

Midleton Parish Newsletter
12th November 2023 - Thirty-Second 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: Open from Monday to Thursday 10.30am to 1pm and Friday 10.30am to Noon. Phone Number 021-4636508.

Parish website: midletonparish.ie **Parish e-mail:** midletonparishoffice@gmail.com and to access the webcam for Masses, log on to the parish website.

Mass Times: Vigil Mass: 6.10pm; Sunday 8am, 10am and 12 Noon. Ballintotis 10.30am. Weekday Masses this week: 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: Denis & Donie Flynn, Patrick Ahern, Agnes McDonough John Barry, Mary Condon, Michael & Breeda McCarthy, Brian & Dermot Sheedy, J.J. McGrath, Elizabeth (Liz) Fleming.

Closing Time of the Church: Closing time for the winter will be 5pm unless there is an evening liturgy scheduled for after that time.

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.

Cemetery Prayers during the month of November: the Cemetery Prayers continue during this month. The dates and times are as follows:

Sunday 12th November, Churchtown North 2.30pm; Ballinacurra 3.15pm;
Sunday 19th November, St Joseph's Cemetery 2.30pm; Ballyspillane, 2.50pm
Sunday 26th November, Ballyoughtera, 3pm

Annual Mass for the Deceased: Every year we celebrate Mass on the last Friday of the year for those who have died in the previous twelve months. This year that Mass will be celebrated on Friday 24th November, beginning @ 7.30pm.

Throughout the month of November, we pray for the Holy Souls and offer Masses for those whose names have been placed in the basket on the sanctuary in Holy Rosary.

A collection will be taking place outside the Church for the Pro-Life Trust after all Masses in Midleton and Ballintotis on this weekend the 11th and 12th of November.

New Parish Collection System

Last week I mentioned that we would be introducing the Tax Rebate system to boost our collections amount in the new year. The most common way this is done is by way of the weekly envelope system. The system works as follows:

You are asked to take a box of envelopes all of which have the same number, for example number 102. There are two envelopes for each Sunday, corresponding to the two collections we have already. The first is for the running expenses of the parish, and the second for the development fund, which will go mainly to specific projects such as running our new parish centre, new lighting and alarm system in the church as well as providing various courses for people. On certain Sundays the second collection will go to Diocesan special collections.

You will be asked to fill in your name and address in the first envelope and your envelope number will be recorded against that name and address and kept confidential.

Each week your envelope will be opened by a team of counters and the amount will be recorded against the number, such as 102 as mentioned above. The counters will not know who each number belongs to.

At the end of the year, if your total amounts to €250 or over, the parish will send you a form to sign, in which you must include your PPS number, and we can then claim back the tax at no cost to you. This information will be kept confidential to a small number of people.

You can also pay by standing order every so often, or by cheque once a year, but we must have a record of who you are to claim back the tax.

Last year, 29 parishes in the Diocese of Cloyne used the tax rebate system. The total refunded to them was €709,000!

Please do sign up for this system next year, it will be great help to the parish at no cost to you.

Feast Days: Tuesday, 14th November, *St. Laurence O'Toole*, born in 1128, he studied at Glendalough, becoming a monk there and later its abbot in 1148. In 1162 he was chosen as the first native Archbishop of Dublin. He followed the reforming methods of St. Malachy. He attended the Third Lateran Council in 1179, and returning as Papal Legate, he held synods to extend reform. He worked for peace and reconciliation and died on a mission of mediation with King Henry II and the Irish rulers at Eu in Normandy in 1180. Wednesday, 15th November, *St. Albert the Great*, bishop and doctor of the Church. Was born c.1206 and died in 1280. the Dominican theologian, who taught in Cologne, was called the 'Universal Doctor' for the vast range of his interests. Patron saint of scientists. Friday, 17th November, *St. Elizabeth of Hungary*, 1207-1231, queen at fourteen, widowed and exiled at twenty, she was a Franciscan tertiary until her death at the age of twenty-four. A woman dedicated to prayer and service of the poor.

Saturday, 18th November, *The Dedication of the Basilicas of Ss. Peter and Paul*. The dedication of the churches of St. Peter and St. Paul has been observed on this date since the 12th century. The present basilica of St. Peter was consecrated in 1626 and St. Paul's Outside-the Walls in 1854.

Quote for the Week: "*Natural science does not consist in ratifying what others have said, but in seeking the causes of phenomena.*"

- St. Albert the Great