

Midleton Parish Newsletter
10th September 2023 - Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Clergy in the Parish:

Priests: Rt. Rev. Msgr. Jim Killeen, P.P., V.G. 021-4631750
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Parish Office: Monday to Thursday 10.30am to 1pm and Friday 10.30am to Noon
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to access the webcam for Masses, log on to the parish website.

Mass Times: Vigil Mass: 6.10pm; Sunday 8am, 10am and 12 Noon. Ballintotis 10.30am.
Weekday Masses: Monday to Friday 8am and 10am. Saturday 10am.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: 9am to 10pm Monday to Friday.

Confessions: Saturdays from Noon to 1pm.

Anniversaries: Raymond Topley, Mary Barry (nee Smiddy), Geraldine Clancy, Liam Finnerty, Maureen Farrer (nee Hayes), Dan & Nuala Linnane.

Feast Days: Tuesday 12th, *The Most Holy Name of Mary*; This feast was included in the Calendar in 1684 to celebrate the victory over the Turks at Vienna in 1683. Suppressed in the revision of 1969, it was restored as an optional memorial in 2002. *St. Ailbe*, the annals note his death in 528. A tradition held that he went to Rome and was ordained bishop by the pope. He founded the monastery of Emly which became very important in Munster. A ninth-century Rule bears his name.

Wednesday 13th, *St. John Chrysostom*, bishop and doctor of the Church, 347-407, one of the four great Greek Doctors, the 'Golden-mouthed' preacher, was Archbishop of Constantinople. He incurred much opposition and died in exile. Patron saint of preachers.

Thursday 14th, *The Exaltation of the Holy Cross*. The discovery of the True Cross is dated to 14th September 320. On September 13th, 335 the churches on Calvary were dedicated and the cross that St. Helena discovered was venerated there the next day. The annual commemoration of that event has been celebrated since, in praise of the redemption won for us by Christ.

Friday 15th, *Our Lady of Sorrows*. Mary, standing by the cross, 'suffered intensely with her only begotten Son and unite herself as his Mother to his sacrifice, consenting with love to the offering of the victim who was 'born of her', whom she also offered to the eternal Father.' (Marialis Cultus – Pope St. Paul VI's document on Mary)

Saturday 16th, *Ss. Cornelius and Cyprian*. St. Cornelius became Pope in 251 and died in exile at Civitavecchia in 253. Patron for cattle and domestic animals. St. Cyprian, 210-258, was bishop of Carthage, a teacher and preacher, he was martyred in 258.

Pope's Intentions for September: For people living on the margins – *We pray for those persons living on the margins of society, in inhumane life conditions; may they not be overlooked by institutions and never considered of lesser importance.*

St. Vincent de Paul: The local St. Vincent de Paul branch will be holding a collection at all the Masses in the parish on the weekend of the 16th and 17th September. Your contribution would be much appreciated.

"Walk the Cross" Munster is taking place on 14th, 15th and 16th of September 2023. A quarter of a cross shall be walked from each of the four provinces of Ireland to Clonmacnoise to be assembled there. Details in relation to the walks on the three days are on the notice at the back of the Church. Bus leaving Midleton at approx. 7.30am each day and returning to Midleton at approx. 9pm. More details: 087-2059022

The **Season of Creation** continues until the Feast of St. Francis on October 4th. The Church's role in promoting the protection of the environment and the care of Creation has been addressed by Pope Francis many times but his encyclical *Laudate Si* is considered to be one of the best documents published in relation to the topic. Here is paragraph 14 of *Laudate Si*: *I urgently appeal, then, for a new and dialogue about how we are shaping the future of our planet. We need a conversation which includes everyone, since the environmental challenge we are undergoing, and its human roots, concern and affect us all. The worldwide ecological movement has already made considerable progress and led to the establishment of numerous organisations committed to raising awareness if these challenges. Regrettably, many efforts to seek concrete solutions to the environmental crisis have proved ineffective, not only because of powerful opposition but also because of a more general lack of interest. Obstructionist attitudes, even on the part of believers, can range from denial of the problem to indifference, nonchalant resignation or blind confidence in technical solutions. We require a new and universal solidarity. As the bishops of Southern Africa have stated: 'Everyone's talents and involvement are needed to redress the damage caused by human abuse of God's creation, each according to his or her own culture, experience, involvements and talents.'*

The Totus Tuus Men for Christ Conference 2023 - a Catholic Conference for Men will be live & exclusive on Radio Maria Ireland, Saturday 16th September from 2pm. Speakers for this year's Conference are: Fr. Billy Swan, Fr. Chris Hayden, Anthony Crossey & Fr. John Harris OP.

The I.M.P. Choir has returned to sing at 12.00 Mass. They will resume their practice next Thursday, 14th September, at 6.00pm in Midleton G.A.A. Club Hall. New members welcome.

Quote for the Week: Usually the quote for the week is taken from a saint or a church document or something in relation to our faith. This week I am using a quote that I found used to lead into a chapter of a book that explores the effects of the digital world on our attention spans. It is:

"At Netflix, we are competing for our customers' time, so our competitors include Snapchat, YouTube, sleep, etc."

- Reed Hastings, CEO, Netflix