

**Middleton Parish Newsletter (Covid Times)**

**15<sup>th</sup> November 2020, 33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

***World Day of the Poor: Today is World Day of the Poor. Pope Francis in his Apostolic Letter Misericordia et Misera marking the end of the Jubilee Year of Mercy, establishing this Day, said that it would serve as 'the worthiest way to prepare for the celebration of the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, who identified with the little ones And the poor and who will judge us on our works of mercy.***

**Clergy in the Parish:**

**Priests:** Rt. Rev. Msgr. Jim Killeen, P.P., V.G. 021-4631750  
V. Rev. John Ryan, P.E., C.C 086-2697503  
Rev. Mark Hehir, C.C. 021-4621670  
Rt. Rev. Msgr. Eamon Goold, P.E., 021-4633659  
**Deacon:** Rev. Edward Mulhare

**Priest on Duty: 087-246 8234 (For emergencies and also arranging wedding bookings)**

**Parish Office Hours: Monday to Thursday – ring between 10 and 11am. Any documentation (e.g. Baptismal certs) can be requested and anyone who wishes to get Mass Cards or Mass Bouquets can give the details and then documentation or cards can be collected on Friday at the office between 10.30 - 11.30am. Phone 021-4636508.**

**Parish website: [middletonparish.ie](http://middletonparish.ie) Parish e-mail: [middletonparishoffice@gmail.com](mailto:middletonparishoffice@gmail.com)**

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

**Weekdays: Monday to Saturday 10am; Wednesday and Friday 7.30pm (all the Masses are celebrated without congregation and televised).**

**Night Prayer every night at 8pm (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 5pm every evening.***

***'Prayers for our Dead' will be televised every Sunday evening at 5.15pm during November. Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> for those in St. Colman's Cemetery, Ballintotis; Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> for those in St. Joseph's and Ballyspillane Cemeteries; on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> for those in Churchtown and Ballinacurra Cemeteries.***

**Funerals –The following arrangements apply to funerals in the parish during Level 5: the priests cannot lead prayers in houses or funeral homes, the number attending the Funeral Mass is limited to 25 and the congregation cannot receive Holy Communion.**

**Weddings - the number able to attend a wedding is limited to 25 also.**

**Confessions: No Confessions during Level 5.**

**Feast days this week: - Sunday 15<sup>th</sup>, St. Albert the Great, bishop and doctor of the Church, Patron Saint of Scientists; Monday 16<sup>th</sup>, St Margaret of Scotland (1045-1093) helped the work of reform in the Church; St. Gertrude (1256-1302) a Benedictine nun. From the age of five she cultivated devotion to the Sacred Heart and advocated frequent Communion. Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup>, St. Elizabeth of Hungary (1207-1231), queen at fourteen, widowed and exiled at twenty, Franciscan tertiary until her death at twenty-four. A woman of prayer and service of the poor.**



Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> November is the Feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe (Christ the King). There will be exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from after the Noon Mass until 5pm on the day.

The Evening Mass (7.30pm) on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> will be offered for those who died within the last twelve months. Further details regarding that Mass next weekend.

Pope's Intentions for November: *Universal prayer intention: Artificial Intelligence.*  
*"We pray that the progress of robotics and artificial intelligence may always serve humankind."*

**Information for those who may find themselves or loved ones in need:**

If you are an older person and would like someone to talk to, particularly since Covid-19, consider phoning SeniorLine. We are Ireland's national confidential service for older people. We are open every day of the year from 10am-10pm. We are older people too, trained to listen and support. We would love to hear from you. Freefone 1800 80 45 91

The Samaritans 24/7 service on 116123.

The 24/7 service run by Pieta House on 1800247247

Childline on 1800 666 666 (for children under the age of 18).

The YourMentalHealth information line on 1800 111 888 is open 24/7. This is not a counselling service, but it has information on the available mental health supports and services and how to access them. Information is also available on yourmentalhealth.ie. As always, anyone in crisis can get immediate support through their GP or the Southdoc service (1850 335 999, southdoc.ie). Round-the-clock psychiatric care is available at Emergency Departments for those presenting in crisis.

The envelopes for the Holy Souls containing the sheet for the names of the deceased you wish to pray for are at the back of the church. They may be returned through the parish office or any of the priests' houses.

*From the National Vocations Director: "Well done, good and faithful servant..." How are you called to use your talents? Perhaps Christ is inviting you to use your talents in faithful service as a priest or consecrated religious? Speak to your local priest, or call your Diocesan Vocation's Director, or email the National Vocations Office on [info@vocations.ie](mailto:info@vocations.ie)*

"Bible Corner" – Since it was announced that Joe Biden had passed the 270 electoral college votes necessary to win the presidential election in the United States there have been a number of times when he has spoken in public about what his hope for the future is. One of the themes coming through his addresses to the people of the United States is that it is a time for healing. When he made that point, he referred to a passage in the Book of Ecclesiastes in the Old Testament, a passage we hear regularly at funerals. The full passage is Ecclesiastes 3:1-11. It begins with "There is a season for everything, a time for every occupation under heaven", and then goes through a list of 'times' with each having an opposite. Here are verses 2 to 4: "A time for giving birth, a time for dying; a time for planting, a time for uprooting what has been planted. A time for killing, a time for healing; a time for knocking down, a time for building. A time for tears, a time for laughter; a time for mourning, a time for dancing."