

Midleton Parish Newsletter (Covid Times)

21st February 2021 –First Sunday of Lent

Clergy in the Parish:

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The Parish Office: Monday to Thursday – ring between 10.30 and 11.30am. Any documentation and Mass Cards or Mass Bouquets required can be ordered and then collected on Friday at the office between 10.30 - 11.30am. Phone 021-4636508.

Parish website: midletonparish.ie **Parish e-mail:** midletonparishoffice@gmail.com and to access the webcam for Masses log on to www.churchservices.tv and enter 'midleton' in the search box.

Mass times

Sunday, **Saturday Vigil** **6.10pm**
 Sunday Morning **8am, 10am and Noon**

Weekday Masses: Monday to Saturday 10am; Fridays during Lent also at 7.30pm

Night Prayer at 8pm every evening. All Masses and Night Prayer are televised and on the internet.

Opening time of Most Holy Rosary Church from Monday to Saturday is after 10am Mass, unless there is a Funeral Mass at 11am when it will remain closed until after the funeral Mass. On Sundays, it opens after the Noon Mass. Closing time every day is 5pm.

Anniversaries: Kathleen Keniry; Vera Foley; William Barton; Miah Crowley; Marie Crowley; Miriam O'Sullivan; Noreen Watts, Eily Barry.

Lenten Station Masses will be organized after the 5th March depending on Covid regulations at that time.

Clonmult Ambush 1921

Mass will be offered on Thursday 25th February at 10.00a.m. at the Church of the Most Holy Rosary Midleton to remember the volunteers from Midleton who died at the ambush and to remember all those who died during or as a result of the Ambush. Due to Covid19 restrictions the Mass will be available live on Saorview or online only.

On Wednesday 24th February the church bell will ring at 4pm to remember those who died as a result of the Ambush. It was rung at the same time 100 years ago to the day. Unfortunately, this year, due to the prevailing restrictions, it will not be possible to have the usual gathering of people at Mass followed by Prayers and Laying of the Wreath at the grave as is customary in Midleton. A wreath will be placed on the grave on behalf of the families and friends of those who died at or as a result of the Clonmult Ambush 1921.

Pope Francis' Intentions for the month of February: "*We pray for women who are victims of violence, that they may be protected by society and may have their sufferings considered and heeded.*"

Feast Days during the week: Chair of St. Peter, Monday 22nd; *An early feast related to an early Roman custom at this time of the year of remembering the ancestors of the family, those who presided over the family fortunes. The feast celebrates Peter as Bishop of Rome and the focus of unity in the communion of one faith.* St. Polycarp, Tuesday 23rd, was bishop of Smyrna (modern day Izmir) in Turkey. Born around the year 69, he was a disciple of St. John the Apostle. He was martyred in 155. Looking from the time Jesus began his public ministry, through the life of St. John and on to the death of Polycarp shows a clear connection over the space of 125 years!

Fratelli tutti: - Chapter 3 (nn. 87 to 127) "*Envisaging and Engendering an Open World*" Chapter Three of the encyclical begins with paragraph n.87. It is an introductory paragraph and from there the chapter is divided into six sub-sections:

- (i) nn.88 to 94 'Moving Beyond Ourselves';
- (ii) nn. 95 to 100 'A Love Ever More Open';
- (iii) nn.101 to 105 'Beyond a World of Associates';
- (iv) nn.105 to 111 'A Universal Love that Promotes Persons';
- (v) nn. 112 to 117 'Promoting the Moral Good';
- (vi) nn. 118 to 127, 'Re-envisaging the Social Role of Property

N.87, the introductory paragraph, reads as follows: "*Human beings are so made that they cannot live, develop and find fulfilment except 'in the sincere gift of self to others. (62) Nor can they fully know themselves apart from an encounter with other persons: 'I communicate effectively with myself only insofar as I communicate with others'. (63) No one can experience the true beauty of life without relating to others, without having real faces to love. This is part of the mystery of authentic human existence. 'Life exists where there is bonding, communion, fraternity; and life is stronger than death when it is built on true relationships and bonds of fidelity. On the contrary, there is no life when we claim to be self-sufficient and live as islands: in these attitudes, death prevails'. (64)*" The three footnotes, 62, 63, and 64 come from different sources. 62 is from a Vatican II document, the Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the Modern World (Gaudium et Spes) 24; 63 is a quote from an essay written in a French periodical in 1940 by the French philosopher, Gabriel Marcel and 64 is a quote from Pope Francis' Address at the Angelus in St. Peter's on 10th November 2019. These three references give us an idea of the depth of thought in writing a document like 'Fratelli tutti'. Next week we will look at the first three subsections of the chapter.

Bible Corner: This weekend's Gospel passage is Mark's version of the Temptation in the Desert' and what happens when it comes to an end. Mark keeps it brief in comparison to Matthew and Luke. We are told the Spirit drove him into the desert. He spent 40 days there. He was put to the test by Satan (no details of how he was tested), was with the wild animals and the angels looked after him. Next he tells us John the Baptist is arrested and after this Jesus goes into Galilee and proclaims the gospel from God – the time is fulfilled, and the Kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the gospel. All that information is in four verses of chapter 1.

Quote for the Week: "*There is no saint without a past, no sinner without a future*"
- St. Augustine