

Midleton Parish Newsletter
3rd March 2024 – Third 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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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.

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: Fr. Rossa Williams, Fr. Mike Williams, Noreen O'Brien, Kathleen Keniry.

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 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."*

Rural Spring Stations

Monday, 4th March - Elfordstown, Gurtacroe, Broomfield, Killeagh, Ballyspillane, Killeendooling, Milltown and Bilberry will be celebrated in Holy Rosary Church @ 7.30pm.

Thursday, 7th March - Kilbree, Killorga, Gurteenina, Attaquin, Ballintotis, Ballybutler, Ballyedekin, Farrentrenchard, Bawnard, Loughatalia, Carrigshane and Cahermone. Dromada, Gurtstoke, Glenagare, Meelshane, Dromsarane, Caherlton, Curragraine, Loughadarra, Stumphill, Castlevue, Churchtown, Whiterock, Dunsfort, Kilmountain Upper and Lower, Ballinascatha, Inagrega, Carrigagour, Knockgorm, Coppingerstown and Geragh will be celebrated in St. Colman's Church, Ballintotis @ 7.30pm

Community Connect

Community Connect Drive & Drop Donation Day will take place on Sunday the 10th March, here in the Holy Rosary Car Park from 10.30am until 1.30pm. Help us to gather much-needed essential items for mothers and babies around the country, by donating – just pick up a few extra items in your weekly shop. Every donation will go directly to a family in need. Volunteers will be here on the day to collect essential baby items, which will be given to pregnant mothers, and families with young babies, who are struggling. Community Connect is busier than ever, and every single blanket, babygro, or pack of wipes helps. For more details about what you can donate (new items only please), have a look at <https://communityconnect.ie/driveanddrop/>. Your help and support is very much appreciated.

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.

Feast Days: Monday, March 4th, *St. Casimir*, 1458-1484, strove to promote peace and the unity of Western Europe. Though a young prince, he chose a life of prayer and penance. Patron saint of Poland.

Tuesday, March 5th, *St. Kieran*, was born in Cape Clear, Co. Cork. He is numbered among the pre-Patrician saints of Ireland. He went to the Continent, where he was baptised and later ordained priest and bishop. He returned to his father's territory, Ossory, where he lived as a hermit. Disciples soon joined him and Saigir became a well-known monastery.

Thursday, March 7th, *St. Perpetua*, a young upper-class married woman, and *St. Felicity*, a slave girl, were martyred in Carthage, 203 AD

Friday, March 8th, *St. John of God*, 1495-1550, devoted his life to the care of the poor and the sick. He is patron of nurses, the sick, heart patients, printers and booksellers.

Saturday, March 9th, *St. Frances of Rome*, died 1440, lived a happily married life and founded a society of women with the Rule of St. Benedict and became a member of it after her husband's death.

For a good number of years now, the 8th March has been designated as International Women's Day. Let us pray on this day for all women, remembering especially those who are suffering in any particular way, may the Lord, through the intercession of Our Lady, pour out his grace on all women this day.

We pray as well for our country at this time of decision as people turn out to vote on the referenda on Friday.

Quote for the Week: *"In contemporary society there now exists a welcome co-responsibility between women and men for every aspect of domestic life, including the provision of care in the home. We believe that, rather than removing the present acknowledgement of the role of women and the place of the home, it would be preferable and consistent with contemporary social values that the State would recognise the provision of care by women and men alike."*

- From the Statement issued by the Irish Episcopal Conference in relation to the two referenda taking place on Friday 8th March.

Copies of the Statement can be found at the back of the two Churches in the parish.