



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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4th Sunday of Easter

21st April 2024

Gospel Reflection

'I am the good shepherd'
Jn 10:11-18

In this day of prayer for Vocations, the image put before us in the liturgy to describe the person and work of Jesus among his disciples is that of a shepherd. The sight of a shepherd leading the sheep to pasture would be a familiar sight to Jesus' listeners. We are told that in the Holy Land shepherds lead the sheep rather than drive them. Two aspects of this are important. Following someone involves a free choice, and to follow someone means to have confidence in their ability to lead.

God doesn't call the qualified, but He qualifies the called! God knows us and He calls us by name. As we look at different saints to learn from them, we remember that others look to us and learn from us. And as our struggles become real, even as others turn to us for guidance, we also have a shepherd to turn to for help. Most of us sometimes forget this, but we are leaders in our own way.

The church of tomorrow depends on how we set the foundation for the church of today. There will be crisis and there will be need, but there will always be good people standing behind and beside us.

Confessions: Sat. at 6pm



Tue, 10am - 10pm

All Welcome

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 20th - Sun 28th April'24

This Weekend

Sat	19.00	Karl & Chris Finucane & their son Conor
Sun	10.00	Special Intention Tom Gavin & Eileen Slattery
	11.30	Jim Yelverton & D.M of Yelverton/Storan Families

Weekdays

Tue	09.45	Audrey Lawler Tom Gavin Eamon O' Gorman
Wed	09.45	Kathleen O' Grady
Thu	09.45	Gerard Keane
Fri	09.45	Terry McGinty

Next Weekend

Sat	19.00	Pro Populo
Sun	10.00	Oliver Condon
	11.30	Mary O' Toole Ridgway

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

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www.monaleenparish.ie

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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 Rory Kiely. We welcome Rory into the Christian family and congratulate his family on this special occasion.

Sympathy

The Funeral Mass of **Jim Christian** (Monaleen Heights) took place in our Church on Wednesday 17th April. Our sympathy to his sister Delia, his step-son Aiden and family, good friends and neighbours. May he rest in peace.

The Funeral Mass of **Mary Smith** (Killonan) took place in Milford Church on Saturday 20th April. Our sympathy to her family. May she rest in peace.

Trócaire Lenten Collection

Thanks to everyone who supported our 2024 Trócaire Lenten Campaign. Our parish collection has already come to **€2,540**. This compares very well with €1,051 in 2023. Thank you for your generosity in helping to build a more just world.

Holy Communion/Confirmation

Please keep all children preparing for their 1st Holy Communion & Confirmation in your prayers.



Community News

Anam Cara

Anam Cara's upcoming Bereavement Information and Support Evening for Parents, takes place on Thursday 2nd May 2024 in Milford Care Centre, 7pm - 9pm (Registration from 6:45 pm).

This evening gives parents an opportunity to hear a bereavement professional talk about the many challenges and milestones parents face on their journey through grief after the death of a son or daughter. It is open to all bereaved parents, regardless of the age of their deceased child or the circumstances of their death. If you would like to attend this free event you may also register by emailing info@anamcara.ie or tel. 085 288 8888

Baptisms, Monaleen Church: Saturdays at 4pm, Sundays at 12.30pm

For your Diary

- ◆ **Students Collection** 
Our annual collection supporting clerical students studying for the Priesthood takes place this weekend, 20/21 April 2024. This will be a special 'red bag' collection after Communion. Your support would be appreciated.
- ◆ **Diocesan Needs**
Our monthly collection supporting the administrative and pastoral work of our diocese takes place this weekend, 20/21 April 2024. Thank you for your support.
- ◆ **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 Monaleen National School**
Thursday 16th May, 10am & 12noon
Thursday 13th June, 10am & 11.30am
Friday 14th June, 10am & 11.30am
- ◆ **Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes**
Thu 20th to Tue 25th June 2024
If you know someone who would like to travel as part of our assisted pilgrim section please let them know. For further information contact the Lourdes Office on 061-350000 (Tue & Thu 10.00 am to 4.00 pm).
- ◆ **Diocesan Pilgrimage to KNOCK, Saturday 27th July.**
Contact the office or Fr Seamus to express your interest.

St Saviour's Dominican Church, Limerick

Join the Dominican Sisters for a 5 week Bible Study on the Psalms, at St. Saviour's Church, beginning on Wednesday April 24th at 7.15pm. The cost is €6 per night.
Register at limerick@op-tn.org

NEWSLETTER ITEMS BY THURSDAY, 16.00hrs