

Midleton Parish Newsletter
14th July 2024 – Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Parish Office: The Parish Office 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

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: Joseph Hayes.

Pope's Intentions for July: *For the Pastoral Care of the Sick:* We pray that the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick confer on those who receive it and their loved ones the power of the Lord and become ever more a visible sign of compassion and hope for all.

Answers to last week's quiz: 1. The Three Sacraments of Initiation.

2. The Ten Commandments.

3. The Nine Beatitudes.

4. The Twelve Tribes of Israel.

5. The Three Letters of St. John.

This week's quiz focuses on books of the Bible: 1. Two books of the Bible are attributed to St. Luke, the Gospel of Luke and _____.

2. One Gospel, three letters and the Book of _____ are attributed to St. John.

3. Genesis, Exodus, Numbers, Deuteronomy and _____ are the five books in the Pentateuch.

4. With 66 chapters, which book of the Old Testament is the longest in the Bible?

5. In which Gospel do we find the shortest verse in Scripture – 'Jesus wept'? _____

Feast Days: Monday, 15th July, *St. Bonaventure*, bishop and doctor of the Church, 1221-1274. He was born in Tuscany and was the seventh Minister General of the Order of Friars Minor (Franciscans) and he also served for a time as Bishop of Albano. He was canonised on 14th April 1482 by Pope Sixtus IV and declared a Doctor of the Church in 1588 by Pope Sixtus V. He steered the Franciscans on a moderate and intellectual course that made them the most prominent order in the Catholic Church until the establishment of the Jesuits. His theology was marked by an attempt completely to integrate faith and reason. He thought of Christ as the “one true master” who offers humans knowledge that begins as faith, is developed through rational understanding, and is perfected by mystical union with God.

Holiness: Over the last number of weeks we looked at Matthew Kelly’s writing on holiness. The reflection on holiness that he gives to us is based on the understanding of holiness in the document on the nature of the Church, *Lumen Gentium* (The light of the Nations). Chapter five of that document is called ‘The Universal Call to Holiness in the Church’. This quote is taken from paragraph n.41 in this chapter:

“The classes and duties of life are many, but holiness is one—that sanctity which is cultivated by all who are moved by the Spirit of God, and who obey the voice of the Father and worship God the Father in spirit and in truth. These people follow the poor Christ, the humble and cross-bearing Christ in order to be worthy of being sharers in His glory.”

Let us all try to live ‘the best life that we can live’ trying to live holy lives within whatever vocation in life has been given us. May the Lord bless us all and keep us safe.

The Holy Year 2025 is dedicated to the virtue of hope. One of the three great virtues (Faith, Hope and Love), Hope is probably the virtue that is referred to the least. For quite a while in the history of the Church every twenty-five years a Holy Year is celebrated. Pope Francis has declared 2025 as a Holy Year with the central theme being hope. The message announcing the year has the heading: ‘Hope will not disappoint’, a quote from St. Paul’s Letter to the Romans (5:5). In paragraph 6 of the document Pope Francis says: *“Sustained by this great tradition, and certain that the Jubilee Year will be for the entire Church a lively experience of grace and hope, I hereby decree that the Holy Door of the Basilica of Saint Peter in the Vatican will be opened on 24 December 2024, thus inaugurating the Ordinary Jubilee”* and further down in n.6 he says: *“The Ordinary Jubilee will conclude with the closing of the Holy Door in the Papal Basilica of Saint Peter in the Vatican on 6 January 2026, the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord. During the Holy Year, may the light of Christian hope illumine every man and woman, as a message of God’s love addressed to all! And may the Church bear faithful witness to this message in every part of the world!”*.

In n.1 of the document Pope Francis writes: *“Everyone knows what it is to hope. In the heart of each person, hope dwells as the desire and expectation of good things to come, despite our not knowing what the future may bring. Even so, uncertainty about the future may at times give rise to conflicting feelings, ranging from confident trust to apprehensiveness, from serenity to anxiety, from firm conviction to hesitation and doubt. Often, we come across people who are discouraged, pessimistic and cynical about the future, as if nothing could possibly bring them happiness. For all of us, may the Jubilee be an opportunity to be renewed in hope. God’s word helps us find reasons for that hope.”*

Quote for the Week: *“In all your deeds and words you should look upon this Jesus as your model. Do so whether you are walking or keeping silence, or speaking, whether you are alone or with others.”* - St. Bonaventure