

Midleton Parish Newsletter
25th February 2024 – Second Sunday of Lent

Clergy in the Parish:

Priests: Rt. Rev. Msgr. Jim Killeen, P.P., V.G. 021-4631750 087-2053938
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Rev. Mark Hehir, C.C. 021-4621670
Rt. Rev. Msgr. Eamon Goold, P.E. 021-4633659

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: 8am and 10am Monday to Friday; 10am Saturday. Friday is the 1st March, the first Friday of the month. As well as 8am and 10am Mass, there will be a 7.30pm Mass on the first Friday.

Confessions are heard in the Adoration Chapel on Saturdays from Noon to 1pm.

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

Anniversaries: Ciaran Carroll, Denis O'Connor, Connie Long, Joe & Agnes Moreen, Eileen Foley (nee O'Brien), William Barton.

Holy Rosary Closing Time: On Sundays during Lent Holy Rosary will close after the Stations of the Cross. During the week it will close at 6pm unless there is a liturgy being celebrated later in the evening.

The Pope's Intentions for March 2024: For the New Martyrs: *"We pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world inflame the Church with their courage and missionary enthusiasm."*

The liturgy for children began last Sunday morning at 10am Mass and will continue at that time on Sundays from now on. At the start of the Mass, any children from senior infants to second class who are present, will be invited by the Priest to go to the sacristy with trained volunteers for their own Liturgy of the Word. Each Sunday, the Gospel is adapted to the language of children while still maintaining the integrity of the Word. The children are given opportunities to hear and respond to the Word of God in a way which is suited to their age and ability. The children return to their families during the preparation of the gifts to celebrate the Liturgy of the Eucharist. We encourage all children in this age group to go to the sacristy for the children's liturgy.

Lectio Divina: Lectio Divina this Wednesday 28th February 7.30pm in the Parish Office.

Feast Days: Tuesday, 27th February, *St. Gregory of Narek*, abbot and doctor of the Church, c.950-1003, was a monk of the Armenian Church, a mystic and a poet.

Friday, March 1st, *St. David*, is the patron saint of Wales, where he was an abbot and bishop in the sixth Century. Several Irish saints were his pupils and he influenced monastic development in Ireland. He died around 601.

Learn more about St. Paul: Monsignor Goold will give two talks on St Paul as follows:
Wednesday 6th and Wednesday 13th March at the MyPlace centre, 8pm'

Many of our readings at Mass come from the letters of St Paul to various communities. Come along and learn a bit more about St. Paul and his importance to Christianity.

Parish Centre update: You will have noticed some work being done in the grass area opposite the church in the last week or so. This is being carried out to widen the existing gap in the wall and allow for vehicles to access the new centre from the church car park where there will be limited parking for disabled access near the centre itself. It's also planned to open an entrance at the far side of the centre to allow funerals easier access to the newest part of the cemetery. All of this work is in full compliance with our planning permission and will be finished to the highest standard.

Envelopes: Here are the answers to some questions which have been asked about our new collection system:

1. Where does the money the parish can claim back come from?
Basically, it comes from the Revenue office out of the income tax you have already paid, and doesn't cost you anything extra.
2. If I give more than €250 in the year, will the parish get more back?
Yes, indeed it will. We can claim the rebate on €250 or over. For example, €250 would give us €114 back, €300 would give us €135, €500 would give us €228 and so on. The rebate is more or less 45% of the donation.
3. What about the station offerings?
This year there is a space on the station envelopes for you to write your envelope number if you have one. This will let us record your station offerings along with your weekly contributions and increase the total amount we can claim back. The offering in the envelope goes directly to the support of the priests as usual, but all of the tax rebate goes directly to parish funds.
4. If I don't pay income tax, should I use the envelope system?
In this case, the parish can't claim anything back. You can use the envelope system if you wish to us to keep a record of your weekly contribution but, unfortunately, we can't claim anything for it.
5. Can I pay annually by cheque, or by standing order in the bank?
Yes, you can. Please contact the parish office for more details.
6. Can I just put money in the collection without getting involved in this new system?
Of course you can. All contributions to our parish are most welcome. It's just that if you were able to give €250 a year, which is just about €5 per week, and you pay income tax, the parish can get €114 from the taxman at no extra cost to you.

Quote for the Week: *"Have patience with all things, but first of all with yourself."*

- St. Francis de Sales