

Middleton Parish Newsletter (Covid Times)

11th October 2020, Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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The introduction of Level 3 for the whole country brings changes with it. The hardest is the closing of the Church while liturgies are being celebrated. The Sunday Mass times are the same. The weekday Mass times are changed with no 8am, 10am continues and, for this week, 7.30pm from Monday to Friday.

Mass Times:	Sundays	Saturday Vigil	6.10pm
		Sunday Morning	8am, 10am and Noon

The Sunday Masses will be televised during the Level 3 status for Covid.

The week ahead, beginning Monday 12th to Saturday 17th there will be 10am Mass (televised) and from Monday 12th to Friday 16th 7.30pm Mass (televised).

Confessions: No Confessions during Level 3.

First Holy Communion Dates 2020: the Gaelscoil, CBS, Educate Together and St John the Baptist First Communion ceremonies are postponed due to Level 3. They will be re-scheduled at a later date.

"Bible Corner" – In the New Testament, as well as the Gospels, we have the letters written by various authors, the Acts of the Apostles and the Book of Revelation (or Apocalypse). The Acts of the Apostles is attributed to St. Luke and St. John is responsible for three letters and the Book of Revelation. St. Paul wrote to the Romans, two letters to the Corinthians, the Galatians, the Ephesians, the Philippians, the Colossians, two to the Thessalonians, two to Timothy, Titus and Philemon. The author of the Letter to the Hebrews is unknown. As well as John's three letters, there are other apostles who wrote – we have two by Peter, and James and Jude have one each.

The Old Testament is sub-divided into four groups of texts. The sub-divisions are: The Pentateuch, the Historical Books, the Wisdom Books and the Prophets. The Pentateuch contains five books. The Historical Books section has 16 books. There are 7 in the Wisdom section and 18 in Prophets.

The five books of the Pentateuch are the books of the Jewish 'Torah': Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers and Deuteronomy.

Autumn Stations: Envelopes for the station offerings are available at the back of the church and may be returned in any of the following ways:

- Drop it in to the parish office or any priest's house.
- Post to the parish office, but do not send cash in the post. Any cheques should be made payable to Midleton Parish No 2 a/c. If using a station envelope please put it inside a plain one.
- By online transfer to the following account: Midleton Parochial No 2 Account
IBAN: IE83 AIBK 9341 2714 7992 64
BIC: AIBKIE2D

Please do not put envelopes in the collection boxes during the day as they are unattended. If you cannot get a station envelope you can put your donation in an ordinary envelope but please write your name, address, and the words 'Autumn station' on the outside. We thank you for your continuing generosity.

The Rural Station Masses will take place in Holy Rosary Church on Tuesday 13th, Wednesday 14th and Thursday 15th @ 7.30pm. (televised)

Tuesday 13th: Kilbree, Killorga, Gurteenina, Attaquin, Ballintotis, Ballybutler, Ballyedekin, Farrantrenchard, Bawnard, Loughatalia, Carrigshane and Cahermone

Wednesday 14th: Dromada, Gurtstoke, Glenagare, Meelshane, Dromsarane, Caheralton, Curragraine, Loughaderra, Stumphill, Castlevew, Churchtown, Whiterock, Dunsfort, Kilmountain, Upper and Lower Ballinascatha, Inagrega, Carrigagour, Knockgorm, Coppingerstown and Geragh

Thursday 15th: Elfordstown, Gortacrue, Broomfield, Killeagh, Ballyspillane, Killeendooling, Milltown and Bilberry

Pope's Intentions for October: *Prayer Intention for evangelization:* The Laity's Mission in the Church. "We pray that by the virtue of Baptism, the Laity, especially women, may participate more in areas of responsibility in the Church."

Today we look at paragraph 5 of the Pope's Encyclical, "Laudato Si", 'On Care for our Common Home'

5. *Saint John Paul II* became increasingly concerned about this issue. In *his first Encyclical* he warned that human beings frequently seem "to see no other meaning in their natural environment than what serves for immediate use and consumption".[4] Subsequently, he would call for a global ecological conversion.[5] At the same time, he noted that little effort had been made to "safeguard the moral conditions for an authentic human ecology".[6] The destruction of the human environment is extremely serious, not only because God has entrusted the world to us men and women, but because human life is itself a gift which must be defended from various forms of debasement. Every effort to protect and improve our world entails profound changes in "lifestyles, models of production and consumption, and the established structures of power which today govern societies".[7] Authentic human development has a moral character. It presumes full respect for the human person, but it must also be concerned for the world around us and "take into account the nature of each being and of its mutual connection in an ordered system".[8] Accordingly, our human ability to transform reality must proceed in line with God's original gift of all that is.[9]

A noteworthy term in this passage looking at Pope Saint John Paul II's insights into the importance of looking after the environment is 'human ecology'. Pope Francis' reaction to that term is an important one for the times we live in – "The destruction of the human environment is extremely serious, not only because God has entrusted the world to us men and women, but because human life is itself a gift which must be defended from various forms of debasement." So many people around the world are manipulated, abused and treated poorly so that others can make massive profits. Some are treated as commodities themselves, bought and sold for various reasons and purposes, all of which are terrible.