

Monday 13th May 2019 will mark the 125th Anniversary of the laying and blessing of the foundation stone of Holy Rosary Church. The foundation stone was blessed in 1894 by Archbishop Thomas Croke (Cashel and Emily) who had previously been a curate in Middleton. On a rainy Sunday, 13th May 1894, Archbishop Croke blessed the seven and a half ton foundation stone, blessing also the four corners that would eventually make up the church, and the place of the high altar which was marked by a wooden cross. After this, the building of the church took just two and a half years to complete, the Dedication ceremony taking place on October 14th 1896. A Holy Hour, including Rosary and Benediction (plus singing of Parish Choir) will take place on 13th May 2019 from 7.30 - 8.30pm.

PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION.

30TH ANNIVERSARY - MIDDLETON PARISH

MONDAY 20TH MAY 2019 MARKS THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF PERPETUAL ADORATION IN OUR PARISH.

TO MARK THE OCCASION A SPECIAL HOLY HOUR WILL TAKE PLACE ON SUNDAY 19TH MAY, AT 5.00PM IN HOLY ROSARY CHURCH LED BY FR. JOHN KEANE, SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR OF DIOCESE OF CLOYNE EUCHARISTIC ADORATION. ALL WELCOME.

10.00AM MASS ON MONDAY 20TH WILL BE OFFERED AS A MASS OF THANKSGIVING FOR ALL GRACES AND BLESSINGS RECEIVED.

Today is the 4th Sunday of Easter, traditionally known as Good Shepherd Sunday. It is also world day of prayer for vocations to the priesthood and religious life. A Holy Hour with prayer for priests, seminarians and priestly vocations is being held in St. Mary's Church, Mallow this afternoon from 3.00pm to 4.00pm. led by Archdeacon Gerard Casey, everyone is warmly invited to this Holy Hour of prayer and reflection on the Lord's call to priesthood. We are all asked today to pray for vocations and especially vocations for our diocese. Recently the Council of priests of the diocese published an assessment on our celebration of Sunday Mass. The following is taken from that letter: *The Eucharist is the "font and apex of the Christian life"; among the many activities of a parish "none is as vital or community forming as the Sunday celebration of The Lord's Day. The 2nd Vatican Council identified four ways that the Risen Jesus is present to us at Mass: In the assembly that gathers in his name; in the priest or bishop who presides; in the proclamation of the Word; and "especially under the Eucharistic species". All four ways are needed for an Authentic Celebration of The Eucharist.*

The letter focuses on the necessity of bishop or priest to preside. Copies of the letter are available at the back of Holy Rosary, Ballintotis and Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital Chapel.