

**Midleton Parish Newsletter**  
**23<sup>rd</sup> June 2024 – Twelfth 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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**Priest on Duty: 087-2468234 (for emergencies and also arranging wedding bookings)**

**Parish Office: Opening Hours: Monday to Thursday 10.30am to 1pm; Friday 10.30am to Noon. The Parish Office will close on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June at 12.00noon and will re-open on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> July at 10.30am. Tel: 021-4636508; email: [midletonparishoffice@gmail.com](mailto: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: Breda O'Brien, Henry Sheehan, Christy McEvoy, Jim & Lar Barton, Maurice Walsh, Renee Cashman, Doreen O'Reardon, John McAuliffe, John McCarthy, Seán Dowling, Maria Phelan.**

**Feast Days: Monday, 24<sup>th</sup> June, *The Nativity of St John the Baptist.* We rejoice at the coming of St. John the Baptist, a man of self-denial, integrity of life and purpose, and an uncompromising prophetic voice. John means, 'The Lord has shown favour'. This feast relates to the summer solstice when the days begin to grow shorter, recalling John's words, 'He must increase, but I must decrease.'**

**Tuesday, 28<sup>th</sup> June, *St. Ireneaus,* lived just after the time of the apostles and knew those who had seen and talked with them. He became Bishop of Lyons, the largest trading centre in Gaul (present day France). The note of moderation, the desire to win people to Christianity by love rather than by fear, was apparent in all of his work.**

**Saturday, 29<sup>th</sup> June, *Ss. Peter and Paul.* On this day, we celebrate the twin founders of the Church in Rome. St. Peter, originally called Simon, a fisherman who became leader of the Apostles and the rock on which the Church is built, died by crucifixion in Rome around the year 64. St. Paul, Saul the Pharisee, who became the 'Apostle to the Gentiles', was martyred by beheading around 67. Both proclaim with their lives that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the Living God.**

Ireland's Annual March for the human right to life is on Saturday, July 6<sup>th</sup> 2024 in Dublin. Join thousands at the biggest pro-life event of the year - the All-Ireland Rally for Life. Pro-life people from all around the country join together to 'Stand for Life'.

It is as important as ever to be a powerful voice for the unborn as the heartbreaking rise in abortions continues - 10,000 abortions in 2023 alone.

A bus will be travelling from Youghal, on July 6<sup>th</sup> to Dublin and can pick up in Youghal, Midleton, Carrigtwohill, Fermoy and Mitchelstown.

Be a voice for the future and join us in this family-friendly event. Contact Mona on 087-9771176 or Mimi 087-9350750 to reserve your seat.

On Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June, from 10am to 2pm, Margaret Phelan and Bernie Barton are holding a coffee morning at Margaret's home, 17 Elsinore Rise, P25 TD96 to raise funds for '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. This year the summer school opens on 9<sup>th</sup> of July and closes on August 14<sup>th</sup>.

#### 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 1<sup>st</sup>). 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.

Holiness: I finished last week with this: *we could go further and ask ourselves 'are we holy'?* I don't know if anyone reflected on that question or not but I am going to continue looking at what Matthew Kelly has written – *"We all have different ideas of who God is, and we all have different ideas of what it means to be holy. In your mind, does someone have to be a priest or a nun to be holy? Do people need to be poor to be holy? Can wealthy people be holy? Can married people be holy? Do you view sexual intimacy as a barrier to holiness or a path to holiness? Can a business man or woman be truly holy? Can you be holy? We all have a vision of what it means to be holy, and often our vision is distorted by prejudice or tainted by ignorance and past experience. God calls each and every one of us to live holy lives, without exception and in our own way. God calls you to holiness, as hard as that may be to get your heart and mind around.*

*Holiness is compatible with every state in life. Married people are called to live holy lives just as much as monks and nuns. Sexual intimacy is a profound gift from God and an instrument of holiness. The riches of this world have value only inasmuch as they help us fulfil our essential purpose. If we own them, they can be powerful tools that help us live holy lives. If they own us, they will prevent us from becoming the best-version-of-ourselves. The rich are called to live holy lives by using their wealth in productive ways that foster their own growth and the growth of others."*

While pondering on these words we must always keep the 'Way, the Truth and the Life' in mind.

Quote for the Week: *"As long as anyone has the means of doing good to his neighbours and does not do so, he shall be reckoned a stranger to the love of the Lord."*

- St. Ireneaus, c.130 -202