

Midleton Parish Newsletter
16th June 2024 – Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Parish Clergy:

Priests:	Rt. Rev. Msgr. Jim Killeen, P.P., V.G.,	021-4631750; 087-2053938
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Parish Office: Opening Hours: Monday to Thursday 10.30am to 1pm; Friday 10.30am to Noon. Tel: 021-4636508; email: midletonparishoffice@gmail.com
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Sunday Masses: Church of the Most Holy Rosary: Vigil 6.10pm; Sunday Morning: 8am, 10am and Noon. St. Colman's Church, Ballintotis: 10.30am

Weekday Masses: Monday to Friday 8am and 10am; Saturday 10am

Confessions: Saturday, Noon to 1pm in the Adoration Chapel.

Baptisms: Holy Rosary: Saturday 4.30pm and Sunday 1.15pm, except on the second Sunday in the month when they are celebrated in St. Colman's, Ballintotis. For details in relation to booking Baptisms contact the Parish Office.

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

Anniversaries: Nellie Connors, Lily O'Driscoll, Anna McCarthy, Paddy & Mary Foley, David Savage, Rossa Lordan, Joan Stack, Tommy Foley, John Martin, Michael Barry, Moss & Eileen Barry, J.J. Harty, Daniel J. O'Reardon,

Open Gardens in aid of Marymount Hospice: The Gardens of Anthony and Josephine Barry and Noel and Ann O'Keeffe, Bog Road, Carrigtwohill will be open this Sunday 16th June from 11.00am to 5.00pm in aid of Marymount Hospice. The Eircode is T45 TN61. Tickets for a Raffle will be available on the day. There will be lots of prizes. All Welcome.

Procession: The 'Corpus Christi' Procession took place last weekend after the Noon Mass. We would like to thank all those who helped in any way to ensure that it went off so well: the committee who organized the procession; the choir, the organist, the band who enhanced the celebration; the altar servers, the first communion girls and boys who walked in the procession – the girls strewing flowers and the boys giving a 'guard of honour' for the Blessed Sacrament; those who looked after the children on the day; the canopy bearers; the sacristans and the groundskeepers; those on the route who decorated their homes; the gardai for ensuring the route was closed off for the necessary time needed; those who led the prayers and all who walked in the procession. May God bless you all.

The Annual Collection for the Retired and Sick Priests' Fund takes place this weekend. There is an envelope for this collection in the envelope boxes and the basket collection will go towards it as well.

Feast Days: Thursday, 20th June, *The Irish Martyrs*. Seventeen Irish martyrs, men and women, cleric and lay, put to death for the Catholic faith between 1579 and 1654 were beatified by Pope John Paul II in 1992: Dermot Hurley, Archbishop of Cashel, Conor O'Devany, Bishop of Down and Connor, Patrick O'Loughran chaplain to the O'Neill family, Maurice McKenraghty, chaplain to the Earl of Desmond. Dominicans Terence O'Brien and Peter Higgins, Franciscans John Kearney, Patrick O'Healy and Conrad O'Rourke, Augustinian William Tirry, and a Jesuit lay brother, Dominic Collins. Lay people Francis Taylor, Mayor of Dublin, Margaret Ball; the Wexford martyrs, a baker and a group of sailors, Robert Meyler (Tyler), Edward Cheevers, and Patrick Cavanagh. Six Catholics of Irish birth or connection executed for the faith in England had already been beatified in 1929 and 1987: John Roche (alias Neale), John (Terence) Corey, Patrick Salman, John Cornelius (alias John Conor O'Mahoney), Charles Meehan, Ralph Corby.

Friday, 21st June, *St. Aloysius Gonzaga*, born in Lombardy in 1568, joined the Jesuits in Rome. As a model novice he worked in the plague hospital and caught the fever, dying in 1591 at the age of twenty-three.

Saturday, 22nd June, *St. John Fisher and St. Thomas More*. John Fisher, 1469-1535, as vice-chancellor, built Christ's and John's Colleges, Cambridge, Bishop of Rochester. His love of truth brought about his death. Thomas More, 1478-1535, the first commoner to be Lord Chancellor of England, suffered martyrdom also under Henry VII. Patron of lawyers and those in public office. (Let us ask St. Thomas More to intercede for us as we pray for those who were elected to local councils and those who were elected to represent us in Europe. May they seek truth and justice for those they represent in public life.)

Holiness: To continue from last week, Matthew Kelly goes on to pose a very basic question. He writes: "*The great confusion that is torturing the Church and weakening our faith surrounds one question: What is holiness? The falling attendance at church, the marginalization of the Church by our secular culture, and our failure to reach the youth are all caused by our inability to communicate clearly the answer to this question.*

There are a lot of good people out there who want to walk with God. They want to know and embrace truth and live good Christian lives; they just don't know how to practically apply the principles of the Gospel to their everyday lives."

That question – what is holiness? – is something we could all reflect on. We could go further and ask ourselves 'are we holy'?

Prayer for the Week: St. Thomas More's Prayer for Good Humour

Grant me, O Lord, good digestion, and also something to digest.

Grant me a healthy body, and the necessary good humour to maintain it.

Grant me a simple soul that knows to treasure all that is good

and that doesn't frighten easily at the sight of evil

but rather finds the means to put things back in their place.

Give me a soul that knows not boredom, grumbles, sighs and laments,

nor excess of stress, because of that obstructing thing called "I".

Grant me O Lord a good sense of humour, allow me the grace to take a joke,

to discover in life a bit of joy,

and to be able to share it with others. Amen.