

Midleton Parish Newsletter
12th May 2024 – The Ascension of the Lord

Clergy in the Parish:

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Deacon: Rev. Edward Mulhare.

Priest on Duty: 087-246 8234 (For emergencies and also arranging wedding bookings)

Parish Office: This week the Parish Office is open on 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.

Anniversaries: Madge Bruton, John Moynihan, Beatrice & Louis Farrell, Marian Carroll

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."

Holy Communion for the First Time: We congratulate the pupils from Scoil Bhríde who received Holy Communion for the first time this weekend. Thank you to all who helped in any way in their preparation for receiving the Eucharist for the first time. May the children and their families be strengthened by Jesus, received in Holy Communion, and grow in faith, hope and love.

Dates of the other ceremonies during the month of May:

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.

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, May 13th, *Our Lady of Fatima*. The apparitions to the three children of Fatima took place in the summer of 1917, beginning on the 13th May when the 'Lady' asked them to pray for sinners and an end to the World War. In the final apparition on the 13th October, the 'Lady' identified herself as Our Lady of the Rosary and called for prayer and conversion.

Tuesday, May 14th, *St. Matthias*, Apostle. Like all the apostles, Matthias was chosen to become 'a witness with us of Christ's resurrection'. The story of his election as one of the apostles is given in the first reading. He spent a great deal of time working in Judea; then he travelled east to Cappadocia, where it is said that he was the vital instrument in bringing many pagans to the faith. He was martyred at Colchis on the Black Sea.

Thursday, May 16th, *St. Brendan*, was born in 486. He studied at Clonard under St. Finnian. His name is connected with many places in Kerry such as Ardfert and Mount Brandon. He visited Scotland and reached the Hebrides and possibly areas beyond. He founded a monastery in Clonfert in 568 and died there in 578.

Lectio Divina this Wednesday, 15th May @ 7.30 pm in the parish office.

This Friday, the 17th May, the Rosary will be prayed at the Grotto in Ballinacurra and will be followed by Mass at 8pm. All welcome.

The Collection for the Episcopal Conference takes place next weekend the 18th/19th May. Donations to that collection go to fund the work that is done by the different groups that have been established by the Conference. They come under five basic headings:

1. **Catholic Education and Formation:** Catechetics, Doctrine, Ecumenism and Inter-Religious Dialogue, Education
2. **Pastoral Care:** Accord, Bioethics, Emigrants, Family and Marriage, Healthcare, IBDI - Drugs Initiative, Immigrants, Prisoners Overseas
3. **Planning, Communications and Resources:** Communications, Finance, Intercom Magazine, Research and Development, Veritas
4. **Social Issues and International Affairs:** Europe, Justice and Peace, Missions, Trocaire
5. **Worship, Pastoral renewal and Faith Development:** Clergy, Permanent Diaconate, Liturgy, Pastoral Renewal and Adult Faith Development, Religious and Vocations

These Commissions and Agencies make a very important and often unseen contribution to helping the Church meet the challenges of our time. Their only source of finance is contributions from individual dioceses. The contribution is population based and so is a major draw on Diocesan resources. Therefore, the Episcopal Conference Collection is aimed at helping to defray at least some of the costs involved.

'Sharing Good News' The Catholic Communications Office produces a five-story weekly e-zine 'Sharing Good News' that reports on stories associated with the Bishops' Conference, activities in parishes and dioceses, and that celebrates Church life generally. If you wish to subscribe to receive 'Sharing Good News' please register your email address on <https://catholicnews.ie/newsletter/>

Quote of the Week: *"The Ascension completes our faith in Him, who was God as well as man"*

- *Pope Saint Leo the Great*