

Most Holy Rosary Parish, Midleton

Parish Newsletter April 15th 2018

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Anniversaries: Your prayers are requested for the repose of the following souls whose anniversaries occur: Dermot O’Sullivan, Mary Crichton (nee Walsh), Dan O’Sullivan, Tom Coppinger, Kevin Dunne, May they Rest in Peace

Newly Baptised: We welcome the new members of our Parish Community who were recently Baptised. Oliver John Barry, Brigid Isabel Casey, Darragh William McSweeney.

Confirmation: Next Tuesday April 17th, Bishop William Crean will administer the Sacrament of Confirmation in Holy Rosary Church, at 11.00am. There will be no 10.00am Mass in Holy Rosary or 11.00am Mass in Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital Chapel on Tuesday.

Invitation to Baptism Thanksgiving Service: A special thanksgiving Service will take place on Sunday 22nd April 2018, in the Church of The Most Holy Rosary, Midleton at 4.00pm. At this simple ceremony, we will give thanks for all the children baptised in our parish over the past twelve months. All these new members of our Christian community and their families, are cordially invited to this special celebration. Refreshments will be served following the Service.

Catholic Young Adults Conference 2018: Mary Queen & Protector of The Family Saturday 21st. April 9.15 a.m. – 5.30 p.m. Talks, testimonies, workshops, lunch and Holy Mass, Dominican Retreat Centre, Ennismore, Cork. Cost Euro 20 including lunch. Young adults 18 to 40 yrs. Contact Fergal 0877914975 or Susan 0872414635.

East Cork Parents & Friends: Annual summer camp for children/adults with intellectual disabilities – 10/7/18 – 22/8/18. Registration meeting for helpers, 2nd year – 6th year – will take place on Tuesday 17th April in St. Colman’s Community College, Midleton. 7p.m. for previous helpers 8p.m. for new helpers. Further information – Margaret Trundle 086 0422078.

Children’s Rosary: Every 3rd Sunday of the month there will be a Children’s Rosary in Holy Rosary Church, Midleton, at 6.30pm followed by refreshments nearby. Children and teens will take part with their parents and grandparents. Rosary beads will be available. Next Rosary: Today Sunday 15th April.



Ballinacurra “Our Lady’s” Grotto Open-Air Rosary: Every Wednesday, 8pm, all-year-round-all-weather. All welcome!

Confirmation Ceremony, Midleton Tuesday April 17th 11am, Holy Rosary Church



The parish of Midleton welcomes Bishop William Crean next Tuesday when he will confer the Sacrament of Confirmation on 183 of our young parishioners. We pray for them, their families and their sponsors ahead of this special moment in their lives when God will pour His love into their hearts through the Holy Spirit. We thank the Catholic schools and the teachers who have helped prepare the boys and girls for receiving the sacrament.

About the Sacrament of Confirmation:

- The Holy Spirit is given to each person in the Sacrament of Baptism, the moment when the person becomes a member of the Church. The Holy Spirit enables the person to live like Jesus and to be united to Jesus in a bond of love. 
- The Holy Spirit is again given to a person in the Sacrament of Confirmation. In this sacrament, the baptism of the person is “confirmed”, which means it is made stronger and completed. Now, the person is ready to be a full witness to Jesus and to be active in building up God’s kingdom in the world, just as Jesus’ disciples spread the Gospel in the world after the outpouring of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. 
- The gifts of the Holy Spirit are: wisdom, understanding, right-judgment, courage, knowledge, reverence, and wonder and awe in God’s presence.
- The fruit of the Holy Spirit are: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.
- The bishop will then “lay his hands” on the candidates by extending his hands over them while saying the prayer that confers the sacrament. The “laying of hands” on the candidates is a sign of their obedience to the bishop – he is “over them” like a shepherd. He also anoints the candidates with chrism oil, rubbing it into their forehead so that the “fragrance of Christ” (that is, the Holy Spirit) will stay with them as a protector and helper throughout their lives and so that they will bring the sweetness of Christ with them wherever they go.