

Most Holy Rosary Parish, Midleton

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***Your prayers are requested for the repose of the following souls whose anniversaries occur:
Tess O'Sullivan, Mary Foley, David Duggan (Jnr), Con Shanahan, Chrissie Berry,
Molly Collins, Chris Sinclair, Dan Linnane, Bill Rohan, Tereasa Gaffney (nee Lehane)***

May They Rest in Peace

We welcome the new member of our Parish Community:

Seán Burke

Who was recently Baptised.

Diocesan Safeguarding Conference 5th October

The Diocese of Cloyne is committed to best practice in Safeguarding children and Vulnerable Persons. This work is overseen by the Diocesan Safeguarding Committee. As part of the three year Safeguarding Plan, a **Conference on Safeguarding** will take place on **Saturday 5th October** in **Blarney Golf Conference complex**. The meeting will be from **1.30 to 5pm (Registration at 1.30pm commencing at 1.45pm)** with updates from Safeguarding in the Church. Presentations from TUSLA and the Gardaí will also be given. Parish Safeguarding Representatives, Parish Safeguarding Committees, Clergy, and people working with children and vulnerable persons are invited to attend. If you wish to attend please email safeguardingchildrenoffice@cloynediocese.ie. This conference will also be part of one's requirement for ongoing training.

The parish programme to prepare children for First Holy Communion and Reconciliation in 2020 will begin with a meeting for parents/guardians only, on Monday, September 16th at 8pm in the hall of St. Brigid's N.S., Youghal Road. First Communion dates for 2020 are as follows:

Saturday May 9th Gaelscoil Mainistir na Corann

Saturday May 16th St Brigid's, St John the Baptist, Educate Together

Saturday May 23rd Midleton CBS

Ballintotis date to be arranged.

Midleton Rugby Club

The Annual Multi - Denominational Ecumenical Service of Remembrance, will take place on Friday, September 20th, in The Rugby Club at Town Park at 8.00pm. Everybody very welcome.

Marymount University Hospital & Hospice

Donal & Margaret Ryan would like to invite you to their home for a Coffee Morning in aid of Marymount Hospice. Date 19th September, from 9.30am to 12.30pm at 7, Bromley Court, Midleton. All proceeds go to Marymount Hospice. All are welcome – We look forward to seeing you!

As Fr. Roche takes his leave of us, we would like to thank him for his tremendous work in Our Parish, during his time here, especially his Faith Camps and The Rosary every third Sunday for children and teenagers. I could go on but all I can say is a big *Thank You* and wish him every success and God's Blessing in his new parish.

The Issue of Water

Water is a natural resource vital for the survival of humanity and all species on earth. As a good of Creation, water is destined for all human beings and their communities. Fresh drinking water is an issue of primary importance, since it is indispensable for human life and for supporting terrestrial and aquatic ecosystems. Sources of fresh water are necessary for health care, agriculture and industry. Human beings and the communities, in which they live, cannot do without water since it corresponds to their primary needs and constitutes a basic condition of their existence. Water supplies used to be relatively constant, but now in many places demand exceeds the sustainable supply, with dramatic consequences in the short and long term. Large cities dependent on significant supplies of water have experienced periods of shortage. Water poverty especially affects Africa, where large sectors of the population have no access to safe drinking water or experience droughts which impede agricultural production. Every day, unsafe water results in many deaths and the spread of water-related diseases, including those caused by micro-organisms and chemical substances. Some 1.8 million children die each year from diarrhoea as they have no access to safe drinking water and adequate sanitation.

Those of us who, live in countries where clean water is readily available at the flick of a tap cannot fully appreciate the importance of this resource. Pope Francis in *Laudato Si* 30 says "that our world has a grave social debt towards the poor who lack access to drinking water. This debt can be paid partly by an increase in funding to provide clean water and sanitary services among the poor. But water continues to be wasted.

What can we do to conserve water? Public awareness of the need to better manage and protect water has grown over the last decade or more, but economic criteria and political considerations still tend to drive water policy at all levels.

Ways to save water Check your toilet for leaks. Install Low or Dual Flush Models. Take shorter showers. Install water-saving shower heads or flow restrictors. Turn off water while washing your teeth. Use dishwasher and washing machine for full loads. Keep a bottle of drinking water in fridge as this, stops the wasteful practice of running tap water to cool it for drinking. Recycle water where you can. Collect the cold water you run before it's hot to shower and use to water plants. Harvest rainwater for watering Vegetable or flower beds. You might like to share other ideas with us.

**Sincere apologies for all the mistakes in last week's Bulletin the correct version will appear in next week's Bulletin.*

Today being the 3rd Sunday of September, The Children's Rosary will be recited in Holy Rosary Church at 6.30pm. Everybody is very welcome. Refreshments served after.

St. Mary's High School Middleton

Open Evening

Thursday 26th September 2019 – 4.30pm – 6.45pm.

Parents and prospective pupils are invited to visit the school and to attend a Presentation on the First Year and General School Programmes.