

**Midleton Parish Newsletter**  
**24<sup>th</sup> March 2024 – Palm Sunday**

**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. Parish website is [midletonparish.ie](http://midletonparish.ie) and you can gain access to the webcam for Masses by logging on to the website.

This week the office will close on Holy Thursday @ 1pm and will re-open on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April, Easter Tuesday, @ 10.30am. Parish e-mail is [midletonparishoffice@gmail.com](mailto:midletonparishoffice@gmail.com)

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

**Anniversaries:** Louis Doyle, Noel O’Sullivan, Patrick O’Connell, Kathleen Spillane, James Fox, Lil Barton, Ann-Marie Ramalingum, Jimmy Scully.

**HOLY WEEK**

Holy Week begins on Palm Sunday and today the Mass times are as usual. There will be Stations of the Cross, this Sunday the 24<sup>th</sup> @ 5pm in Holy Rosary. Mass times for Monday through to Wednesday are 8am and 10am.

The **Chrism Mass**, at which Bishop Crean will bless the Oils of Catechumens (used in the sacrament of Baptism and the preparation of catechumens for baptism) and the Anointing of the Sick and he will consecrate the Oil of Chrism (used to anoint newly baptised, to seal the candidates for Confirmation, to anoint the hands of priests and the heads of bishops at their ordination and also rites of anointing linked to the dedication of churches and altars. On that night, as well, the priests renew their ordination promises. All are welcome to attend this Mass.

For the Easter Triduum, the ceremonies are as follows:

**Holy Rosary:** Holy Thursday: Mass of the Lord’s Supper @ 7.30pm with the Church open until Midnight.

**Good Friday:** Celebration of the Lord’s Passion @ 3pm  
Stations of the Cross @ 7.30pm

**Holy Saturday Night:** The Easter Vigil @ 9pm

**St. Colman’s Ballintotis:** Holy Thursday; Mass of the Lord’s Supper @ 7.30pm  
Good Friday: Celebration of the Lord’s Passion @ 7.30pm

On Easter Sunday, morning Masses are at the usual Sunday times.

The Penitential Service for the parish will be celebrated on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March beginning at 7.30pm. As well as the local clergy, there will be visiting clergy hearing confessions. Confessions will also be heard on Holy Saturday morning from 11.30am to 1pm and on that day, there may be more than one priest. Details will be posted on that morning.

Holy Rosary will be closed on Holy Saturday from 1pm to 3pm.

The Easter Triduum: from the liturgical calendar: *“The Fathers of the Church saw this celebration as a unitive commemoration: St. Augustine spoke of ‘the most holy triduum of the crucified, buried and risen Lord’. Over Friday, Saturday and Sunday we celebrate a single, indivisible mystery. The Easter Triduum begins with the evening Mass of the Lord’s Supper, reaches its high point in the Easter Vigil, and closes with Evening prayer on Easter Sunday.”*

*“Christ redeemed us all and gave perfect glory to God principally through his paschal mystery: dying he destroyed our death and rising he restored our life. Therefore, the Easter Triduum of the passion, death and resurrection of Christ is the culmination of the entire liturgical year. Thus, the Solemnity of Easter has the same kind of pre-eminence in the liturgical year that Sunday has in the week. The celebration of the paschal mystery is not simply a recalling of past events in history. It is a sacramental celebration that renders present and actualises the saving power of Christ’s death and resurrection to the Church.”*

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the Adoration Chapel during the week is as follows: Monday to Wednesday 9am to 10pm; Thursday from 9am to 6pm. The Adoration Chapel will be closed from then until Easter Monday morning when the usual weekly times re-commence.

Holy Rosary Closing Time: During Holy Week the Church will close on Sunday after the Stations of the Cross, on Monday night after the Penitential Service, Tuesday and Wednesday night at 6pm, Thursday night after the time of reflection before the Altar of Repose, Friday night after the Stations of the Cross and Saturday after the Vigil.

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.”*

Community Connect wishes to thank you most sincerely for your very generous response to our Drive & Drop appeal on March 10<sup>th</sup>. The support from the local area was fantastic and we were overwhelmed with how many items were donated! All donations have been brought to our local hub, and will be distributed to many mothers and babies in need over the coming weeks and months. Without your support we would not be able to help so many families, so we thank you for your wonderful generosity.

Youth 2000: The Youth 2000 Munster Retreat takes place this year in the De La Salle College, Waterford from 5<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> April. The age group is 16-35 and if you wish to book a place or find out more about Youth 2000 check their website [www.youth2000.ie](http://www.youth2000.ie)

Quote for the Week: *The washing of the feet and the sacrament of the Eucharist: two expressions of one and the same mystery of love entrusted to the disciples, so that, Jesus says, “as I have done... so also must you do” (Jn 13: 15).*

– St. John Paul II