

Midleton Parish Newsletter
30th June 2024 – Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Parish Clergy:

Priests:	Rt. Rev. Msgr. Jim Killeen, P.P., V.G.,	021-4631750; 087-2053938
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Deacon:	Rev. Edward Mulhare	

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Parish Office: The Parish Office closed on Friday 28th June at 12.00 noon and it will re-open on Monday 29th July at 10.30am. Tel: 021-4636508.

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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 Friday is the first Friday of the month – Mass Friday evening @ 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: Graham Ahern, Michael Egan, John & Ellen O'Donovan, Eileen O'Donovan, Anne (Nan) O'Sullivan, Paddy O'Brien, Michael Cashman, Ambrose McDonough, Reggie Fuller, Mchael Cashman.

The East Cork Parents and Friends' Summer School which has run every summer for over 30 years in Midleton CBS, giving a break to parents of children and adults with special needs, opens on 9th of July and closes on August 14th.

Sunday 10am Mass Children's Liturgy: The Children's Liturgy will take a break for the summer for the Sundays in July and August. It will resume again at the 10.00 a.m. Mass on the first Sunday in September (September 1st). Throughout the summer months the activity leaflets used with the children in the Sacristy will be available at the entrance to the church for all weekend masses. Please do take one for any children who are interested and help them work through the activities to understand the Gospel for the Sunday. A reminder will be put in the Parish Bulletin to notify people before the Children's Liturgy will recommence in September.

Quote for the Week: "If my daughter can forgive him who am I to withhold forgiveness"

- Assunta Goretti (nee Carlini), St. Maria Goretti's mother

Feast Days: Monday, 1st July, *St. Oliver Plunkett*, from Irish nobility, whose family supported King Charles I. ordained in Rome in 1654, he was a professor of theology from then until appointed Archbishop of Armagh in 1669. He ministered in Armagh, though forced to work in a covert way during the suppression of priests. He was arrested and tried at Dundalk in 1679 for conspiring against the state. He was moved to Newgate Prison, London. He was found guilty of high treason 'for promoting the Catholic faith', and was condemned to a gruesome death. He was hanged, drawn and quartered on the 1st July 1681 at Tyburn, in London. He was the last Catholic to die for his faith at Tyburn, and the first of the Irish martyrs to be beatified in 1920. He was canonised by Pope Paul VI on the 12th October 1975. He is buried at Downside Abbey, England; his head is venerated in St. Peter's Church, Drogheda.

Wednesday, 3rd July, *St. Thomas*, Apostle, is said to have preached the gospel in India where he was martyred. The faith that led him to know Christ in his wounds also sent him to the farthest places to preach Christ.

Thursday, 4th July, *St. Elizabeth of Portugal*, 1271-1336, of the House of Aragon, had an unhappy marriage with the King of Portugal. She persevered in prayer and good works, and as a widow lived in poverty as a Franciscan tertiary.

Saturday, 6th July, *St. Maria Goretti*, 1890-1902, stabbed to death in defence of her virtue.

Ireland's Annual March for the Human Right to Life is on Saturday, July 6th 2024 in Dublin. Join thousands at the biggest pro-life event of the year. A bus will be travelling from Youghal and will pick up also in Midleton, Carrigtwohill, Fermoy and Mitchelstown. Contact Mona on 087-9771176 or Mimi 087-9350750 to reserve your seat.

Scripture Quiz: fill in the gaps!

1. The _____ of Solomon.
2. The _____ of Moses
3. The _____ of Job
4. Jacob's _____
5. St. Paul says: 'If I have to boast, I will boast of all the ways in which I am _____'

Ladysbridge and Ballymacoda: As a follow-up to our parish mission the 'Life in the Spirit' seminars will take place in Ballymacoda Hall (P25 E125) beginning on Friday 5th July at 8.00pm for 6 consecutive Friday nights. The seminars will be given by Mir Ministries and include rosary, praise and worship, talks, testimonies etc. All are welcome.

Holiness: *"History is full of examples of men and women who have become all they were created to be – we call them saints. Some of them were priests, monks or nuns. Some were married and others were single. Some were rich, some were poor. Some were educated; others were uneducated. Some were young and some were old. Holiness is for everyone – no exceptions. Holiness is for you. Every day God invites you to be all he created you to be.*

Many people falsely believe that if you want to be holy, you are not allowed to enjoy life. Some believe to be holy you have to run away from the world. Others think you have to be in church on your knees praying all day. Still others believe to be holy you have to walk around with a halo, that you're not allowed to smile, or have fun, or enjoy yourself at all. They think to be holy you have to despise everything of this world and walk around with a long, drawn-out, stoic look on your face.

These are all the very unnatural and unattractive ideas that the world proclaims about holiness. The world ridicules holiness."

(Pope Francis, on the other hand, speaks of the "Next-Door neighbour" saints!)