

**Midleton Parish Newsletter**  
**19<sup>th</sup> November 2023 - Thirty-Third 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.

**Priest on Duty:** 087-246 8234 (For emergencies and also arranging wedding bookings)

**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](http://midletonparish.ie) **Parish e-mail:** [midletonparishoffice@gmail.com](mailto: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:** Donal O'Riordan, Niall McCarthy, Hugo O'Callaghan, Nora Cashman, Margaret O'Regan, Eileen Fitzgerald, Tim & Eileen O'Shea, Hannah & Moss Murphy, Phil Jordan, Denis Bennett, Patrick Collins, The Collins Family, Morgan O'Sullivan, Dominic Keniry

**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 19<sup>th</sup> November, St Joseph's Cemetery 2.30pm; Ballyspillane, 2.50pm

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November, Ballyoughtera, 3pm

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

**The Annual St Vincent De Paul Collection** will be held next weekend at all Masses.

**Pro-Life Trust:** A sincere word of thanks to all who supported the week end collection in aid of Pro-Life Trust.



**Lectio Divina:** Lectio Divina, which translates from the Latin to mean 'Divine Reading', is an ancient form of prayer in the Church which involves reading, listening to, responding to and resting in the Word of God. It has its origins from the early monastic communities and is still very relevant and very much encouraged today as a way of communicating with God through the Scriptures. Vatican II's Dogmatic Constitution on Divine Revelation (Dei Verbum) encourages us to continue renewing the Church through the Word of God and Lectio Divina is a powerful means to renew our relationship with God through the Scriptures.

It's important to note that Lectio Divina isn't the same as a Bible study or a bible course, where there is normally a focus on a large section of the bible or on the bible as a whole, Lectio Divina on the other hand asks us to intentionally focus and pray with a short passage of Scripture, reading, reflecting and allowing it to speak into our lives and circumstances. It is a wonderful way to deepen our prayer life and grow in our personal relationship with the Lord.

For the season of Advent there will be an opportunity to experience the practice and prayer of Lectio Divina as a group, which will begin on Wednesday 29th November, 7.30 to 8.30pm, upstairs in the Parish office. If you would like to deepen your prayer life and grow in your love of the Scriptures, please do join us.

**Feast Days:** Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup>, *The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary*. The feast of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary celebrates Mary in her grace-filled life, wholly given over to the Holy Spirit.

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup>, *St. Cecilia*, the patroness of music and musicians, was a third-century Roman Christian martyr. According to tradition, she refused to worship the Roman gods and was beheaded.

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup>, *St. Columban*, abbot and missionary, also known as Columbanus, was born around 543. He became a monk at Bangor and later principal teacher there. In 591, desiring to 'go on pilgrimage for Christ', he set out with twelve companions and came to Burgundy. He established monasteries at Annegray, Luxeuil and Fontaine according to the severe Irish rule. Later he founded Bregenz in Austria and his greatest foundation at Bobbio, near Genoa, where he died in 615. He is remembered as one of the greatest of the Irish missionary monks.

Friday 24<sup>th</sup>, *St. Colman*. Patron of the Diocese of Cloyne, was born around 530, probably in west Cork. A bard by profession, he is reputed to have been influenced by St. Brendan to become a priest. His apostolate was to east Cork and his main foundation was at Cloyne.

Saturday 25<sup>th</sup>, *St. Clement I*, pope and martyr, third successor of St. Peter as bishop of Rome (88-97). His letter to the Corinthians called for peace and harmony in the life of that community. Exiled, he was martyred by drowning in Crimea. Later, his relics were brought to the church of San Clemente in Rome.

Next Sunday, 26<sup>th</sup> November, is the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. (Christ the King). There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in Holy Rosary Church beginning at 2pm and continuing until prayers and Benediction at 5pm.

**Quote for the Week:** *May God who sees all things, and who is the Ruler of all spirits and the Lord of all flesh - who chose our Lord Jesus Christ and us through Him to be a peculiar people - grant to every soul that calls upon His glorious and holy name, faith, fear, peace, patience, long-suffering, self-control, purity, and sobriety, to the well-pleasing of His name, through our High Priest and Protector, Jesus Christ, by whom be to Him glory, and majesty, and power, and honour, both now and for evermore. Amen.*

- Pope St. Clement I, Letter to the Corinthians, Chapter 64