



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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Jesus
Chose You



6th Sunday of Easter 5th May 2024

Gospel Reflection

'I chose you'
Jn 15:9-17

A commandment of love is something of a contradiction in terms. Love is a free choice. That is what gives the thrill to the experience of being loved.

Often love and friendship make demands on us. Parents give freely of their time and energy to the care of their children but sometimes it requires a lot of effort. Also, in responding to the needs of friends or spouses we can be challenged to 'lay down' our 'lives' at least for a time.

'I chose you'. Have you had the experience of being 'chosen' by someone? What was it like for you to be chosen? What is like for you to consider yourself as one chosen by Jesus? This is what we are - chosen by Jesus and commissioned to bear fruit, through our love.

PARISH OFFICE

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday,
7.45am -12.45pm
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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**

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 4th - Sun 12th May'24

This Weekend

Sat	19.00	Thomas Moloney (Month's Mind)
Sun	10.00	Bridie & Thomas O' Shea & John & Anglea Ryan & grandson Frank
	11.30	Seamus Moynihan Tom Moloney

Weekdays

Tue	09.45	Seamus Smith Mary Purcell
Wed	09.45	Marion McDonald Pat Hennessy
Thu	09.45	Una Flanney Brendan Callan
Fri	09.45	NO REGULAR MASS 1st Holy Communions



Next Weekend

Sat	19.00	Seamus Moynihan
Sun	10.00	Jim Christian (Month's Mind) Seamus Moynihan
	11.30	Michael Burke Tom Toomey Eamon O' Gorman Domenico Contro & his father Vittorio Fortuna

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

Monaleen Parish

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

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

Faith Community News

Fáilte/Welcome

This weekend we celebrate the baptism of Fiadh Doody. We welcome Fiadh into the Christian family & congratulate her family on this special occasion.

Sympathy

The Funeral Mass of **Tom Toomey** (Ballyclough) took place in our Church on Wednesday 1st May. Our sympathy to his wife Kathleen and family. May he rest in peace.

The Funeral Mass of **Ann Golden** (Carrigeen) took place in our church on Saturday 4th May. Our sympathy to her family. May she rest in peace.

The funeral Mass of **Fr Willie Walsh** (Limerick Diocese) took place in Holy Rosary Church, Ennis Road, on Thursday 2nd May. Our sympathy to his family. May he rest in peace

Sacred Heart National School Monaleen

NEWS ON OUR NEW SCHOOL BUILDING

Meeting with Minister Foley, Leinster House, Wed. 1st May. In attendance; Minister Kieran O'Donnell, Deputy Willie O'Dea, Denis Murray, Acting Chairperson, Carmel Stokes, Deputy Principal and Ian Madigan, School Principal.

The minister met and engaged with us for 45 minutes. We were given the opportunity to make a comprehensive presentation outlining the current condition of the school in its entirety, the educational challenges posed by such on a daily basis and the timeline of the building project to date. The minister listened intently to our case and has assured us that our school is now at the forefront of her and the department's attention. She expressed concern around the adequacy of special educational needs provision and for the consideration of the new build to accommodate additional special classes.

Minister Foley has committed to engaging with all relevant Department of Education officials on this and to coming back to us with a response in the coming weeks.

Sincerely,

*Denis Murray, Acting Chairperson,
Carmel Stokes, Deputy Principal
Ian Madigan, School Principal.*

For your Diary

- ◆ **Limerick Youth Service** 
Our annual collection supporting Limerick Youth Service will take place this weekend, 4/5 May 2024. This will be a special 'red bag' collection after Communion. Your support would be appreciated.
- ◆ **Vincent de Paul**
Our monthly collection in aid of the important work of the Society of St Vincent de Paul will take place at all Masses this weekend. Your support is very much appreciated.
- ◆ **Sacristans Collection**
Our twice yearly collection in support of our wonderful Sacristans will be taken up at all Masses next weekend. Please take the special envelope home with you and return next weekend to the regular offering collection.
- ◆ **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 parish office or Fr Seamus to express your interest.

Holy Communion/Confirmation



Please keep our 263 children preparing for their 1st Holy Communion & Confirmation in your prayers.

