

**Midleton Parish Newsletter**  
**8<sup>th</sup> October 2023 - Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Clergy in the Parish:**

**Priests:** Rt. Rev. Msgr. Jim Killeen, P.P., V.G. 021-4631750  
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**Deacon:** Rev. Edward Mulhare.

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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:** Fr. Michael Campbell, Gerry O'Dwyer, Donie Casey, Brian Kennedy, Margaret McCarthy, Denis O'Riordan.

**Autumn Stations:** The Rural Stations begin on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October: (Please note the change in location for the Station Mass for some areas.)

Monday, 9<sup>th</sup> October - Elfordstown, Gurtacrue, Broomfield, Killeagh, Ballyspillane, Killeendooling, Milltown and Bilberry. Inegrega, Carrigagour, Knockgorm, Coppingerstown and Geragh. In Holy Rosary @ 7.30pm.

Tuesday, 10<sup>th</sup> October - Kilbree, Killorga, Gurteenina, Attaquin, Ballintotis, Ballybutler, Ballyedekin, Farrentrenchard, Bawnard, Loughatalia, Carrigshane and Cahermone. Dromada, Gurtstoke, Glenagare, Meelshane, Dromsarane, Caheralton, Curragrine, Loughadarra, Stumphill, Castlevew, Churchtown, Whiterock, Dunsfort, Kilmountain Upper and Lower, Ballinascatha, will be celebrated in St. Colman's Church, Ballintotis @ 7.30pm. The theme for the Mass on this night will be 'Thanksgiving for the Harvest.'

Envelopes for the stations can be found at the back of both Churches.

**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."*

**Munster Youth 2000:** The autumn Munster Youth 2000 retreat takes place in Midleton CBS Secondary School from Friday evening 20<sup>th</sup> - Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 21<sup>st</sup>. See [www.youth2000.ie](http://www.youth2000.ie) for more info.



St. Joseph's Young Priests' Society monthly meeting will take place at the Parish Office, St. Mary's Road, on Wednesday next 11<sup>th</sup> October, after 10.00am Mass.

Feast Days: Monday, 9<sup>th</sup> October, *St. John Henry Newman*, was beatified by Pope Benedict on September 19<sup>th</sup> 2010, in a ceremony in Birmingham, England and he was canonised on 13<sup>th</sup> October 2019. The memorial is on the 9<sup>th</sup> October, the anniversary of his reception into the Catholic Church in 1845. The Church in Ireland is deeply aware of his gentle scholarship, deep human wisdom and profound love for the Lord. It also recalls his connections with Ireland. Though his project on the establishment of the Catholic University of Ireland didn't quite materialise the way he would have hoped, his reflection on education was written in part when he lived in Dublin and has remained a vital contribution to an understanding of Christian education. Invited to Ireland in 1850, he became Rector of the Catholic University of Ireland in 1854 until his resignation in 1858. The Catholic University of Ireland became what we know as UCD.

Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> October, *Pope St. John XXIII*, born in Soto il Monte, diocese of Bergamo, 1881, taught in seminary, worked as a military chaplain in World War I, apostolic delegate in Bulgaria, later in Turkey and Greece, nuncio in Paris, became patriarch of Venice in 1953. He was elected Pope on 28<sup>th</sup> October 1958. Called the Second Vatican Council, which began on 11<sup>th</sup> October 1962 and he died on the 3<sup>rd</sup> June 1963.

Saturday, 14<sup>th</sup> October, *St. Callistus I*, after a life of slavery and imprisonment for criminal offences, was freed and became a deacon. He was put in charge of catacombs that bear his name. He became Pope in 217, and died at the hands of a mob in 222.

From the Opening Address of Pope Francis to the Synod on Wednesday: (Some of the major points that he makes)

*"I like to remember that it was Saint Paul VI who said that the Church in the West had lost the idea of synodality, and for this reason created the Secretariat for the Synod of Bishops, which has held many meetings, many Synods on various themes... But the expression of synodality is not yet mature..."*

*It is not easy, but it is good, it is very good. A Synod that all the bishops of the world wanted. In the survey that was carried out after the Synod for Amazonia, among all the world's bishops, the second preference was this: synodality. In first place came priests, and in the third, I think a social question. But [this was] in second place. All the bishops in the world saw the need to reflect on synodality. Why? Because they had all understood that the fruit was ripe for something of this nature... And with this spirit we start working today. And I like to say that the Synod is not a parliament, it is something else; that the Synod is not a meeting of friends to resolve some issues of the moment or to give opinions, it is something else. Do not forget, brothers and sisters, that we are not the protagonists of the Synod: it is the Holy Spirit. And if the Spirit who guides us is in our midst, it will be a good Synod. If among us there are other ways of going forward, for human, personal, or ideological interests, it will not be a Synod, it will be a more parliamentary meeting, which is another thing. A Synod is a journey the Holy Spirit makes... I repeat: it is not a parliament; it is not a pastoral meeting for the Church. This is a syn-odos: walking together is the programme. We have done many things, as His Eminence said: consultation, all of this, with the People of God. But it is the Holy Spirit who takes this in hand, who guides it. If He is not there, this will not yield a good result."*

He addresses journalists as well and we will look at what he says to them next week.

Quote for the Week: "Some people are so poor that all they have is money"

- Bob Marley