

**Most Holy Rosary Parish, Midleton**

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## Receiving Holy Communion for the First Time

Midleton Parish, 28<sup>th</sup> April – 26<sup>th</sup> May 2018



Over four Saturdays in April and May, and after preparation with their families, schools and parish representatives, roughly 220 boys and girls from Midleton parish will receive Holy Communion for the first time. The following are the relevant dates: Sat 28<sup>th</sup> April – pupils from Ballintotas NS; Sat 12<sup>th</sup> May – pupils from CBS P.S.; Sat 19<sup>th</sup> May – pupils from St Brigid's P.S., Educate Together N.S. and St John the Baptist N.S.; Sat 27<sup>th</sup> May – pupils from Gaelscoil Mhainistir Na Corann. All of these ceremonies take place in Holy Rosary Church except for that of 28<sup>th</sup> May, which takes place in St Colman's church Ballintotas.

### *The importance of Mass (the Eucharist) and receiving Holy Communion:*

- During the Last Supper, Jesus said to the apostles "This is my body given up for you" and "This is my blood poured out for you". The Mass makes the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus present to us so that we may apply His great sacrifice to our own lives. In Mass, we offer ourselves to God "through Jesus, with Jesus and in Jesus".
- In Holy Communion, Jesus is really present and shares himself with us, giving us his virtues, his strengths and his holiness. "I am the bread come down from heaven".
- Through Holy Communion we make a strong bond of love with Christ and with the other members of the Church. Through Holy Communion we all partake of the same meal and, so, together we pledge loyalty to Christ and His Church.
- **Prayer after Holy Communion.** Lord Jesus, I love and adore you. You're a special friend to me. Welcome, Lord Jesus, O welcome, thank you for coming to me. Thank you, Lord Jesus, O thank you for giving yourself to me. Make me strong to show your love wherever I may be. Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask you to stay close by me forever and love me, I pray. Bless all of us children in your loving care and bring us to heaven to live with you there. I'm ready now, Lord Jesus, to show how much I care. I'm ready now to give your love at home and everywhere. Amen.

***EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION – ADORERS REQUIRED.***

***PLEASE CONTACT 021 4632939 or 021 4632757.***

***"Can you not pray one hour with me?" (Jesus)***

**Congratulations** and God's Blessings on all the pupils of St. Colman's N.S. Ballintotis who received their First Holy Communion yesterday.



**Our Annual Corpus Christi Procession will take place on Sunday June 3rd.** As this weekend coincides with the Cloyne pilgrimage to Lourdes a number of our usual helpers will not be available. We are in **URGENT need of new volunteers** to help with the procession. A meeting will be held shortly to for all those involved, please consider coming along to the meeting and helping with this important event in our parish life. The date of the meeting will be announced next Sunday.

**Facility for Families with Infants:** As you may know, it has been proposed that the Adoration Chapel be made available to parents with infants during Masses on Sunday when the Blessed Sacrament is not present. Access to this room would be made available from within the church (through the doors to the right of Our Lady's Shrine on the right hand side of the sanctuary; these doors would be opened for this purpose). Before finalising this we would like to have some idea of how many families would possibly use it at least occasionally. If you would like to have this facility available to you please contact the parish office by phone at 4636508 or email at [midletonparishoffice@gmail.com](mailto:midletonparishoffice@gmail.com)

**Divine Mercy Devotions:** Next Friday, May 4th is The First Friday of the month. There is an additional Mass in Holy Rosary Church at 7.30pm. incorporating The Divine Mercy Devotions.

**St. Pio Devotions** will take place in our Lady of Lourdes Hospital Chapel on Wednesday next May 2nd. Rosary 7.45pm. Mass 8.00pm. Everyone very welcome.

**Meals on Wheels** Volunteers needed for Wednesdays and Saturdays to help prepare meals in our kitchen. No experience necessary. One shift every 5 weeks. For details contact 086-8501686 or 087-7684486.

**Grotto Rosary:** The Rosary is recited every Wednesday, at 8.00pm at The Grotto in Ballinacurra. Everybody is very welcome.

**Young Adult Prayer Meeting.** (16 – 35 yo) Every Thursday. Phone Deirdre on 086 1263874 for more details.