

Middleton Parish Newsletter
17th September 2023 - Twenty-Fourth 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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Mass Times: Vigil Mass: 6.10pm; Sunday 8am, 10am and 12 Noon. Ballintotis 10.30am.
Weekday Masses: Monday to Friday 8 and 10am; Saturday 10am.

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

Confessions: Saturdays from Noon to 1pm.

Anniversaries: Teresa Gaffney (nee Lehane), Tess O'Sullivan, Frances O'Mahony, Kathleen Ring-O'Donovan, Bill Rohan, Maurice (Moss) Cotter, Chrissie Berry.

Feast Days: Tuesday 19th, *St. Januarius*, was bishop of Benevento, Naples and is a martyr and saint of the Catholic Church and the Eastern Orthodox Church. While no contemporary sources of his life are preserved, later sources claim that he died during the Great Persecution which ended with the retirement of Emperor Diocletian in 305.

Wednesday 20th, *Ss. Andrew Kim Tae-gan*, priest, *Paul Chong Ha-Sang*, and *Companions*, martyrs. St. Andrew Kim was the first Korean priest and St. Paul Chong, a catechist and they along with 101 others were martyred during the persecution of the Church in Korea between 1839 and 1867.

Thursday 21st, *St. Matthew*, Apostle and Evangelist, the tax collector, may also be identified with Levi, son of Alphaeus, in Mark 2:14. He is said to have been a missionary in Persia and Ethiopia. Patron of accountants, book-keepers, tax-collectors, customs officers and security guards.

Saturday 23rd, *St Pius of Pietrelcina* (Padre Pio), priest, died on the 23rd September 1968. Capuchin friar, stigmatist, confessor and friend of all who suffer.

St. Vincent de Paul: are holding a collection after all Masses in the parish this weekend. In the light of the rising costs in virtually every aspect of life there is greater need for those who may be struggling at this time. Your contribution would be much appreciated.

“Breakthrough Cancer Research are the largest charitable funder of research on poor prognosis cancers in Ireland. We are looking for a supervisor for our bucket collection to be based in Market Green Shopping Centre on the 21st September between 10am and 2pm. If you can help, please contact Mary at 021 4226655 or email mary@breakcancer.ie.

From Mary Morrish, Community and Events, Breakthrough Cancer Research

The Season of Creation continues until the Feast of St. Francis on October 4th. This week we read paragraph 15 of *Laudate Si*: *"It is my hope that this Encyclical Letter, which is now added to the body of the Church's social teaching, can help us to acknowledge the appeal, immensity and urgency of the challenge we face. I will begin by briefly reviewing several aspects of the present ecological crisis, with the aim of drawing on the results of the best scientific research available today, letting them touch us deeply and provide a concrete foundation for the ethical and spiritual itinerary that follows. I will then consider some principles drawn from the Judaeo-Christian tradition which can render our commitment to the environment more coherent. I will then attempt to get to the roots of the present situation, so as to consider not only its symptoms but also its deepest causes. This will help to provide an approach to ecology which respects our unique place as human beings in this world and our relationship to our surroundings. In light of this reflection, I will advance some broader proposals for dialogue and action which would involve each of us as individuals, and also affect international policy. Finally, convinced as I am that change is impossible without motivation and a process of education, I will offer some inspired guidelines for human development to found in the treasure of Christian experience."*

Koinonia: The diocesan course on adult faith formation 'Koinonia' will begin on September 26th. It is in its second year and those who were involved last year will be finishing the course this year. Some places have opened up for various reasons and anyone who would like to begin the course this year can do so. For details contact Fr. Gerard Condon, Director, Office for Mission and Ministry, Ballygriffin, Kilavullen, County Cork. Telephone: 022-46578.

Presbyterorum Ordinis: Chapter Two, Section two of the document is entitled 'Priests' Relationships with Others'. There are three different groups referred to in this section. N.7 deals with the priest's relationship with his bishop, n.8 deals with his relationship with his fellow priests and n.9 with the laity, especially those in his care.

N.7 outlines the relationship that should exist between a bishop and his priests. It begins with the following:

"All priests, in union with bishops, so share in one and the same priesthood and ministry of Christ that the very unity of their consecration and mission requires their hierarchical communion with the order of bishops. At times in an excellent manner they manifest this communion in liturgical concelebration as joined with the bishop when they celebrate the Eucharistic Sacrifice."

Over the centuries the connection between the bishop and the priests of a diocese would certainly have been recognised and reflected upon but the phrase 'hierarchical communion' was a new way of describing the reality of the relationship. Its expression in liturgical concelebration of the Eucharistic Sacrifice can be seen in its highest expression at the Chrism Mass during Holy Week usually celebrated in the Diocese of Cloyne on Wednesday evening in the Cathedral in Cobh. The holy oils are also blessed and consecrated during that Mass.

Quote for the Week: *"Pray that God will console you when you feel the burden of the Cross, for in doing so you are in no way acting against the will of God, but you are placing yourself beside the Son of God who asked His Father during the Agony in the Garden to send Him some relief. But if he is not willing to give it be ready to pronounce the same 'Fiat', 'So be it,' that Jesus did."*

- Padre Pio