

## For your Diary

- ◆ **Holy Week Ceremonies**  
(Volunteers Welcome)
  - ◆ **Palm Sunday 24 March**  
Palms provided and blessed at all Masses.
  - ◆ **Tue 26 March,**  
Mass in Monaleen at 9.45am.  
Reconciliation Service,  
Milford Church at 7.30pm.  
**Theme: Love is...**  
**.....saying you're sorry**
  - ◆ **Spy Wednesday 27 March,**  
Mass in Monaleen at 9.45am.  
Chrism Mass, St John's at 7.30pm.
  - ◆ **Holy Thursday, 28 March**  
No morning Mass in Monaleen  
Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7pm
  - ◆ **Good Friday, 29 March,**  
Passion of the Lord at 3pm  
Confessions 4-5pm  
Stations of the Cross at 7pm  
(Power-point presentation)
  - ◆ **Holy Saturday, 30 March,**  
Confessions 8-8.45pm  
Easter Vigil at 9pm
  - ◆ **Easter Sunday, 31 March,**  
Masses at 10am and 11.30am
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- ◆ **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

## Community News

### Monaleen Cancer Support Group



A fun run/walk in aid of Monaleen Cancer Support Group will take place this Sunday, 24th March at 2pm. The Start/finish line will be at Monaleen GAA Club. Registration at the Clubhouse today 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.

### Synopsis of The Tower Report

(Full report on our website)

#### Introduction

Fr Seamus Madigan of Monaleen Church, Limerick, requested PUNCH Engineers to investigate water ingress through the bell tower and to report on findings.

#### 3. Details / Findings

Preliminary review of the bell tower indicates.... moisture is being held within the masonry structure & penetrating into the internal face of the bell tower wall.

#### Recommendations

.... The mortar in the masonry joints should to be removed and the masonry repointed using the appropriate lime mortar mix to allow water to egress from the structure via the mortar joints including copper weeps holes if deemed necessary.....

.... It will take many months, even over a year to dry the walls after the external works are completed.

Any works to this protected structure must be agreed first with the local conservation officer of Limerick County Council.

#### Disclaimer

This report is based on a visual inspection only. All external elements of the property we inspected from ground level only.

No form of opening up work and/or uncovering or exposing of any surfaces was undertaken and therefore, we are unable to report that such parts are free from defect.

This report and its contents have been prepared.... solely for use by Monaleen Parish.



## 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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### Passion Sunday

**24 March 2024**

### GOSPEL REFLECTION

*'In truth this man was a son of God'*  
Mk 14:1 - 15:47

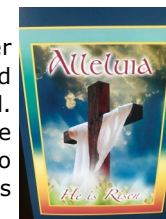
The injustice and brutality of the Passion of Jesus makes it a difficult story to read as good news. Yet in the midst of that cruelty the courageous, faithful and self-sacrificing love that Jesus showed for us shines through. Human love can also be painful. When have you experienced the courage, fidelity and self-sacrifice of others in their love for you?

We read the Passion story in the light of the resurrection. What seemed a humiliating and shameful failure for Jesus was not the end of the story. Perhaps with hindsight you can look back on something in your own life that seemed like a tragedy at the time but out of that tragedy new life and new possibilities followed for you.

For each of us, situations can arise in which we feel things are outside our control and we are utterly helpless and powerless. We are not alone in this experience. In his Passion Jesus is one with us in this human helplessness.

### HOLY WEEK

Details of our Easter Ceremonies are printed in a special Easter Card. Please take one home with you. Feel free to also take one for friends and neighbours.



### MASS INTENTIONS

**Sat 23 - Sun 31 March '24**

#### This Weekend

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

#### Weekdays

Tue	09.45	Michael O' Keeffe Josephine Quinn
Wed	09.45	Jim McDermott Michael, Elizabeth, Irene & Oliver Keating

#### Holy Thursday

19.00 Pro Populo

#### Good Friday

No Mass (Services at 3pm & 7pm)

#### Next Weekend

#### Holy Saturday - Easter Vigil

21.00 Pro Populo

#### Easter Sunday

10.00 Joe Bourke

11.30 Michael Lynch (Mth's Mind)  
John & Catherine O'  
Connor & Bernie & Percy

**MAY THEY REST IN PEACE**



## Love is... saying you're sorry

Reconciliation Service, Milford Church,  
Tuesday 26th March, 7.30pm

### Confessions in Monaleen Church:

Good Friday 4-5pm  
Holy Saturday 8-8.45pm

**All Welcome**

## Faith Community News

### Fáilte/Welcome

This weekend we celebrate the baptisms of **Noah Duhig and Kobe Andrew Jones**. We welcome Noah and Kobe into the Christian family and congratulate their families on this special occasion.

### Easter Cards 2024

Details of all dates and times of our Holy Week and Easter Ceremonies are now available. Please take an Easter card home with you and feel free to bring one to friends and neighbours.

### Easter Dues 2024

Envelopes are now available in the Church if you wish to contribute towards the support of your Priests. Your help with the distribution of these envelopes would also be much appreciated. Thank you.

# Trocaire

Working for a just world.

Could we make an extra effort during Holy Week to contribute toward the Trocaire Lenten Campaign? You are invited to return your Trocaire Boxes to the Church after Easter. You may leave them at/near the Altar, before or after all Masses. Thank you.

### New Organist



We are delighted this weekend to welcome Angel our new Church Organist. Angel comes from Mexico and is a music student at the University of Limerick. Thanks to all involved in the choir who helped in finding our new organist. We hope Angel will enjoy his time with us during the coming years as he undertakes his post-graduate studies.

### Webcam

Join our ceremonies online  
[www.churchservices.tv/monaleen](http://www.churchservices.tv/monaleen)



### Good Friday Collection

A special collection will be held on Good Friday in support of Holy Places in the Holy Land. This collection goes to support the work of maintaining precious holy sites and supports those who keep them open.

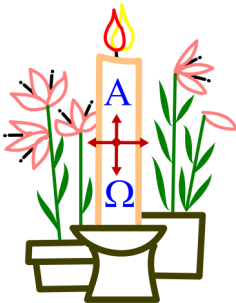


### Good Friday Stations of the Cross

The Stations of the Cross on Good Friday will be held at 7pm. This short ceremony will involve reflections on the Way of the Cross through the eyes of Mary, the Mother of Jesus. It will be presented through prayerful reflection, powerpoint images, and music. Many people found this a very meaningful ceremony last year. All Welcome.

### Easter Vigil Holy Saturday

Our Easter Vigil will begin at the Easter Fire outside the main door of our Church at 9am. During this Mass our Easter Fire and Candle will be lit and blest. After welcoming the 'Light of Christ', we will then listen to God's Word. This will be followed with the blessing of Easter Water. Little bottles of this water will be available for all to take home. Please note this ceremony is in four parts (FIRE, WORD, WATER & EUCHARIST) and is longer than a regular Mass! All are welcome!



### BAPTISMS

Sat at 4pm - Sun at 12.30pm



ADORATION  
of the  
BLESSED  
SACRAMENT

Tue, 10am - 10pm

All Welcome

### NEWSLETTER ITEMS BY THURSDAY, 16.00hrs

Email to:  
[seamus.madigan@limerickdiocese.org](mailto:seamus.madigan@limerickdiocese.org)  
or [info@monaleenparish.org](mailto:info@monaleenparish.org)

## Faith Community News

### First Holy Communion & Confirmation



Please keep in your prayers the girls and boys from our Faith Community preparing for 1st Holy Communion and Confirmation. Between Monaleen National School and the Gaelscoil, 263 pupils from 2nd and 6th Classes are receiving these Sacraments this year.

**Dear Lord,  
help our young people to find  
faith in the midst of the chaos.  
Give them the desire and ability  
to see you,  
hear you,  
talk to you,  
and give thanks to you.  
We pray that they will draw nearer  
and nearer to you all their lives.  
Amen.**

### Monaleen Parish (Cathedral Unit)

Fr Seamus Madigan - Monaleen  
**Co-Parish Priest - 086 844 1609**

Fr Peter-Claver Eze  
**Part-time Assistant Priest**  
Responsibility for Youth Ministry  
**087 793 5938**

Mr Anton O' Carroll  
Monaleen Pastoral Working Group  
**Chairperson - 087 2556510**

*Mobile numbers are personal and provided for convenience. Please use sparingly!*

**St John's**  
Fr Ger Garrett & Fr Frank O' Connor

**St Michael's** - Fr Leo McDonnell

**St Patrick's & St Brigid's** - Fr Joe Shire

**Our Lady, Help of Christians**  
Fr Koenraad & Salesian Community

### PARISH WEBSITE

[www.monaleenparish.ie](http://www.monaleenparish.ie)  
*Parish Newsletter uploaded each week*

## Limerick Diocesan News

### Chrism Mass - All Welcome

You are warmly invited to attend this year's Chrism Mass which will be celebrated in St. John's Cathedral on Wednesday 27th March at 7.30 pm. It is a wonderful Diocesan occasion when the Bishop concelebrates with all the Priests in the Diocese in the presence of many lay people who come from various parishes, congregations, orders, associations, movements and groups in the diocese. During the Mass the Bishop consecrates the sacred Chrism and blesses the other oils, that will then be used throughout the year in the sacrament of Baptism, Confirmation, Holy Orders and the Anointing of the Sick. During the Chrism Mass, the Priests renew their priestly promises. You are most welcome to join in this lovely occasion.

*Bishop Brendan Leahy*

### 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.**

### SACRISTY

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

**087 902 4117**

Weekend Sacristan,  
Ms Joan Body **087 663 9459**

### Getting Married in Church?

If you are from Monaleen Parish and plan to get married in any Church, contact our parish office to arrange for pre-nuptial paperwork.

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Sat at 4pm - Sun at 12.30pm