

Midleton Parish Newsletter (Covid Times)

22nd November 2020, Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
To mark the Feast of Christ the King, there will be exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
from after the Noon Mass this Sunday until 5pm.

Clergy in the Parish:

Priests: Rt. Rev. Msgr. Jim Killeen, P.P., V.G. 021-4631750
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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: midletonparish.ie Parish e-mail: midletonparishoffice@gmail.com

Mass Times:

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| 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 22nd for those in St. Joseph's and Ballyspillane Cemeteries; on Sunday 29th 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: Monday 23rd, St. Columban (Columbanus) was born c.543. He became a monk of Bangor and later principal teacher there. In 591, desiring to go on pilgrimage for Christ, he set out with twelve companions and came to Burgundy. He established three monasteries there and then moved to Bregenz, Austria, founding one there and one in Bobbio, near Genoa, where he died in 615. He is remembered as one of the greatest Irish missionary monks.

The patron saint of our diocese's feast day is on Tuesday 24th - St. Colman was born around 530. A bard by profession, it is reputed that he was influenced by St. Brendan and became a priest. His apostolate was to east Cork and his main foundation was at Cloyne.

Friday 27th, St. Fergal. Lived in France; moved to Bavaria where he founded a monastery. Appointed Bishop of Salzburg around 754 and died in 778. Had a reputation for learning and holiness.

During Covid times we have heard various comments and quotes. Here is one I heard recently:

"An abnormal reaction to an abnormal situation is normal behaviour"

Viktor Frankl

On Friday Evening, 27th November, the 7.30pm Mass will be celebrated for all those who died in the last twelve months. The names will be called out during Mass and an individual candle placed on a table in front of the altar by a member of the clergy. The last candle will be placed to represent people whom we know that died in other parishes during the year. Mass will be televised. May they rest in the peace of Jesus Christ.

Pope's Intentions for November: *Universal prayer intention: Artificial Intelligence.*

"We pray that the progress of robotics and artificial intelligence may always serve humankind."

On the 3rd October Pope Francis announced the publication of his third encyclical letter, "Fratelli tutti" (On Fraternity and Social Friendship). Inspired by St. Francis it is an exploration of the call to all in our world to live in harmony and love. He teases it out through eight chapters and 287 paragraphs. He ends it with two prayers – "A Prayer to the Creator" and "An Ecumenical Christian Prayer". Here is the first one:

A Prayer to the Creator

*Lord, Father of our human family,
you created all human beings equal in dignity:
pour forth into our hearts a fraternal spirit
and inspire in us a dream of renewed encounter,
dialogue, justice and peace.
Move us to create healthier societies
and a more dignified world,
a world without hunger, poverty, violence and war.*

*May our hearts be open
to all the peoples and nations of the earth.
May we recognize the goodness and beauty
that you have sown in each of us,
and thus forge bonds of unity, common projects,
and shared dreams. Amen.*

"Bible Corner" – During the last two weeks of the Church's year, the readings for the week day Masses were taken from the Book of the Apocalypse (or Revelation). The introduction to this book in the New Jerusalem Bible gives an idea of what 'apocalyptic' writing is: "the Greek title of this book is literally 'The Apocalypse of John' or 'The Revelation of John'. (The word apocalypse is merely a transliteration into English of the Greek word for Revelation.) the title phrase is shown in Rv 1:1 and 2 to mean 'The Revelation to John'. Any writing under the title 'Apocalypse' claims to include a revelation of hidden things, imparted by God, and particularly a revelation of events hidden in the future. It is not easy to draw an exact dividing line between prophecy and apocalypse, and the writers of apocalyptic are in some ways the successors of the prophets; but we can at least make the distinction that the Old Testament prophets characteristically received the message by 'hearing the word of God' and passed it on by word of mouth, whereas the author of a written apocalypse was given his revelation in a vision and passed it on in writing."