

Midleton Parish Newsletter (Covid Times)

4th October 2020 Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

This Sunday is a "Day for Life". It is celebrated yearly by the Catholic Church in Ireland as a day dedicated to raising awareness about the meaning and value of human life at every stage and in every condition.

Clergy in the Parish:

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Mass Times:	Weekdays:	Monday to Friday	8am Holy Rosary
		Monday to Saturday	10am Holy Rosary
		Wednesday and Friday	7.30pm Holy Rosary
	Sundays	Saturday Vigil	6.10pm
		Sunday Morning	8am, 10am and Noon
	Holy Days	No Vigil; 10am, Noon and 7.30pm on the Holy Day	

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Wednesday and Friday from 10.30am to 7pm.

Confessions: *Confessions in October are as follows: October 10th, no Confessions; October 17th, 10.30-11am; October 24th 10.30 – 11am; October 31st, Noon-1pm.*

First Holy Communion Dates 2020

Saturday October 10th, Gaelscoil Mainistir na Corann. Three ceremonies:
Muinteoir Cait @ 11am; Muinteoir Ultan @ 1pm and Muinteoir Meaghan @ 3pm

Saturday October 17th, Midleton CBS. Two ceremonies:
Muinteoir Mairead @ 12 noon and Muinteoir Eoin @ 2pm

Saturday October 24th, Midleton Educate Together, St. John the Baptist.
Two ceremonies: Elma's class @ 12 noon; Derval's class @ 2pm

Congratulations to the pupils of Scoil Bhride who received Holy Communion for the First Time this weekend.

Holy Rosary Cemetery: Many thanks to Pa Coakley, Denis O'Keeffe, Billy Warren and Malcolm Broderick who carried out a major clean up in the old part of Holy Rosary cemetery recently. It's great to see so many people keeping their family graves so well, but unfortunately there are a number of older graves which now seem to have nobody to tend to them. Perhaps you might consider taking on the care of one of them on a voluntary basis?

Wednesday 7th is The Feast of Our Lady of The Rosary, Patron of our Church of The Most Holy Rosary.

Autumn Stations: All Station Masses are in Holy Rosary @ 7.30pm. Envelopes for the station offerings are available at the back of the church and may be returned in any of the following ways:

- Baskets will be placed on the altar rails before all weekday Masses
- A special collection box will be at the back of the church at weekend Masses
- Hand it in to the sacristy before or after any Mass
- 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 Middleton Parish No 2 a/c. If using a station envelope please put it inside a plain one.
- By online transfer to the following account: Middleton 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. In the present climate the Rural Stations will not be held in people's homes. The Station Areas will be grouped and Masses for those groups will be celebrated in Holy Rosary, dates to be decided.

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."

We continue with our reflection on the Pope's Encyclical, "Laudato Si", 'On Care for our Common Home'. Today we look at paragraph four:

"In 1971, eight years after *Pacem in Terris*, Blessed Pope Paul VI referred to the ecological concern as "a tragic consequence" of unchecked human activity: "Due to an ill-considered exploitation of nature, humanity runs the risk of destroying it and becoming in turn a victim of this degradation".[2] He spoke in similar terms to the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations about the potential for an "ecological catastrophe under the effective explosion of industrial civilization", and stressed "the urgent need for a radical change in the conduct of humanity", inasmuch as "the most extraordinary scientific advances, the most amazing technical abilities, the most astonishing economic growth, unless they are accompanied by authentic social and moral progress, will definitively turn against man".[3]

In this paragraph Pope Francis gives us a view of what now Pope Saint Paul VI saw as an ever-increasing problem. He warns about the 'potential for an 'ecological catastrophe' unless humanity's development was supported by social and moral progress. In the near fifty years since he expressed his concern the lack of moral responsibility in dealing with the resources of the world have led us to where we are now in relation to climate change and destruction of many natural habitats and the extinction and near-extinction of so many species.

"Bible Corner" – in the last bible corner piece we looked at the fact of the link between the Old and New Testament being the person of Jesus. The four Gospels, Matthew, Mark, Luke and John, speak of the life of Jesus. Mark is the shortest of the four and Matthew is the longest. Mark, Matthew and Luke are called the "Synoptic Gospels" because they give us a summary of the life of Jesus. John is written in a different style to them.

New arrangements in Holy Rosary Church

The recent surge in cases of Covid 19 are a cause of serious concern to everyone. Under the present guidelines, the number at any Mass should be no more than 50, or subgroups of no more than 50. These subgroups must be 4 metres apart. In order to comply with this guideline, we are dividing the church into two sections, namely the front and back of the centre aisle. To fill those sections evenly, the following arrangements will apply at all weekend Masses from Sunday October 11th:

- Everybody enters by the side door as we are doing at present.
- The first 50 people will be directed to sit in the front section of the centre aisle.
- After that, the next 50 will be directed to the back section of the centre aisle.
- If both sections are full the stewards will inform you we have now reached the recommended limit in both parts of the church.

Each seat in use has three white dots marked on it which are two metres apart. Members of the same household may sit closer together. A household means people living in the same house or apartment.

If you are the first person into a seat please move in to the inside, as otherwise those coming later will have to pass by you to get in.

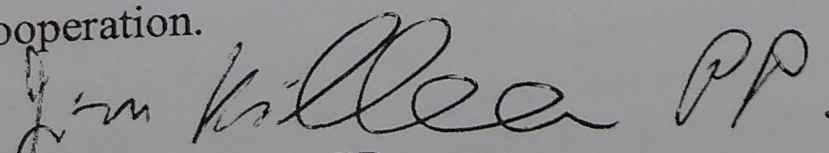
Communion will be distributed at the front for the front section and at the centre for the back section.

After Mass everyone will leave by the main doors.

The obligation to attend Mass is still suspended until further notice. If you can come to Mass on any day during the week, please do not come on Saturday evening or Sunday morning, as there are some people who can only come to those Masses.

Everybody in the church is asked to wear a face covering for the protection of those around them.

The above arrangements are being put in place to bring us into closer compliance with the public health guidelines and to make our church a safer place for everyone. We thank you for your cooperation.


Monsignor Jim Killeen, PP