

Midleton Parish Newsletter
21st July 2024 – Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Parish Clergy:

Priests:	Rt. Rev. Msgr. Jim Killeen, P.P., V.G.,	021-4631750; 087-2053938
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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: Mary Owers, John Cox, Eileen Savage.

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 Acts of the Apostles; 2. Revelation (or Apocalypse). 3. Leviticus. 4. Isaiah. 5. The Gospel of St. John

Quiz:

1. 'The Hebrew Bible' groups the prophets into two groups Major and Minor. They had three in the Major group Isaiah, J _____ and Ezekiel and there were twelve minor prophets.
2. The seven sacraments are often divided into three groups: Initiation, Healing and Vocation: what two form the 'healing' group?
3. Jacob had twelve sons – which one had the fancy coat?
4. Who asked Jesus to intervene at the wedding feast of Cana when they ran out of wine?
5. "Let the _____ come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs." Mark 10: 14

Feast Days: Monday 22nd July, *St. Mary Magdalene*, stood by the Cross of Jesus; with two other women she discovered the empty tomb; she was granted an appearance of the Risen Lord early the same day, from which incident she has been described as ‘the apostle to the apostles. The Gospels give no warrant for identifying her with the ‘woman who was a sinner’, who anointed Christ’s feet (Luke 7:37) or with Mary the sister of Martha who also anointed him (John 12:3).

Tuesday 23rd July, *St. Bridget of Sweden*, Religious and Patron of Europe, was born in Sweden in 1303. She brought up eight children, and after the death of her husband dedicated herself to an ascetical life. Later she founded the Bridgettine Order and lived in Rome. She died there in 1373. She was declared a Patron of Europe in 2000.

Wednesday 24th July, *St. Sharbel Makhluf*, a priest, became a monk at the monastery of St. Maron at Annaya and was ordained in 1859. He became a hermit from 1875 until his death in 1898. He was much sought after for counsel and blessing and had a great personal devotion to the Blessed Sacrament.

Thursday 25th July, *St. James, the Apostle*, son of Zebedee and brother of John, called the Greater. He was put to death by Herod Agrippa about the year 44, being the first of the Apostles to die for Christ. His shrine is at Compostela in Spain.

Friday 26th July, *Ss. Joachim and Anne*, are traditionally named parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary and grandparents of the Lord. The earliest reference to their names is the second-century apocryphal Gospel of James. Their feasts were celebrated separately until joined together in the Calendar reform of 1969.

The Holy Year 2025: in n.4 of the document written Pope Francis we find an interesting passage linking hope and patience: *“Saint Paul is a realist. He knows that life has its joys and sorrows, that love is tested amid trials, and that hope can falter in the face of suffering.... For the Apostle, trials and tribulations mark the lives of those who preach the Gospel amid incomprehension and persecution. Yet in those very contexts, beyond the darkness we glimpse a light: we come to realize that evangelization is sustained by the power flowing from Christ’s cross and resurrection. In this way, we learn to practise a virtue closely linked to hope, namely patience. In our fast-paced world, we are used to wanting everything now. We no longer have time simply to be with others; even families find it hard to get together and enjoy one another’s company. Patience has been put to flight by frenetic haste, and this has proved detrimental, since it leads to impatience, anxiety and even gratuitous violence, resulting in more unhappiness and self-centredness.*

*Nor is there much place for patience in this age of the Internet, as space and time yield to an ever-present “now”. Were we still able to contemplate creation with a sense of awe, we might better understand the importance of patience. We could appreciate the changes of the seasons and their harvests, observe the life of animals and their cycles of growth, and enjoy the clarity of vision of Saint Francis. In his *Canticle of the Creatures*, written exactly eight hundred years ago, Francis saw all creation as a great family and could call the sun his “brother” and the moon his “sister”. A renewed appreciation of the value of patience could only prove beneficial for ourselves and for others. Saint Paul often speaks of patience in the context of our need for perseverance and confident trust in God’s promises. Yet, before all else, he testifies to God’s own patience, as “the God of all patience and encouragement” (Rom 15:5). Patience, one of the fruits of the Holy Spirit, sustains our hope and strengthens it as a virtue and a way of life. May we learn to pray frequently for the grace of patience, which is both the daughter of hope and at the same time its firm foundation.”*

Quote for the Week: *“Whatever our state of life, we cannot live without these three dispositions of the soul, namely, to believe, to hope and to love.” - St. Augustine*