

Midleton Parish Newsletter  
3<sup>rd</sup> September 2023 - Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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 8am and 10am. Saturday 10am.

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

Confessions: Saturdays from Noon to 1pm.

Anniversaries: Teresa Horgan, Donal O'Mahony, Geraldine Clancy, Eileen O'Brien, Jane O'Brien.

Pilgrimage to Knock – Padre Pio Group: The St. Pio National Pilgrimage at Knock takes place on the weekend of Saturday/Sunday 16<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup> September. A bus from Midleton is going on September 16<sup>th</sup> staying overnight at St. Mary's. For details contact Mamie Garde @ 087-6328113 or Mary O'Farrell, 2 Main Street.

Pilgrimage to Knock – Legion of Mary: The Legion of Mary pilgrimage to Knock will take place on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> September. Bus leaves Midleton Park Hotel at 6.45am and pick up in Carrigtwohill Main Street is at 7am. Contact Mary 087-1279323 or Terrence 086-3895100. Cost of the bus is 25 euro. All welcome.

Feast Days: Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> September, *St Mac Nissi*. Oengus Mac Nissi took his name from his mother Cnes or Ness. It is claimed that Patrick baptised him and taught him the psalms. He chose the district of Connor for his hermitage, but later became bishop of his clan. He died early in the sixth century.

Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> September, *The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary*, who brought the dawn of hope and salvation to the world. She is the true Ark of the Covenant, the temple of God, because her body received the one Mediator.

Saturday, 9<sup>th</sup> September, *St. Ciaran*, abbot, was born in Roscommon around 512. He came to Clonmacnois in January 545 where he founded a monastery which became one of the most renowned in Europe. He died at the age of thirty-three while it was still being built.

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.*



The *World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation*, celebrated last Friday was the beginning of the Season of Creation and the season finishes on the Feast of St. Francis on October 4<sup>th</sup>. 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 13 of *Laudate Si*:

*The urgent challenge to protect our common home includes a concern to bring the whole human family together to seek a sustainable and integral development, for we know that things can change. The Creator does not abandon us; he never forsakes his loving plan or repents of having created us. Humanity still has the ability to work together in building our common home. Here I want to recognise, encourage and thank all those striving in countless ways to guarantee the protection of the home which we share. Particular appreciation is owed to those who tirelessly seek to resolve the tragic effects of environmental degradation on the lives of the world's poorest. Young people demand change. They wonder how anyone can claim to be building a better future without thinking of the environmental crisis and the sufferings of the excluded.*

The world is our common home – everything that happens on this planet makes a difference in some way or other to the reality that is lived by people in this, our world, our home. The world's poorest quite often are suffering due to the effects on climate change that have been caused by people not living in their countries. Decisions made by people in one part of the world can do considerable damage to the lives of people in another part of the world. Decisions made in relation to the natural world for economic purposes can cause the extinction of whole ecosystems and to the malnutrition of millions of people. Many animals are drawing closer to extinction. Market demands too often lead the way.

#### Holy Communion for the First Time 2024

The following are the dates and times for the Ceremonies for receiving Holy Communion for the First Time in 2024:

May 4<sup>th</sup>, 10am, Educate Together and St. John the Baptist

May 11<sup>th</sup>, 10am, Scoil Bhride

May 18<sup>th</sup>, 10am, CBS

May 25<sup>th</sup>, 11am, Gaelscoil

The ceremony for the Gaelscoil is at 11am because it is celebrated in Irish and the others are at 10am the usual time of the Mass in Holy Rosary on a Saturday morning.

The date for the ceremony in St. Colman's Church, Ballintotis, will be printed when it has been decided.

Sacrament of Confirmation: At this moment in time there is no date for the celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation. This date comes from the bishop and as yet has not been decided. Thus, there is no point in ringing or emailing the parish office in relation to the ceremony, or asking any of the priests. As soon as the date is known it will be printed on the newsletter and announced at all Masses on that particular Sunday.

Quote for the Week: "Necessity demands that one should carefully examine who it is that comes to the position of spiritual authority; and coming solemnly to this point, how he should live; and living well, how he should teach; and teaching rightly, with what kind of self-examination he should learn of his own weakness"

Pope St. Gregory the Great