

Most Holy Rosary Parish, Midleton

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World Meeting of Families Dublin, Aug 2018



Anniversaries: Margaret Durham, Brian Hurley, Garrett Stack, Joan McCarthy (nee Joan McCarthy (Nee Heaphy), Kathleen Crowley, Joan O'Driscoll, John Williams, Rita Williams, Dida Williams, Sydney & Alice Fraser, Willie Donovan, Billy Hogan, Sr. Vincent (Kitty O'Brien), Sheila Crowley, Helena Bolton, Patrick (Paddy) Foley. May they rest in Peace.

Newly Baptised: Darragh Anthony O'Mullane, Lucas Richard Healy, Cal Francis Walsh.

Monday May 7th is a **Bank Holiday** the 10am Mass in Holy Rosary is the only Mass being offered that day.



Upcoming dates for First Holy Communicants: C.B.S Primary School : Saturday 12th May at 10.00am. An Gaeilscoil: Saturday 19th May at 11.00am. St. Bridget's Primary School St. John The Baptist & Educate Together: Saturday 26th May at 10.00am.

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 021 4636508 or email at midletonparishoffice@gmail.com.

St. Joseph's Young Priests' Society monthly meeting will take place at the Edmund Rice Centre, Rosary Place on Wednesday next, May 9th after 10am Mass. May 13th (date of the first appreciation at Fatima) is the 49th year of the founding of the Midleton branch of the society. May 3rd was the 100th Anniversary of the death of the foundress of St. Joseph's Young Priests' Society, Mary Olivia Taffe. Her Midleton connection being that of Sister Harriet was a member of The Order of The Presentation Sisters in Midleton where she taught. Olivia visited her there on many occasions. We remember all those in our prayers today.

Stand up For Life – Final Rally Before The Vote: Join us in Merrion Square, Dublin, at 2.00pm on Saturday 12th May. Bus from Midleton – Contact Mimi on 087-9350750 or Kevin on 087-2268381.

Dublin, Ireland, has been chosen by Pope Francis to host the next World Meeting of Families from 21-26 August 2018, guided by the theme "The Gospel of the Family: Joy for the World". Held every three years, this major international event brings together families, parish groups and individuals from across the world to celebrate, pray and reflect upon the central importance of marriage and the family as the cornerstone of our lives, of society and of the Church. The event has the following parts:

- **NATIONAL OPENING:** Tue 21st August 2018, the National Opening will take place simultaneously in all the different dioceses of Ireland.
- **THREE-DAY PASTORAL CONGRESS:** 22nd to the 24th August (Wed, Thurs, Fri). The Pastoral Congress will take place in the Royal Dublin Society (RDS). Each day will reflect on the theme "The Gospel of the Family: Joy for the World" chosen by the Holy Father and will include an enriching programme for adults of keynote speakers, workshops, talks, testimonies and discussions; an engaging and exciting programme for young people as well as fun activities for children. The Congress will also include daily celebration of the Eucharist, prayerful activities, exhibitions, cultural events and musical performances. Individuals and groups from the Diocese of Cloyne are asked to attend on Fri 24th Aug – although this is not a hard rule. The Congress is ticketed. Single Day price: from €38. To book for the Pastoral Congress, see booking procedure below.
- **FESTIVAL OF FAMILIES:** Sat 25th Aug evening in Croke Park - a reflective concert style event within a prayerful and joyful atmosphere, in which personal stories of faith will be shared by families from all continents. The Festival of Families is ticketed but tickets are free. See booking procedure below.
- **CLOSING MASS:** Sun 26th Aug. The World Meeting of Families will close with a solemn Eucharistic Celebration that will gather thousands of people from Ireland and all over the world. The Final Mass is ticketed but tickets are free. A Congress ticket includes a Closing Mass ticket automatically. See booking procedure below.
- **BOOKING PROCEDURE:** To book tickets for the three day Congress and/or the Festival of Families and/or Final Mass please log onto www.worldmeeting2018.ie. Midleton parish will be able to provide Closing Mass tickets. However, Congress and Festival of Family tickets will need to be obtained via the above website.
- **BUS FROM MIDLETON TO CLOSING MASS:** Holy Rosary Parish, Midleton, hopes to organise a bus to travel to the Closing Mass on Sun 26th Aug. If you are interested in travelling to this celebration please contact the parish office. Closing Mass tickets will be provided by the parish to those who travel on the bus.