

Midleton Parish Newsletter (Covid Times)

7<sup>th</sup> February 2021 – Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

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

Weekday Masses: Monday to Saturday 10am in line with Covid19 Level 5 restrictions. No 8am Mass during the week until further notice. No Congregations for daily and Sunday Masses until further notice. All Masses will be televised on Saorview and on the internet. The Church will be opened after the 10am Mass for private prayer and closed at 5pm.

Night Prayer at 8pm every evening.

Anniversaries: January and 1<sup>st</sup> week of February:

*Thomas McCarthy, Catherine Dennehy, John Joe Lynch, Con Healy, John L. Heaphy Snr, John L. Heaphy Jnr, Kit O'Keeffe, Kathleen McCarthy, Lar Spillane, Maurice & Bridget Sisk, Patrick Hallissey, Helena & Jerry Hennessy, Frances O'Connor, Bridie Horgan, Billy O'Mahony, Florence O'Mahony, Maura Hurley (nee O'Donnell), Dr. Julian Williams, Joseph O'Brien, Noel Day, Billy Ahern. John O'Farrell, Pat O'Connell, Tom and Mary Conroy*

Feast Days in the week ahead: Monday 8<sup>th</sup> February, International Day of Prayer and Awareness against Human Trafficking. Was first observed in 2015 by Pope Francis. This date, 8<sup>th</sup> February, is the feast of St. Josephine Bakhita who was born in Sudan in 1868 and was brought as a slave to Italy where she became a Christian and later entered the Institute of the Canassian Daughters of Charity in Venice. She died in 1947.

St. Jerome Emilian is also celebrated on the 8<sup>th</sup>. He died in 1537, After a military career he founded a religious order dedicated to the care of orphans and the poor. He is the patron saint of orphans.

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> is the Feast of St. Scholastica. She is the sister of St. Benedict and dedicated her life as a consecrated virgin. Patron saint of convulsive children.

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> is World Day of the Sick. It is the feast day of Our Lady of Lourdes and St. Gobnait.



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."*

Fratelli tutti: As we return to the encyclical we do so at the point where Pope Francis is introducing the Good Samaritan parable into the narrative of our daily lives. When Jesus taught the people he did a lot of it through parables and those parables are important for us as templates within our world to see how we should react to the world around us through the eyes of Jesus Christ. The people mentioned in the Good Samaritan are: the man on the road to Jericho; the thieves who rob him and leave him for dead; the levite and the priest, the two of them people attached to religion in a formal, institutional way; the innkeeper and the Samaritan man. Pope Francis deals with all aspects of the parable to outline what he wishes to discuss. Before we enter into detail within the encyclical maybe it would be a good idea for us to look at the parable in a very basic way for ourselves first. This is a parable that we have heard and read many times. It is one that we could take very much for granted. It might be no harm for us to look at the passage in its entirety again saying to ourselves that we will take our time reading it and refreshing ourselves with what it has to say. Let us try to look at it through the eyes of each of the characters. It is in Luke's Gospel 10: 29-37. To see it in its immediate context read verses 25 to 28 of that chapter as well.

As we re-explore the parable for ourselves let us also pray that we may find as we explore the encyclical ways of helping the Holy Father to put what he is asking into practice as best we can. /

"Bible Corner" – On the front of the Bulletin today is the heading *Suffering and the Book of Job*. Under it is a reflection on suffering based on the writer's encounter with someone called Job in Bangui the capital of the Central African Republic. He says that he was very much like the description of Job that we come across as the book progresses. The suffering endured by Job is immense and throughout the time of suffering he reflects in different ways on what has happened to him and why. He struggles with the big question "why is suffering inflicted on a just man?" However, at no point does he throw in the towel. There is suffering; there is a man who finds it hard to cope with it, a man who finds patience at times while trying to tease out why this is happening to him, there is the one who hopes, there is the man who in today's reading says 'Remember that my life is but a breath, and that my eyes will never again see joy' and the man who eventually recognises the importance of faith even though understanding of what is happening is not present. Through 42 chapters there is a deep exploration of the relationship between sin and suffering, our relationship with God and the hope that we are called to hold on to while patiently trusting God.

A few questions: (i) How many of the evangelists were also in the group of the 12 apostles.? (ii) Fill in the blank: Genesis, Exodus, \_\_\_\_\_, Numbers, Deuteronomy. (iii) Which books of the bible begin with 'In the beginning...' (iv) To whom did Mary say, 'Do whatever he tells you' (v) St. John the Baptist was killed by beheading, which saint associated with scripture got a choice between crucifixion and beheading by sword?  
(Answers next week)

Quote for the Week: *"Actions speak louder than words; let your words teach and your actions speak"* - St. Anthony of Padua