

**Middleton Parish Newsletter**  
**7<sup>th</sup> July 2024 – Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Parish Clergy:**

<b>Priests:</b>	Rt. Rev. Msgr. Jim Killeen, P.P., V.G.,	021-4631750; 087-2053938
	V. Rev. John Ryan, P.E., C.C.	086-2697503
	Rev. Mark Hehir, C.C.	021-4621670
	Rt. Rev. Msgr. Eamon Goold, P.E.	021-4633659
<b>Deacon:</b>	Rev. Edward Mulhare	

**Priest on Duty: 087-2468234 (for emergencies and also arranging wedding bookings)**

**Parish Office: The Parish Office will re-open on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> July at 10.30am. Tel: 021-4636508.**

**email: [middletonparishoffice@gmail.com](mailto:middletonparishoffice@gmail.com) Parish website: [www.middletonparish.ie](http://www.middletonparish.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: Eleanor Kenneally**

**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 become ever more a visible sign of compassion and hope for all."**

**Feast Days: Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> July, *St. Kilian*, was born in the parish of Mullagh in the diocese of Kilmore. With eleven companions he left Ireland and became known as the apostle of Thuringia and eastern Franconia. With Kolonat and Totnan, he was put to death in 689. There is a very strong devotion to him in Wurzburg, where his remains lie, and also throughout the Bavarian countryside.**

**Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup> July, *Ss. Augustine Zhao Rong*, priest and Companions, martyrs. St. Augustine Tchao, born 1746, converted to Christianity was ordained priest and martyred in 1815. The memorial also celebrates 119 companions, martyred in China over several centuries but especially during the Boxer Uprising.**

**Thursday, 11<sup>th</sup> July, *St. Benedict*, Abbot and Patron of Europe, c.480-547. After living as a hermit at Subiaco, founded the monastery of Monte Cassino. His Rule, observed by Benedictines and Cistercians, is distinguished by its wisdom and balance and those who lived by it did much to shape the Europe of today. He was the first saint to be named a Patron of Europe in 1964.**

**Scripture Quiz: Answers to last week's quiz**

1. The Wisdom of Solomon. 2. The Law of Moses. 3. The Patience of Job.
4. Jacob's Ladder. 5. St. Paul says: 'If I have to boast, I will boast of all the ways in which I am weak.
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**Questions this week: (all answers are numbers)**

1. The \_\_\_\_\_ sacraments of initiation.
2. The \_\_\_\_\_ Commandments
3. The \_\_\_\_\_ Beatitudes
4. The \_\_\_\_\_ tribes of Israel
5. The \_\_\_\_\_ letters of St. John

**Holiness:** (continuing with Matthew Kelly) *"Holiness brings us to life. It refines every human ability. Holiness doesn't dampen our emotions; it elevates them. Those who respond to God's call to holiness are the most joyful people in history. They have a richer, more abundant experience of life, and they love more deeply than most people can ever imagine. They enjoy life, all of life. Even in the midst of suffering they are able to maintain a peace and a joy that are independent of the happenings and circumstances surrounding them. Holiness doesn't stifle us; it sets us free.*

*The surest lines of holiness are not how often a person goes to church, how many hours he spends in prayer, what good spiritual books he has read or even the number of good works he performs. The surest signs of holiness are an insatiable desire to become all God created us to be, an unwavering commitment to the will of God, and an unquenchable concern for unholy people."*

The Pioneer Pilgrimage to Knock will take place on Sunday 21 July. Mass at 3pm will be followed by Eucharistic Blessing and Procession to the Shrine. Pioneers along with friends and relations of people who are living "one day at a time" with addiction are welcome.

**Providing compassionate care at the end of life:** *To address the sensitive issue of compassionate care at the end of life, and in response to the need to inform the faithful of Catholic teaching on this important life issue that affects so many families, the Bishops of Ireland have published the pastoral letter: Freedom to Live Fully, Until Death Comes. You are invited to read this letter and view the accompanying video Through the Valley, which offers personal testimonies by carers and people with terminal illness. The key message of both letter and video asserts that every person possesses inherent, infinite dignity that remains intact regardless of their circumstances. In this context, bishops strongly oppose the Oireachtas Committee's proposal to Government to legislate for assisted suicide, and call on support for healthcare workers who uphold the sanctity of life.*

To read Freedom to Live Fully, Until Death Comes and to watch Through the Valley, you can visit the following link: <https://www.catholicbishops.ie/2024/06/24/bishops-statement-on-end-of-life-care-freedom-to-live-fully-until-death-comes/>

Otherwise, you can take a hard-copy of the letter from the back of the Church. (Holy Rosary and Ballintotis)

**Quote for the Week:** *"There is nothing better to display the truth in an excellent light, than a clear and simple statement of facts."*

- St. Benedict