

Midleton Parish Newsletter
5th November 2023 - Thirty-First 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 Saturday 10am (due to the Priests' Diocesan Conference in Killarney: please pray for Bishop Crean, the priests and the deacons of the diocese as we gather, that we will be guided by the Holy Spirit in our discussions).

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

Confessions: Saturdays from Noon to 1pm.

Anniversaries: Nora (Babe) O'Brien, John O'Grady, Michael & Breeda McCarthy, Seáníe (Polly) Deady, Kathleen Roche, Denis Guerin, Elizabeth (Mother) Heaphy, Christy Dunne, Margaret Ronayne, Kathleen Barton, Eileen Cowhig, Kevin Stromsoe, Ina Williams, Dick Phelan, William & Josephine O'Keeffe

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 St. Joseph's Young Priests' Society's monthly meeting will take place in the Parish Office, St. Mary's Road on next Wednesday 8th November after 10am Mass. New members are most welcome.

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: Sunday 5th November, Ballintotis Cemetery, after the 10.30am Mass; Holy Rosary Cemetery at 3pm.
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: This year the Mass for those who have died in the last twelve months will be celebrated on Friday 24th November, beginning @ 7.30pm

Feast Days: Monday 6th November, *Feast of All the Saints of Ireland*, this day is a day when we remember all the faithful of Ireland who have died and been welcomed into the kingdom of heaven – the Irish who are in the communion of saints but not canonised.

Tuesday 7th November, *St. Wilibrord*, was born in Northumbria in 658. He entered the Benedictine order and was sent to study at the monastery of Rath Melsigi, near Milford, Co. Carlow before going with eleven companions, to evangelize Frisia. He established a mission at Utrecht and in 695 was ordained Archbishop of Utrecht by Pope Sergius I. he founded a monastery at Echternach in Luxembourg in 700, where he died in 739.

Thursday 9th November, *The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica*. The Church of St John Lateran in Rome is 'Mother and Head of all the Churches of the City and the World'

Friday 10th November, *St Leo the Great*, died in 461, taught the two natures, human and divine, of Christ at the Council of Chalcedon, 451, and the primacy of the See of Peter.

Saturday 11th November, *St. Martin of Tours*, 316-397, Bishop of Tours, apostle of rural Gaul, founder of monasteries. Patron saint of France, soldiers, beggars and innkeepers.

Life in the Spirit Seminars: Beginning Friday 10th November for 6 consecutive Friday evenings beginning 8pm each night. Venue: Dungourney Hall. The meetings will be led by: Pat and Noreen Buckley (Newmarket). For further information you can contact Fr. Barry @ 021-4668406; Eileen 86-233 6873; Mary 086-805 7631. All welcome.

New Parish collection system

The last few years have seen a significant challenge to our parish finances. The periods when the church was closed during COVID saw a marked drop in our collections, and like everyone else the parish is faced with increasing energy prices and various other costs.

We are also very aware that a lot of people who contribute to our collections may be facing financial challenges of their own at this time. In response to this situation, we will be bringing in the Tax Rebate Scheme in January. This is a way of increasing the value of your donation without increasing the amount.

Put simply, the system means that if any taxpayer gives €250 or more in a given year, the parish can get back some of the tax you have paid in that year from the revenue. In round figures, we can claim back 45% of what you donate. So, if you give €250 a year, we can get back €112 from revenue, which means that the €250 is now worth €362 to the parish. An annual amount of €350 would give us a rebate of €157.5 and a total of €507.5, and so on. The bigger the amount donated, the more the parish can claim back.

Two important points to note are:

1. It won't increase the amount of tax you have to pay to revenue. The rebate comes from tax you have already paid anyway.
2. You can't claim the tax back for yourself. It can only be claimed by a registered charity, which applies to the parish.

In order to claim the tax back, the parish must have a record of your donation, and the way this is done in most parishes is by way of weekly donation envelopes. We will explain that system in more detail in next week's bulletin.

Quote for the Week: *"The faith by which we live shall never vary in any age...for one is the faith that sanctifies the just of all ages."*

- Pope St. Leo the Great