

**Midleton Parish Newsletter (Covid Times)**

**18<sup>th</sup> October 2020, Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Mission Sunday**

***“The Gospel for this year’s World Mission Sunday is taken from the discourse of Jesus at the Last Supper. In it Jesus prays that as the Father has sent him into the world, he sends his disciples into the world. He prays that they may be consecrated in truth and prays, ‘With me in them and they in me, may they be completely one that the world will realise that it was you who sent me and that I have loved them as much as you loved me’.” (Liturgical Calendar for Ireland 2020)***

**Clergy in the Parish:**

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**Mass Times:** **Sundays** **Saturday Vigil** **6.10pm**  
**Sunday Morning** **8am, 10am and Noon**  
**Weekdays: Monday to Saturday 10am and Monday to Friday 7.30pm (all televised)**

**The Church will be open for private prayers after the 10am Mass from Monday to Saturday and after the Noon Mass on Sunday. It will be closed at 7pm on weekdays and Sunday evening and at 5pm on Saturday evenings. (During Level 3)**

***Confessions: No Confessions during Level 3.***

**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. All the Station Masses have been celebrated and we thank you for your continuing generosity.**

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Wednesday and Friday from 10.30am to 7pm**



Feast days this week include St. Paul of the Cross, founder of the Passionists in Rome, on Monday and Pope Saint John Paul II on Thursday. Pope for over twenty six years (22<sup>nd</sup> October 1978 to 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2005).

**“Bible Corner”** – Last week I wrote about the four sub-divisions of the Old Testament and said how many books were in each. Then I listed the five books of the Pentateuch. The next section is the Historical Books with 16 books: *Joshua, Judges, Ruth, 1 and 2 Samuel, 1 and 2 Kings, 1 and 2 Chronicles, Ezra, Nehemiah, Tobit, Judith, Esther, 1 and 2 Maccabees*. The Wisdom Books number 7. They are: *Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes (Qoheleth), Song of Songs, Wisdom, Ecclesiasticus (Sirach)*. There are 18 books in the Prophets sub-division: *Isaiah, Jeremiah, Lamentations, Baruch, Ezekiel, Daniel, Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obadiah, Jonah, Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah, Haggai, Zechariah, and Malachi*. Just so that all the books of the Old Testament are mentioned here I will repeat the five books of the Pentateuch from last week: *Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers and Deuteronomy*.

It is a bit daunting to see all those books plus all the books in the New as well. If someone asks me for advice on how to begin exploring, I usually suggest that they take one book from the Old, one from the New and one psalm a day from the Book of Psalms as a prayer. The usual books I would suggest to begin with are Ruth from the Old Testament and Mark's Gospel from the New.

**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 6 of the Pope's Encyclical, “*Laudato Si*”, ‘On Care for our Common Home’:

6. My predecessor Benedict XVI likewise proposed “eliminating the structural causes of the dysfunctions of the world economy and correcting models of growth which have proved incapable of ensuring respect for the environment”.<sup>[10]</sup> He observed that the world cannot be analyzed by isolating only one of its aspects, since “the book of nature is one and indivisible”, and includes the environment, life, sexuality, the family, social relations, and so forth. It follows that “the deterioration of nature is closely connected to the culture which shapes human coexistence”.<sup>[11]</sup> Pope Benedict asked us to recognize that the natural environment has been gravely damaged by our irresponsible behaviour. The social environment has also suffered damage. Both are ultimately due to the same evil: the notion that there are no indisputable truths to guide our lives, and hence human freedom is limitless. We have forgotten that “man is not only a freedom which he creates for himself. Man does not create himself. He is spirit and will, but also nature”.<sup>[12]</sup> With paternal concern, Benedict urged us to realize that creation is harmed “where we ourselves have the final word, where everything is simply our property and we use it for ourselves alone. The misuse of creation begins when we no longer recognize any higher instance than ourselves, when we see nothing else but ourselves”.<sup>[13]</sup>

In this paragraph we see Pope Francis focus on Pope Benedict's understanding of the world and how we should see it. Francis quotes him; “the book of nature is one and indivisible”. Every aspect of nature should not be analysed separately but in the light of all its dimensions. Pope Francis writes that it ‘includes the environment, life, sexuality, the family, social relations and so forth’. All aspects of human life are intricately bound together and decisions in one area have an effect on the others. The industrial harvesting of timber in the Amazon rainforests has a profound effect on the indigenous people there and their existence. It is one of many examples of how economic decisions made without concern for how they impinge on the lives of the vulnerable, lead to suffering and pain for many while others profit immensely. Pope Benedict sums it up in a sentence quoted by Pope Francis above: “the misuse of creation begins when we no longer recognise any higher instance than ourselves, when we see nothing else but ourselves.”