

**Midleton Parish Newsletter**  
**9<sup>th</sup> June 2024 – Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Parish Clergy:**

<b>Priests:</b>	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](mailto:midletonparishoffice@gmail.com)  
**Parish website:** [www.midletonparish.ie](http://www.midletonparish.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:** 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:** Billy O'Brien, Pat Hurley, Jim Walsh, Kieran Desmond, Frankie Forrest, Joan McCarthy, Joan O'Driscoll, Kathy Crowley, Michael Kennedy, Dermot Kennedy, Mary Kennedy, Michael Quinn, Annette Healy (nee Heaphy).

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

**'Corpus Christi' Procession 2024:** The annual 'Corpus Christi' Procession will take place this year on this Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> 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.*

**Quote for the Week:** "*Charity is the soul of faith, it makes it alive; without love, faith dies.*"  
- St. Anthony of Padua

**Feast Days:** Tuesday, 11<sup>th</sup> June, *St. Barnabas*, was born on the island of Cyprus. He was one of the first converts in Jerusalem and preached at Antioch. He became a companion of St. Paul and was with him on his first missionary journey, and he took part in the Council of Jerusalem. He returned to his native land to preach the Gospel and died there. Thursday, 13<sup>th</sup> June, *St. Anthony of Padua*, died in Padua in 1231 at the age of thirty-six. Born in Portugal, he joined the Franciscans and preached throughout France and Italy. Anthony was canonized by Pope Gregory IX on 30 May 1232, at Spoleto, Italy, less than one year after his death. In the words of Pope Benedict XVI, “the richness of spiritual teaching contained in the *Sermons* was so great that in 1946 Venerable Pope Pius XII proclaimed Anthony a Doctor of the Church, attributing to him the title *Doctor evangelicus*, since the freshness and beauty of the Gospel emerge from these writings.”

**Lectio Divina:** Lectio Divina is on Wednesday evening, 12<sup>th</sup> June, in the Parish Office beginning at 7.30pm.

**Holiness:** The Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage took place from Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May to Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July and we thank all who prayed for the success of the pilgrimage and all those who travelled from the parish kept all of you in our prayers while there. Different topics came up during the ceremonies out there, one of them being holiness. We come across the phrases holy and holiness quite often but people find it very difficult to look at themselves as being holy or called to holiness. Those who were present at the ‘Mass for the Deceased Helpers’ would have heard these words on holiness in the homily. They are taken from a book called ‘Rediscover Catholicism’, written by Matthew Kelly:

*“The North Star is the only star in the sky that never moves; it remains constant and unwavering, and therefore is a true guide. In the same way, God’s call to live a holy life never changes. In a world of rapid and constant change, it is what is unchanging that allows us to make sense of change. The ideas you encounter may change, your emotions may change, but God’s call to live a holy life never changes. The North Star of the spiritual life is the call to holiness. It leads us unfailingly to Jesus, who is, ‘The Way, the Truth and the Life,’ even when he seems distant or unknown. If we are to find our way as individuals and as a Church, it is vital that we rediscover this great spiritual North Star, so that in times of confusion, or decision, we can ask ourselves, ‘How is this situation an invitation to grow in holiness?’*

The quote stopped there and then the homily continued by looking at the work that the helpers do in Lourdes and how in that work holiness can be lived very quietly, but very effectively, with every small thing being fulfilled for the assisted pilgrims offered in faith. The names of the helpers who had died over the last twelve months and some from before were called out and they were especially prayed for at the end of the homily. In the book, after this passage, Matthew Kelly continues to write about holiness and its importance. Here are a few more lines:

*Holiness and renewal are inseparably linked. Where there is holiness, the Church has always thrived. If the Church is not thriving there is one primary reason for that...and when you and I begin to take God’s call to live holy lives seriously, the Church will begin to thrive in new and exciting ways.”*

Maybe over the summer months we can continue to look at how the writer continues to develop the theme and how he portrays holiness and poses questions and answers as he writes of what holiness can be.