

Midleton Parish Newsletter
28th April 2024 – Fifth Sunday of Easter

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 from 10.30am to 1pm and Friday 10.30am to Noon.

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 - Monday to Friday 8am and 10am. Saturday 10am.

Friday May 3rd, is the 1st Friday of the Month, there will be Mass at 7.30pm also.

Anniversaries: Jerry Connors, Gerard O'Sullivan, John Williams, Dida Williams, Rita Williams, Paddy Ahern, Gretta Savage, Garrett Stack, Nealey Horgan, Mary Flynn, Joan McCarthy, Joan O'Driscoll, Kathy Crowley, Annette Hardy (nee Heaphy).

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

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

Holy Rosary Closing Time: Holy Rosary closes at 7pm.

The Pope's Intentions for May 2024: For the Formation of Religious and Seminarians: *"We pray that religious women and men, and seminarians, grow in their own vocations through their human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation, leading them to be credible witnesses to the Gospel."*

There will be **Lectio Divina** in the Parish Office this Wednesday, 1st May @ 7.30pm

Visiting Choirs As part of the Cork choral festival (Sacred Trail) there will be two visiting choirs singing at 12.00noon Mass. One today, Sunday 28th April, the IMP choir will sing at The Church of The Real Presence in Curaheen, while we will welcome a choir from Blackpool Parish to Midleton. On Sunday May 5th we will welcome a choir from Galway. Vax Orbis are a Female choral ensemble founded in 2019 and directed by Mr. Mark Keane.

Quote of the Week: *"If the world is against the truth, then I am against the world."*

- St. Athanasius of Alexandria

Confirmation Ceremonies: The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated on this Wednesday, May 1st. There will be two ceremonies: the first one begins at 10am with the girls and boys from Scoil Bhride, CBS National, and Ballintotis receiving the sacrament and the second one begins at 1pm with the girls and boys from Gaelscoil Mainistir na Corann, St. John the Baptist National School and Educate Together National School receiving the sacrament. The celebrant will be Bishop Crean.
(Please note that on this day there will be no funeral masses)

THERE WILL BE NO PARKING ON THE CHURCH GROUNDS ON WEDNESDAY MAY 1ST.

Holy Communion for the First Time: the first of this year's ceremonies takes place on Saturday, May 4th and it is for the pupils from St. John the Baptist National School and Educate Together National School.

Dates of the other ceremonies during the month of May:

Saturday, May 11th, Scoil Bhride, @ 10am

Saturday, May 18th, CBS National School @ 10am

Saturday, May 25th, Gaelscoil Mainistir na Corainn, @ 11am

Ballintotis National School, St. Colman's Church, Ballintotis. The ceremony will be on Saturday 18th May.

The Gaelscoil Mass is at 11am because it will be celebrated in Irish and those who are regular 10am Mass-goers may prefer to celebrate in English. There will be a 10am mass on Saturday 25th for that purpose.

(Please note that on these Saturdays, if there is a funeral, it will have to be celebrated in the afternoon and this arrangement is solely because the times of the ceremonies will remain fixed.)

Please remember all the children who are receiving the sacraments in your prayers. Also pray for their families, teachers, friends and all who are involved in preparing them for the celebration of these special days in their faith journey through life.

Feast Days: Monday, 29th April, *St. Catherine of Siena*, 1347-1380, virgin and doctor of the Church, patron of Europe, a humble and dauntless Dominican tertiary, who brought peace to her native Siena, to Italy and to fourteenth-century Europe, spent all her energies on the Church, being able to achieve the pope's return from Avignon to Rome. She is remembered also as a mystic and reformer of religious life. Proclaimed doctor of the Church in 1970 and patron of Europe in 2000.

Wednesday, 1st May, *St. Joseph the Worker*.

Thursday, 2nd May, *St. Athanasius*, bishop and doctor of the Church. Born at Alexandria around 295, he fought ceaselessly against heresy, defending the true and equal divinity of Christ. As a result, he had to endure much tribulation and was several times sent into exile.

Friday, 3rd May, *Ss. Philip and James*, Apostles. St. Philip asks to see and, having seen, he tells the Good News to others. He was born in Bethsaida. Formerly a disciple of St. John the Baptist, he became a follower of Christ. St. James, the son of Alphaeus and a cousin of the Lord, ruled the Church of Jerusalem, wrote an Epistle, and led a life of penance. He converted many of the people of Jerusalem to the faith and was martyred in the year 62.