

Midleton Parish Newsletter
15th October 2023 - Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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.

Closing Time for the Church: From this Monday 16th through to Friday 27th the Church will be closed from 6pm.

Anniversaries: Billy Butler, John Daly (Snr), Donie Casey, Patsy Taft

Autumn Stations: The priests of the parish wish to thank all who have contributed to the Autumn Stations. Also, we thank you for your prayers, your witness through faith and your help in any way in the parish. God bless you and all who are dear to you.

Munster Youth 2000: The autumn Munster Youth 2000 retreat takes place in Midleton CBS Secondary School from Friday evening 20th - Sunday 22nd October. Everyone aged 16 - 35 is most welcome to attend for all or part of the weekend. Bishop Crean will be celebrating Holy Mass at the retreat on Saturday 21st. See www.youth2000.ie for more info.

Next Sunday, the 22nd, is **Mission Sunday**. The National Director of 'Missio Ireland', part of the Global Network of Pontifical Mission Societies wrote to all parishes and in it he asks us to pray for missionaries living in difficult situations. He highlighted the following: "Fr. Charles Onomhoale, a Nigerian of the Archdiocese of Benin City, was shot dead on the 7th June 2023, only ten months after his ordination. In 2022, 18 missionaries were killed worldwide: 12 priests, 1 religious brother, 3 sisters, 1 seminarian and 1 lay person." These murders are the ultimate sacrifice for the faith and every mission that faces persecution of any kind can experience different types of violence with losing one's life as one of the possibilities. He also included envelopes if you wish to contribute to the mission work being done around the world at this time.

Feast Days: Monday 16th, *St. Margaret Mary Alacoque*, 1647-1690, visionary and ascetic, revived devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, and was exemplary in her patience and trust. *St. Gall*, was a monk of Bangor and set out with Columbanus for the continent. When Columbanus was exiled from France, Gall accompanied him to Bregenz on Lake Constance. When Columbanus crossed into Italy, Gall remained in Switzerland. He lived in a hermitage, which later became the monastery of St. Gallen. He died around 630.

Tuesday 17th, *St. Ignatius of Antioch*, bishop and martyr, died a martyr in Rome about 107. He urged Christians to unity in and through the Eucharist and around their local bishop.

Wednesday 18th, *St. Luke*, Evangelist, was a physician from a Gentile Christian milieu. He was with St. Paul on his second missionary journey and during his imprisonment in Rome. After Paul's death he is reputed to have worked in Greece. In art, He is represented by an ox. Patron of butchers, bookbinders, doctors, surgeons, artists and glassworkers.

Thursday 19th, *Ss. John de Brebeuf, Isaac Jagues and Companions*. Ss. John and Isaac and their six Jesuit companions, were slain by Huron and Iroquois Indians between 1646 and 1649. *St. Paul of the Cross*, 1694-1775, founded the Passionists in Rome, preaching on the Passion of Christ and tending the sick, the dying and the lapsed.

From the Opening Address of Pope Francis to the Synod on Wednesday 4th October (what he directed towards the journalists):

I want to say that in this Synod – also to make room for the Holy Spirit – the priority should be to listen. This is the priority. We have to give a message to the press, to the journalists, who do very fine, very good work. We have to provide a communication that reflects this life in the Holy Spirit. This requires an asceticism – pardon me for speaking this way to the journalists – a certain fasting from public speech in order to ensure this. Let whatever is published be in this vein. Some will say – and are saying – that the bishops are afraid and that is why they don't want the journalists talking. No. The work of journalists is very important. But we have to help them so that they can also speak of this journeying in the Spirit. More than speaking, the priority is that of listening. I ask journalists to please make this known to people, that they realize that the priority is to listen. During the Synod on the Family, public opinion, the fruit of our worldliness, [thought] that communion was going to be given to the divorced, and in that spirit we began the Synod. When we had the Synod for the Amazon, public opinion, pressure, [thought] that 'viri probati' were going to be [ordained], and we went in under that pressure. Now there is speculation about this Synod: "What are they going to do?", "Maybe ordain women..." I don't know, those are things they are saying out there. And it is often said that the bishops are afraid to talk about what is going on. For this reason, I ask you, members of the press, to do your work well, fairly, so that the Church and people of good will – other people will say what they will – can understand that also in the Church, listening has priority. Communicate this: it is so important.

Best of luck to Midleton Senior Hurlers in the County Final today.

Quote for the Week: *"Let no man's place, or dignity, or riches, puff him up; and let no man's low condition or poverty abase him. For the chief points are faith towards God, hope towards Christ, the enjoyment of those good things for which we look, and love towards God and our neighbour."* - St. Ignatius of Antioch