

**Parish of Middleton
& Ballintotis**

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Mass Times

Holy Rosary

Sat. 6.10pm
Sun. 9am, 10.30am, 12 Noon
Weekdays: 8am & 10am
*No 8 am on Saturday
Morning and Bank Holiday*

Ballintotis

Sun 10am

Hospital Chapel:

Sun 7.30am and 9.45am
Mon-Fri: 11am,
Sat 9.30am

**Mass in Polish at 3.p.m.
1st & 3rd Sunday**

Sick Calls

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087 2468234

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middletonparishoffice
@gmail.com

Deadline

Thursday 12 noon

Parish web site:
www.middletonparish.ie
SVP Contact Number:
086 3114512

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021 4636508
Open
10.30am—1.00pm
Mon-Fri



*Your prayers are requested for the souls of the
following:*

*David Hogan, Ann Marie Ramalingham, Jimmy
Scully, Bobby & Abina Hayes, Gussie Flavin,
Aaron O'Donovan, Bessie Goldspring,
Molly Goldspring, Dick & Madgie Mintern,
Richard (Dick) Barry, Nuala Hallissey,
Noel O'Sullivan, Breda Cusker, Jack O'Keeffe,
William Daly, Mary & David Duggan,*

Mav Thev Rest in Peace.

INVITATION TO MINISTRY

*Holy Rosary parish invites interested parishioners to
become Ministers of the Word (Lectors/Readers). This
important ministry, the proclamation of the Word of God
at Mass, opens the ears, hearts and eyes of all the
congregation to God's transforming, healing love.
Nourished at table of the Word, we are then ready to
celebrate at the altar of The Eucharist. We invite
volunteers of all ages, but particularly our younger
parishioners, those in high school, college or starting
their careers. A short training course will commence in
early May, 2014.*

*To volunteer, or for further information, please contact:
Noelle @ 086-2343887, or goretfitzgerald@gmail.com.*

First Friday

Next Friday, April 4th, is the *First Friday*.
Additional Masses in *Ballintotis* at 9.15 a.m. and in
Holy Rosary at 7.30 p.m. Confessions on Thursday
after 10.00 a.m. Mass and on *Friday* at 7.00 p.m.

Saint Pio Devotions on Wednesday, April 2nd, in Our Lady
of Lourdes Hospital Chapel at 7.45p.m. Everybody
welcome. There will be a Special Blessing with a Special
Blessing with a Relic of St. Pio.

Rural Stations This Week

Tuesday, April 1st: Ballyspillane, Killeendooling, Milltown &
Bilberry
*Church of The Most Holy Rosary
At 7.30p.m.*

Thursday, April 3rd: Inegrega, Carrigagour, Coppingerstown,
Geragh,
Charles & Aileen Scanlon

Friday, April 4th : Kilbree, Kilorga, Gurteenina & Attiquin
John & Julie McCarthy

Friday April 4th: Ballintotis, Ballybutler, Ballyedekin,
Farrantrenchard
Ger & Goretta Fitzgerald

THE MEANING AND SIGNIFICANCE OF PALM SUNDAY

At the beginning of the 5th week of Lent, the practice of covering crosses and images throughout the Church can be observed. Crosses remain covered until the end of the celebration of the Lord's Passion on Good Friday, while other images remain covered until the beginning of the Easter Vigil. The custom of veiling crosses and images helps us to concentrate on Christ's work of Redemption. It alerts us to the fact that the whole Church is called to focus now on its immediate preparations for accompanying Jesus on the way of the Cross.

Holy week begins on Palm Sunday, which this year falls on 13th April. On this day the Church recalls Christ's triumphal entry into Jerusalem to accomplish the Paschal Mystery, that is, his Passion, Death and Resurrection. Palm branches are blessed and carried to salute the entrance of our Saviour into the city of our salvation so that one day we may join Christ the King in the eternal Jerusalem. But this King is like no other. He is Jesus our Lord who submits to his Cross so as to take away the sins of the world. Today, *The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew* is proclaimed. This extended narrative vividly recalls the trajectory of events which occur over the course of the week to come. We invite everyone to enter this solemn and joyous time. Please ask others to join us, so that we may journey together to a new dawn in the Easter Garden of Resurrection.