

Midleton Parish Newsletter
29th October 2023 - Thirtieth 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: This week will be open from Tuesday to Thursday 10.30am to 1pm and Friday 10.30am to Noon. Phone Number 021-4636508.

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Mass Times: Vigil Mass: 6.10pm; Sunday 8am, 10am and 12 Noon. Ballintotis 10.30am. Weekday Masses for this week: Monday 30th October is a Bank Holiday; the only Mass on Monday is the 10am. Tuesday 31st, 8am and 10am; Wednesday, 1st November, Feast of All Saints (Holy Day), 10am, Noon and 7.30pm; Thursday, 2nd November, All Souls Day, 8am, 10am and 7.30pm; Friday, 3rd November, First Friday, 8am, 10am and 7.30pm; Saturday 4th November 10am.

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

Confessions: Saturdays from Noon to 1pm.

Anniversaries: Dr. Michael Thompson, Patrick O'Brien, Ida O'Mahony, John Ryan, Dan Murphy, William Higgins, Jim & Ann Deane, Eleanor Horgan, Patrick Ahern, Mary Sheehan, Jason Foley, Sheila Cotter.

Public Meeting

A public meeting will take place on Sunday 29th October 2023 in the Midleton Park Hotel @ 4pm for all affected by the recent floods in East Cork with a view to forming an action group to ensure the pressure is kept up for proper support and solutions going forward.

Closing Time of the Church: Unless there is an evening Mass, the closing time for the winter will be 5pm.

The Pope's Intentions for November 2023: *For the Pope.* We pray for the Holy Father; as he fulfils his mission, may he continue to accompany the flock entrusted to him, with the help of the Holy Spirit.

Presbyterorum Ordinis: *Chapter II, Section Two is entitled "Priests Relationships with Others".*

There are three paragraphs in this section and the first one deals with the relationship between the bishop and the priests.

In relation to vocations, there are prayers cards at the back of the Churches and in the Adoration Chapel as well for vocations to priesthood. Please feel free to take one.

Feast Days: Tuesday, 31st October, *Blessed Dominic Collins*, martyr, was born around 1566 in the city of Youghal, Co. Cork. In 1598, after a military career, he entered the Society of Jesus as a brother. He returned to Ireland in 1601, but on 17 June 1602 he was captured by the English who tried in vain to make him abjure his faith. Condemned to death, he was hanged in his native city on 31 October 1602.

Wednesday, 1st November, *All Saints*, "The ultimate object of veneration of the saints is the glory of God and the sanctification of man by conforming one's life fully to the divine will and by imitating the virtue of those who were pre-eminent disciples of the Lord. Catechesis and other forms of doctrinal instruction should therefore make known to the faithful that our relationship with the Saints must be seen in the light of the faith and should not obscure the adoration, due to God the Father through Christ in the Holy Spirit. But intensify it' (Directory on Popular Piety and the Liturgy, 212)."

Thursday 2nd November, *All Souls*, "Indeed, the Church in its pilgrim members, from the very earliest days of the Christian religion, has honoured with great respect the memory of the dead; and 'because it is a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead that they may be loosed from their sins' (2 Mac 12: 46), she offers her suffrages for them. these consist, primarily, in the celebration of the holy sacrifice of the Eucharist, and in other pious exercises, such as prayers for the dead, alms deeds, works of mercy, and the application of indulgences to the souls of the faithful departed." (Directory of Popular Piety and the Liturgy, 251)

Friday, 3rd November, *St. Malachy*, bishop, was born near Armagh in 1094. He was vicar to Ceallach, the reforming Bishop of Armagh, and he continued this work of reform as Bishop of Connor and, later, Bishop of Armagh. Earlier he had restored the monastery at Bangor and in 1142 founded the monastery of Mellifont, the first Cistercian house in Ireland. He had visited St. Bernard at Clairvaux on a journey to and from Rome in 1139. He also introduced the Canons Regular into Ireland. In 1148 Malachy set out from Ireland to meet the Pope but died on his way at Clairvaux, where he caught fever and died in the arms of Bernard and is buried in the abbey church.

Saturday, November 4th, *St. Charles Borromeo*, 1538-84, ordained priest and bishop in 1563 and resident Archbishop of Milan in 1563. He drafted the Catechism of the Council of Trent, having been prominent in the final sessions of that Council. Patron saint of catechists and seminarians.

Post-Synod

The Synod Gathering in Rome finishes today, Sunday 29th. Within the next few months information related to the Synod and its discussions will come through to us and quite possibly from different sources. As all involved in the Synod and as all the journalists following the Synod were advised, be very careful when it comes to discussions in relation to what has, is and will be discussed or taken on board. There is a long way to go yet in any deliberations. The topics up for discussion between now and next October will be looked at on diocesan level and then brought to parish level. Looking at the idea of 'synodality' one of the basic examples of it is the Pastoral Council. It is comprised of a group of parishioners and the clergy of the parish united in looking at the pastoral needs of the parish and how, as a parish, we might be able to improve how the faith is shared and expressed in the world around us.

Quote for the Week: "*We must keep ourselves in the presence of God as much as possible and have no other view or end, in all our actions, but the divine honour.*"

- St. Charles Borromeo