



Beannachtaí na Féile le Gach Duine

Midleton Parish Newsletter
17th March 2024 – St. Patrick's Day

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 (Bank Holiday) 10am; Tuesday to Friday 8am and 10am; Saturday 10am.

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: James (Jim) O'Brien, Batt O'Mahony, Richard (Dick) O'Sullivan, Charlie Ronayne, John J. O'Donovan.

Stations of the Cross: The Stations of the Cross will be prayed every Sunday evening during Lent at 5pm in Holy Rosary Church.

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 **Penitential Service** for the parish will be celebrated on Monday 25th March beginning at 7.30pm. As well as the local clergy, there will be visiting clergy hearing confessions.

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."*

Feast Days: *St. Patrick* was born very probably in the early years of the fifth century in the Roman colony of Britian. He was taken captive at the age of sixteen and brought to Ireland where he was sold as a slave. He tended herds on Slemish mountain for six years. his captivity had a very positive effect on his spiritual life. He prayed many times each day, his faith growing stronger and his love and reverence for God increasing. He escaped back home at the age of twenty-two. It was obvious to him that God was calling him to return to convert the Irish. The voice of the Irish was calling him to come and walk among them once more. He studied, probably in France, returned to Ireland as a bishop c.457-61 or as early as 432 according to another tradition. His mission was not immediately successful but eventually he would make a tremendous number of converts. Two writings survive: the Letter to Coroticus, a protest to the soldiers of a British prince who had killed some converts and sold others as slaves, and his Confession, written near the end of his life, showing him as one living by the faith he preached and allowing Christ to direct his whole life. He died in 491, though again other dates have been suggested, 480 or as early as 461.

Today is the anniversary of the episcopal ordination of Most Rev. John Magee, 17th March 1987.

Monday, March 18th, *St. Cyril of Jerusalem*, 315-386, Bishop of Jerusalem. He excelled as a catechist and administrator, and suffered exile in his fight against heresy.

Tuesday, March 19th, *St. Joseph, Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary*, "The virtues of St. Joseph have been the object of ecclesial reflection down through the centuries, especially the more recent centuries. Among those virtues the following stand out: faith, with which he fully accepted God's salvific plan; prompt and silent obedience to the will of God; love for and fulfilment of the law; true piety; fortitude in time of trial; chaste love for the Blessed Virgin Mary; a dutiful exercise of his paternal authority; and fruitful reticence." (Directory on Popular Piety and the Liturgy, 219)

The Feast of St. Joseph is the anniversary of the inauguration of the Petrine ministry of Pope Francis, Bishop of Rome, in 2013.

from the Confession of Patrick: *There is no other God, there never was and there never will be, than God the Father, unbegotten and without beginning, from whom is all beginning, holding all things as we have learned; and his son Jesus Christ whom we declare to have been always with the Father and to have been begotten spiritually by the Father in a way that baffles description, before the beginning of the world, before all beginning; and through him are made all things, visible and invisible. He was made man, defeated death and was received into heaven by the Father, who has given him all power over all names in heaven, on earth, and under the earth, and every tongue should acknowledge to him that Jesus Christ is the Lord of God. We believe in him and we look for his coming soon as judge of the living and the dead, who will treat every man according to his deeds. He has poured out the Holy Spirit on us in abundance, the gift and guarantee of eternal life, who makes those who believe and obey sons of God and joint heirs with Christ. We acknowledge and adore him as one God in the Trinity of the holy name.*

Quote for the Week: *"May the blessing of each day be the blessings you need most."*

- St. Patrick