

**Midleton Parish Newsletter (Covid Times)**

**28<sup>th</sup> February 2021 – Second Sunday of Lent**

**Clergy in the Parish:**

**Priests:** Rt. Rev. Msgr. Jim Killeen, P.P., V.G. 021-4631750  
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**Priest on Duty: 087-246 8234 (For emergencies and also arranging wedding bookings)**

*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](http://midletonparish.ie) Parish e-mail: [midletonparishoffice@gmail.com](mailto:midletonparishoffice@gmail.com) and to access the webcam for Masses log on to [www.churchservices.tv](http://www.churchservices.tv) and enter 'midleton' in the search box.

**Mass times**

<b>Sunday,</b>	<b>Saturday Vigil</b>	<b>6.10pm</b>
	<b>Sunday Morning</b>	<b>8am, 10am and Noon</b>

**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: Fr. Michael Williams, Eileen Foley, Patrick & Irene O'Shea, Kieran Carroll, John O'Neill, Conor O'Brien, Teresa O'Brien, Daniel O'Brien, Jack Glavin, Noreen O'Brien.**

**Pope's Intention for March: Intention for evangelization – Sacrament of Reconciliation. Let us pray that we may experience the sacrament of reconciliation with renewed depth, to taste the intimate mercy of Christ.**

**Feast Days during the week: Monday, March 1<sup>st</sup>, St. David is the patron saint of Wales where he was an abbot and a bishop in the 6<sup>th</sup> century. He influenced monastic development in Ireland through his role as teacher to many Irish saints. He died in 601; Thursday 4<sup>th</sup>, St. Casimir (1458-1484) – the patron saint of Poland. He was a young prince who chose to live a life of prayer and penance. He strove to promote peace and unity in Western Europe.; Friday, March 5<sup>th</sup>, St. Kieran of Siagir was born in Cape Clear, Co. Cork. He went to the continent where he was baptised and ordained a priest and eventually a bishop. He returned to Ireland, to his father's territory, Ossory, where he settled as a hermit. Disciples soon joined him and Saigir became a very well-known monastery.**



Lenten Stations will be organised after March 5<sup>th</sup> depending on the Covid19 regulations in place at that time.

**Fratelli tutti:** -

Last week we read paragraph n.87, looking at it as the introductory paragraph for chapter 3. The first subsection of the chapter, "Moving Beyond Ourselves" (nn.88 to 94) and the second one, "A Love Ever More Open" (nn.95 to 100) explore the understanding of relationship and its importance in our lives. In these paragraphs we find a number of examples of both good and faulty expressions of love. For example, in n.92 the first sentence states: *'The spiritual stature of a person's life is measured by love, which in the end remains the criterion for the definitive decision about a human life's worth or lack thereof'*. Here, love is seen as the measuring stick of spiritual stature. In the next sentence Pope Francis gives an example of a negative approach of looking at spiritual stature where love seems absent: *'Yet some believers think that it consists in the imposition of their own ideologies upon every one else, or in a violent defence of the truth, or in impressive demonstrations of strength.'* They are attitudes we must all be wary of falling into. As Pope Francis puts it: *'All of us, as believers, need to recognize that love takes first place: love must never be put at risk, and the greatest danger lies in failing to love (cf. 1Corinthians 13:1-13) that primacy of love is looked at in the second sub-section "A Love Ever More Open"'*. In n.95 we read *'Love also impels us towards universal communion'* and *'By its very nature, love calls for growth in openness and the ability to accept others as part of a continuing adventure that makes every periphery converge in a greater sense of mutual belonging. As Jesus told us: "You are all brothers" (Matthew 23:8). As the Pope continues to develop this, he refers to particular groups in society that are often left out – in paragraphs 97 to 100 some of those left out are mentioned, victims of racism, people of disability and the elderly: 'Racism is a virus that quickly mutates and, instead of disappearing, goes into hiding, and lurks in waiting...Many persons with disabilities feel that they exist without belonging and without participating. Much still prevents them from being fully enfranchised...I think, too, of the elderly who, also due to their disability, are sometimes considered a burden. Yet each of them is able to offer a unique contribution to the common good through their remarkable life stories'. At the end of n.100 Pope Francis quotes himself from his address to young people in Tokyo in 2019: "The future is not monochrome; if we are courageous, we can contemplate it in all the variety and diversity of what each individual person has to offer. How much our human family needs to learn to live together in harmony and peace, without all of us having to be the same.!"'*

**Quote for the Week:** "When we accept what happens to us and make the best of it, we are praising God." St. Teresa of Avila

**Bible Corner:** In today's Gospel we read St. Mark's account of the Transfiguration. The apostles with him, Peter, James and John, see Jesus transfigured and Moses and Elijah are present with him. The apostles get a glimpse of Jesus' glory and also get to see the Lord together with the symbolic figures of Moses and Elijah; Moses representing the Law and Elijah the prophets. Jesus takes on our humanity to fulfil the Law and the Prophets and that is why both the Old and New Testament are important to us. The apostles also experience the voice of God, 'This is my Son the Beloved, Listen to him.'