

Midleton Parish Newsletter
11th February 2024 – Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
World Day of the Sick
Day of Prayer for Temperance

Clergy in the Parish:

Priests: Rt. Rev. Msgr. Jim Killeen, P.P., V.G. 021-4631750 087-2053938
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Deacon: Rev. Edward Mulhare.

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

Parish Office: The Parish Office is open Monday to Thursday 10.30am to 1pm and Friday 10.30am to Noon. Parish website is midletonparish.ie and you can gain access to the webcam for Masses by logging on to the website.

Parish e-mail is midletonparishoffice@gmail.com

Sunday Masses: Holy Rosary – Vigil 6.10pm; Sunday morning 8am, 10am and Noon. Ballintotis – 10.30am.

Weekday Masses for this week: Monday and Tuesday 8am and 10am. Wednesday (14th) Ash Wednesday 8am, 10, and 7.30pm. Thursday and Friday 8am and 10am. Saturday 10am.

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

Closing Time of the Church: Holy Rosary is closed at 5pm.

Anniversaries: Cormac Ryan, Bill O'Driscoll, George Heaphy, John O'Farrell, Tony McDonnell, Frances O'Connor, Michael Hennessy, Dinah O'Brien, Ger Savage.

The Pope's Intentions for February 2024: For the Terminally Ill, *"We pray that those with a terminal illness, and their families, receive the necessary physical and spiritual care and accompaniment."*

Lourdes Pilgrimage: Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 31st May to 5th June 2024.

Booking Procedure for Pilgrimage:

All bookings should be made through Joe Walsh Tours by telephone 021- 2427190, online <http://www.joewalshstours.ie/pilgrimages/group-diocesan-pilgrimages/> or by post to 89 Harcourt Street, Dublin 2, D02WY88. Early booking is advisable.

Special Assisted Section: Pilgrims who would like to travel with the Special Assisted Section should apply to: Cloyne Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes, c/o Parish Secretary, 27/28 Bank Place, Mallow, Co. Cork. Tel: (022) 20276. This special assisted/sick section is accommodated at the Accueil Notre Dame. Acceptance for travel with the special section for the sick is subject to approval of the Pilgrimage Medical Board. The closing date for receipt of application is 25 March 2024.

Clonmult Ambush Commemoration: Prayers and laying of wreath at the Republican Plot, Midleton on Sunday 18th February 2024 at 11.00am.

Feast Days: Wednesday 14th February, Ash Wednesday. Day of Fast and Abstinence. In the readings on this day there is a great consciousness of our sinfulness, as we pray 'Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we have sinned.' There is also a sense that the time to repent and turn back is now. The Gospel tells us how to approach that renewal of our lives. It puts before us the remedy in prayer, fasting and almsgiving. These three strands of Lenten observance are as ancient as Christianity itself. There is no substitute for them. "Fasting is the soul of prayer; mercy is the lifeblood of fasting. If we have not all three together, we have nothing," says St. Pete Chrysologus.

Friday 16th February. Day of Prayer for Victims of Abuse. This day was instituted by the Irish Episcopal Conference and the following prayer is inscribed on the healing stone unveiled at the 50th International Eucharistic Congress in 2012 in Dublin, which now has a permanent home in Lough Derg. *"Lord, we are sorry for what some of us did to your children: treated them so cruelly, especially in their hour of need. We have left them with a lifelong suffering. This was not your plan for them or us. Please help us to help them. Guide us, Lord, Amen."*

Confirmation 2024

This year the sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated in the parish on Wednesday, May 1st. There are two ceremonies on that day:

10am	Scoil Bhride, CBS and Ballintotis
1pm	Gaelscoil, St. John the Baptist and Educate Together.

Holy Communion for the First Time 2024

Saturday, May 4 th , 10am	John the Baptist and Educate Together
Saturday, May 11 th , 10am	Scoil Bhride
Saturday, May 18 th , 10am	CBS
Saturday, May 25 th , 11am	Gaelscoil

The 10am Mass on Saturdays is celebrated every week so the regular weekday Massgoers would be present for the 10am Masses. Due to this fact, the Gaelscoil Mass, which will be celebrated in Irish, is moved to 11am.

Trocaire boxes for Lent can be found at the back of the two churches in the parish.

Envelopes for the Lenten stations can be found in both churches and in the parish office as well.

The Lenten season is a time for us to think about our faith and as it says in the Feast Day section in relation to Ash Wednesday – the remedy for the renewal of our lives is found in prayer, fasting and almsgiving. It is a season for us to look inside ourselves and ask are we focused on the Lord and how can we, with God's help, improve our relationship with Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Often at this time we 'give up something' or sometimes 'take on something new'. Whatever way we approach it, may the Lord bless us in our efforts and be with us and all who are dear to us in this blessed season of renewal and repentance.

Bishop Crean has written a Pastoral Letter for Lent 2024, entitled 'Spirituality for the Way we Live Today'. Copies of it can be found at the back of both churches in the parish.

Quote for the Week: *"A Christian is: a mind through which Christ thinks, a heart through which Christ loves, a voice through which Christ speaks, and a hand through which Christ helps."*
- St. Augustine