

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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Fifth Sunday of Lent 17th March 2024

Gospel Reflection

'We should like to see Jesus'
Jn 12:20-30

The parable of the grain of wheat reminds us of a truth that any parent can testify to, namely that it is in dying to ourselves that we can give life to others. We will never be of benefit to others if we remain wrapped up in ourselves.

Sometimes our emotions rebel at the thought of what lies ahead, and we feel like praying *'Father, save me from this hour.'* Then a realisation may come for you: No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour.

Some of us become overwhelmed by life's contradictions. The pain and injustice that we see on every side may cause us to lose all faith in God and in life. That could have happened to Jesus. If ever there was a person who had the right to doubt God, and to despair of the human race and to become cynical about life, that person was Jesus. But through all of His injustices and all of the pain, His faith did not fail. He kept on believing in God, unlike many of us, He kept on believing in people, He kept on believing in life. At Calvary, faith won.

Love is... saying you're sorry

Easter Reconciliation Service, Milford Church, Tuesday 26th March, 7.30pm
Confessions in Monaleen Church each Saturday, 6 to 6.45pm. All Welcome.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 16th - Sun 24th March

This Weekend

Sat	19.00	Dick Sadlier D.M. of the Body Family Ted and Nancy Collins & Evelyn Ryan
Sun	10.00	Eddie Aherne
	11.30	Anne Lynch (1st Anniv)

Weekdays

Tue	09.45	Joseph Mullins
Wed	09.45	Henry Ahern Ita Kirk
Thu	09.45	Tommy Murphy Breda Corcoran
Fri	09.45	Mary Mangan

Next Weekend

Sat	19.00	Richard & Alan Gillane & Patrick & Mary Furlong
Sun	10.00	Josephine & William O' Brien
	11.30	Aidan 'Amby' Byrne (MM)

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

PARISH OFFICE

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday,
7.45am -12.45pm
Parish Secretary, Mrs Brid Hession
Tel: 061 338340
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All Church Bookings to be made by contacting the Parish Office or calling into the sacristy. Thankyou.



Faith Community News

Fáilte/Welcome

This weekend we celebrate the baptism of **Madeline Reidy**. We welcome Madeline into the Christian family and congratulate her family on this special occasion.

Collections for February '24

Weekend	04	853.90
	11	1,303.06
	18	1,156.90
	25	1,400.31
	DD/SO/Online	1,098.88

Total Parish Collection €5,813.05

Diocesan Needs Collection 312.75

Thank you for your continued generosity

Wedding

Congratulations to **Liam J. Carroll** and **Julie Evers** (*Newtown Manor*) who were married in our church on Saturday, 16th March. We wish both Julie and Liam every blessing & happiness in the future.

Easter Programme Cards

A special Easter Card with details of Mass/Service times is now available at the exits. Please take one home with you and feel free to take an extra one for neighbours! You are all welcome to our Easter Ceremonies.

St Patrick's Day Prayer-card

This little prayer-card is for you. There's one for everyone in the congregation! Happy Saint Patrick's Day!

Desert Day in preparation for Holy Week "Companions on the Journey"

Silent Retreat with Eucharist & Reconciliation
Saturday 23rd March 2024; 10.30am to 5pm



Venue: Limerick Diocesan Centre,
St. Munchin's, Corbally, V94 9250

Facilitated by Phyllis Moynihan RSM and Ann Mulcahy
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

For your Diary

Emigrant Collection

Our first of seven 'red bag' collections will be taken up after Holy Communion at all Masses this weekend. This special collection supports the work of the Irish Bishops in supporting vulnerable Irish people overseas.

Diocesan Needs

Our monthly collection supporting the administrative and pastoral work of our diocese takes place this weekend, 16/17 March 2024. Envelopes can be put in with the regular collection. Thank you for your support.

Finance Committee

Our Parish Finance Committee meets on Tuesday 19th March at 2.30pm. Members of the Committee are; Joan Brosnan, Fr Peter-Claver Eze, Brian Eason, Fr Seamus Madigan, Joe McAntee and Mary Stritch.

First Confessions

Gaelscoil Chaladh an Treoigh
Wednesday 20th March at 11am

ICA - Castletroy

Meeting next Wednesday, 20th Mar, 8pm - Don Bosco Hall, Milford. All Ladies Welcome.

Ceremony of Light (6th Class)

Gaelscoil Chaladh an Treoigh
Thursday 21st March, 11am

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, Monaleen GAA Club. Registration at the Clubhouse on the day from 11am. Details on noticeboard.

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