

Midleton Parish Newsletter

1st October 2023 - Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Day for Life)

Clergy in the Parish:

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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: Bobby Daly, David Molloy

Feast Days: Monday, 2nd October, *The Guardian Angels*.

Wednesday, 4th October, *St. Francis of Assisi*, 1181-1226, abandoned all things for the love of Christ, founded the Friars Minor, and with St. Clare, the Poor Clares. For the last two years of his life he suffered the stigmata. Patron saint of ecologists.

Thursday, 5th October, *St. Faustina Kowalska*, born in Lodz in Poland in 1905, died in Krakow in 1938, her short life spent as a sister of Our Lady of Mercy. She inspired the movement dedicated to proclaiming and imploring Divine Mercy throughout the world.

Friday, 6th October, *St. Bruno*, born Cologne 1032. He became a professor of theology in Rheims University and later its head. But his desire was to found a monastery where poverty, manual work, silence and worship would be the basics. He founded the Carthusians at La Grande Chartreuse, where he died in 1101.

Saturday, 7th October, *Our Lady of the Rosary*, Patron of our Church here in Midleton. "Today's celebration urges all to meditate on the mysteries of Christ, following the example of the Blessed Virgin Mary who was in a special manner associated with the incarnation, passion and glorious resurrection of the Son of God." (Divine Office)

Pope's Intentions for October: For the Synod: "*We pray for the Church, that she may adopt listening and dialogue as a lifestyle at every level, and allow herself to be guided by the Holy Spirit towards the peripheries of the world.*" The Synod begins in Rome this Wednesday the 4th October. Let us pray that all involved will be open to the Spirit of God as they enter into dialogue.

The Saint Vincent de Paul Collection, taken up recently amounted to €3,743.00, for which we are very grateful.

Autumn Stations: The Autumn Town Stations begin on Monday, October 2nd: Bailick: Road, Avenue, Court; Cherrywood Ridge, Heights; The Granary, Wood Quay, Charleston Wharf. Riverside: Park, Estate; Rosary Place; Fr. Murphy Place and Church View. The Rock: Youghal Road, Rockgrove; Beechwood: Court, Drive; Oakwood Lodge, Park South, The Oaks; St. Mary's: Road, Terrace, Convent View, Castleredmond Court, Ashwood, Crescent and Ashbrook; Roxboro Close, Mews.

Tuesday, October 3rd: Main Street East: Distillery Walk, Corabbey Court, Connolly Street, Dickenson's Place, School Land, Drury's Avenue. Drury's Lane, McDermott Street, College View, O'Brien's Tce., Dungourney Road, Clonmult Tce., The Park, Lauriston Mews, Oliver Plunkett Place, Midleton Hospital, Suncourt Estate, Bromley Court. Main Street West: Broderick Street, Coolbawn: Mews, Court, Church Lane, Riverside Way, Thomas Street, The Crescent, New Cork Road, Old Cork Road, Woodlands, Dwyer Road and Chestnut Drive.

Wednesday, October 4th: Castleredmond – Main Road, Lakeview Road, The Cotswolds, Ballinacurra Road, The Dark Road, Ard na Greine ; Oak Park, Orchard Avenue, The Courtyard, The Paddock, Castleredmond Estate; Towns Park, Rocky Road, Midleton Downs, Manor Lane Court, Hawthorn Drive.

Thursday, October 5th : Mill Road: Lower, Middle, Upper, north of the Railway Line, The Courtyard (Mill House), Mill Race, Millenium Court, The Crescent, Millbrook: Avenue, Close, Drive, Court and Lawn; Elsinore: Heights and Rise. Park Street: Park Street, Lourdesville, Mannix Place, Roche's Terrace, Michael Collins' Square, Tom Clarke's Terrace, Tim Daly's Terrace, Show: Field and Park; McSweeney's Terrace, and Elm Grove. Avoncore: Estate, Cottages, Place and Park; Forest Hill, Brookdale, Ard na Corann, Broomfield: Ridge, Court and West. Broomfield Village. Knockgriffin and Whitegate: Cork Road North, Dermot Hurley Terrace, Joseph Ahern Terrace, Kennel Road, Willowbank: Court and Crescent.

Friday October 6th: Ballinacurra: Fr. Murphy Terrace, Main Street, Mill View, Cora Chuain, The Crescent, Hillside Court, Beechwood Close, Maple Woods, Hyde Park, Rosehill: West and East, Roselawn, Church Road, Dawn View, Quay Road, The Kiln, South Quay, The Maltings, Upper Road, Lower Road, Geragh Road, Kearney's Cross, Cloyne Road.

The Rural Stations begin on Monday 9th October. The Station on the Tuesday of that week is on in Ballintotis Church and will also be the Mass in Thanksgiving for the Harvest. All the rural station areas will be published in full next weekend. Envelopes for the stations can be found at the back of both Churches.

Last week I referred to the three promises made by priests. I named two. The third is to pray the Prayer of the Church (The Divine Office) every day.

The Season of Creation continues until Wednesday, the Feast of St. Francis. It is apt that the Season of Creation finishes on the feast day of St. Francis. He had a love for and an understanding of animals that few could match. His overview of all of creation from the tiniest of creatures to 'Brother Sun', 'Sister Moon' and all the stars in the heavens was before his time and a great inspiration for us to recognise the importance of God's creation in its entirety.

Quote for the Week: "Start by doing what's necessary; then do what's possible; and suddenly you are doing the impossible." - St. Francis of Assisi