

Midleton Parish Newsletter (Covid Times)

8th November 2020, 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Clergy in the Parish:

Priests: Rt. Rev. Msgr. Jim Killeen, P.P., V.G. 021-4631750
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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.

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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)

'Prayers for our Dead' will be televised every Sunday evening at 5.15pm during November. Sunday 8th it will be offered for all buried in Most Holy Rosary Cemetery; Sunday 15th for those in St. Colman's Cemetery, Ballintotis; Sunday 22nd for those in St. Joseph's and Ballyspillane Cemeteries; on Sunday 29th for those in Churchtown and Ballinacurra Cemeteries.

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.

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 9th, Feast of the Basilica of St. John Lateran – the Pope's Cathedral and known as the Mother of all Churches. Tuesday 10th St Leo the Great, died in 461, taught the two natures, divine and human, of Christ; Wednesday 11th, St. Martin of Tours (died 397) Patron of France, soldiers, beggars and innkeepers.; Thursday 12th, St Josaphat, worked for the reunion of Ukrainian Catholics and was martyred in 1623; Saturday, 14th, St. Lawrence O'Toole, Entered Glendalough as a monk becoming abbot in 1148. In 1162 was chosen as the first native to be Archbishop of Dublin. Worked on reform within the Church and in 1180 while on a mission of mediation with Henry II and the Irish rulers he died in Eu, Normandy.

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

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

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.

Because of Covid-19, by special mandate of Pope Francis, the Apostolic Penitentiary released last Friday some changes to the normal practice for indulgences for Holy Souls.

Plenary Indulgence during the month of November – Due to the coronavirus pandemic and the need to avoid large groups from forming where prohibited, the Plenary Indulgence applicable to the deceased by those who visit a cemetery has been extended beyond the normal dates of 1st to 8th November. This year, the indulgence can be obtained by anyone who visits a cemetery on any day in November, and devoutly prays for the faithful departed.

Plenary Indulgence for the Feast of All Souls' Day – Regarding the Plenary Indulgence attached to All Souls' Day, November 2nd, this year, it can be obtained not only on the preceding or succeeding Sunday, or on the actual Feast-day, but on any other day of the month chosen by each member of the faithful. In this case the indulgence is obtained by devoutly visiting a church or an oratory, along with the recitation of the Our Father and the Creed, and the other requirements associated with a Plenary Indulgence.

The Housebound – For anyone who cannot leave their home for various reasons, they too can obtain the Plenary Indulgence by uniting themselves spiritually to other members of the faithful. It is recommended to pray before a cross, or a picture or statue of Jesus or Mary. In this case, the condition of being 'completely detached from sin' and the intention of completing the other requirements for obtaining a Plenary Indulgence remain. These conditions are Sacramental Confession, reception of Holy Communion and a prayer for the Holy Father's Intentions.

This year, because reception of Sacramental Confession and the Eucharist are not available during Level 5 here in Ireland, those conditions can be taken on intention to avail of the sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist at the earliest opportunity.

"Bible Corner" – Recently I recommended that if you were beginning to explore the Bible you should take one book from the Old, one from the New and one Psalm a day that you could use as a prayer. The suggestions for the two books were Ruth from the Old Testament and Mark's Gospel from the New. When you finish those don't be afraid to replace them with another book. When you finish Ruth pick another Old Testament book that you have heard of and try it. The same when you finish Mark's Gospel, choose another from the New Testament and see how it goes.

The Psalms are used for prayer by millions of people – they address all aspects of life and all emotions. They are of different lengths, written from different perspectives and tease out the bond between God and his people. We all have favourites and there are some that are heard regularly and others rarely. "The Lord is my Shepherd" (Psalm 23) is probably one of the most used. The opening line of Psalm 22 was quoted by Jesus on the Cross, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" We find it in Mark 15:34 and Matthew 27: 46.

The shortest of the psalms is Psalm 117. It is two verses long. In the Jerusalem Bible there is a title under the number of the Psalm – "Summons to praise" and the text of it is as follows:

Praise, Yahweh, all nations,
extol him all peoples,
for his faithful love is strong
and his constancy never-ending