

**Middleton Parish Newsletter**

**2<sup>nd</sup> June 2024 – The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)**

**Parish Clergy:**

<b>Priests:</b>	<b>Rt. Rev. Msgr. Jim Killeen, P.P., V.G.,</b>	<b>021-4631750; 087-2053938</b>
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**Parish Office: Opening Hours this week – Thursday 10.30am to 1pm and Friday 10.30am to Noon. Tel: 021-4636508; email: [middletonparishoffice@gmail.com](mailto:middletonparishoffice@gmail.com)**

**Parish website: [www.middletonparish.ie](http://www.middletonparish.ie)**

**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: This week – No 8am Mass for the week; Monday to Saturday 10am; there will also be a Mass on Friday the 7<sup>th</sup>, being the 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the month, @ 7.30pm.**

**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: Pádraig Garvey, Dick Roche, Jim McCarthy, Bob & Mary Condon, Gretta Cuddigan, Jim Walsh, Freda Lynch, Andy Lynch.**

**Pilgrimage to Lourdes: the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes began on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May and continues until Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> June. Please keep all who travelled out to Lourdes in your prayers especially the assisted pilgrims and also the youth helpers, most of whom are travelling for the first time.**

**Mass for the Intentions of all who are sitting exams: The vigil Mass this weekend is being offered for all students sitting exams and particularly for the intentions of students who are sitting the State Exams (Junior and Leaving Cert). The State Exams begin on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> June, please keep all the students in your prayers during the exams.**

**Prayer to St. Joseph of Cupertino: Patron Saint of Exams and Air Travellers**

*O, St. Joseph of Cupertino, who by your prayer obtained from God to be asked at your examination the only preposition you knew, grant that I may, like you, succeed in this exam. In return, I promise to make you known and cause you to be invoked. O, St. Joseph of Cupertino, pray for me.*

**Feast Days:** Sunday, 2<sup>nd</sup> June, the *Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ 'Corpus Christi'*. *"From this feast of Corpus Christi have originated many practices of Eucharistic devotion that, under the inspiration of divine grace, have increased from day to day and that the Catholic Church uses eagerly to show ever greater homage to Christ, to thank him for so great a gift and to implore his mercy."* (Pope Paul VI) This feast day reminds us too of the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the Adoration Chapel in Holy Rosary from Monday to Friday – anyone who may not be committed to a particular hour might think of doing so as we reflect on the importance of the Eucharist.

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June, *St. Kevin*, grew up in Kilnamanagh, where he received his early religious formation. Wishing to be a hermit, he crossed the mountains to Glendalough and settled at the foot of the upper lake. But disciples began to gather round him and the great monastic settlement grew and spread through the glen after his death in 618.

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June, *Ss. Charles Lwanga and Companions* were twenty-two Ugandan youths who were martyred in 1886.

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> June, *St. Boniface*, bishop and martyr, 673-754, was born at Crediton in Devonshire and educated in monastery schools in England. He went as a missionary to Germany. He founded monasteries in Bavaria, including Fulda in 735.

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June, *The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus* (World Day of Prayer for Priests). *"Understood in the light of the Scriptures, the term 'Sacred Heart of Jesus' denotes the entire mystery of Christ...Son of God, uncreated wisdom, infinite charity, principle of the salvation and sanctification of mankind"* (Directory on Popular Piety and the Liturgy, 166).

Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June, *The Most Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary*, "The Church celebrates the liturgical memorial of the Immaculate Heart of Mary the day after the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. The contiguity of both celebrations is in itself a liturgical sign of their close connection: the mystery of the Heart of Jesus is projected onto and reverberates in the Heart of his Mother, who is also one of his followers and a disciple" (Directory on Popular Piety and Liturgy, 174).

The annual 'Corpus Christi' Procession will take place this year on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> of June directly after the 12 noon Mass. The route of the procession will be from the main entrance of the church, up St Mary's Road, down through the centre of the graveyard and back into the Church for benediction. This traditional procession has been undertaken in the parish at this time of year for well over one hundred years and is a wonderful expression of our faith and belief in the true presence of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. All are welcome to join in this celebration of our faith through the annual Corpus Christi procession. *Please note that there will be no parking permitted on the Church grounds for the Noon Mass on that day.*

Prayer to St. Jude: *Most holy Apostle, Saint Jude, friend of Jesus, I place myself in your care at this difficult time. Help me know that I need not face my troubles alone. Please join me in my need, asking God to send me: consolation in my sorrow, courage in my fear, and healing in the midst of my suffering. Ask our loving Lord to fill me with the grace to accept whatever may lie ahead for me and my loved ones, and to strengthen my faith in God's healing powers. Thank you, Saint Jude, for the promise of hope you hold out to all who believe, and inspire me to give this gift of hope to others as it has been given to me. Amen.*

Quote for the Week: *"In her voyage across the ocean of this world, the Church is like a great ship being pounded by the waves of life's different stresses. Our duty is not to abandon ship but to keep her on her course."* - Saint Boniface