support.

### Mission Appeal Thank you.

Sr Bridie Counihan of the Little Sisters of the Assumption, has expressed her appreciation for the very generous response to her appeal in support of the missionary work of her order. **€1,990** was donated by Monaleen Parish Faith Community, which is much appreciated.

## Community News

### Monaleen Cancer Support

A fun run/walk in aid of Monaleen Cancer Support Group will take place on Sunday 24th March at 2pm. Start/finish line will be at Monaleen GAA Club.


Registration at the Clubhouse on the day from 11am. Details on noticeboard.

If you or a member of your family is living with cancer, Monaleen Cancer Support Group can help with practical assistance in complete confidence and privacy. Tel: 087 2113394.

### Dominican Pilgrimage Lourdes

5th-9th May. Organised by Marian Pilgrimages. Bookings can be made by ringing 01 8788159. The Spiritual Director is Fr Frank Downes, O.P.

## For your Diary

- ◆ **Vincent de Paul**  
Our monthly Vincent de Paul collection takes place before and after all Masses this weekend. Your support would be appreciated.
- ◆ **Prayer for Priests**  
The Marian Movement for Priests will meet for prayer after the 9.45am Mass on Wed 6th March. All Welcome.
- ◆ **Pilgrimage to Knock**  
10-15 March 2024 - Details on poster.
- ◆ **St Patrick's Day Masses**  
Vigil Mass Saturday 16th March 7pm  
Sunday 17th March, 10am & 11.30am
- ◆ **First Confessions**  
**Gaelscoil Chaladh an Treoigh**  
Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March at 11am
- ◆ **Ceremony of Light** (6th Class)  
**Gaelscoil Chaladh an Treoigh**  
Thursday 21st March, 11am
- ◆ **Reconciliation Service**  
Tue 26th March, Milford Church,  
7.30pm. All Welcome.
- ◆ **Ceremony of Light** (6th Class)  
**Monaleen National School**  
Wednesday 17th April, 7pm
- ◆ **First Holy Communions**  
**Monaleen National School**  
Friday 10th May, 10.30am & 12.30pm  
Friday 24th May, 10.30am & 12.30pm  
**Gaelscoil Chaladh an Treoigh**  
Friday 31st May, 10.30am & 12.30pm
- ◆ **Confirmations**  
**Gaelscoil Chaladh an Treoigh**  
Thursday 16th May, 10am & 12noon  
**Monaleen National School**  
Thursday 13th June, 10am & 11.30am  
Friday 14th June, 10am & 11.30am
- ◆ **Diocesan Pilgrimage to LOURDES**  
Thu 20<sup>th</sup> to Tue 25<sup>th</sup> June 2024  
Further info from the Limerick Diocesan Office on 061-350000. 
- ◆ **Lourdes Youth Pilgrims**  
Wed 19<sup>th</sup> to Tue 25<sup>th</sup> June 2024.  
Online application process is closing.  
If interested, please do not delay.