

***Most Holy Rosary Parish, Midleton***

***Parish Newsletter November 24th 2019***

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***Your prayers are requested for the repose of the following souls whose anniversaries occur:  
Sean Prunty, Vincent Maher, Jack Scannell, David Walsh, Paul Butler, May Lynch,  
Eileen O'Mahony, Maurice Carroll, Morgan O'Sullivan, Maurice Bennett,  
Dominic Keniry, Kathleen Desmond, Michael Savage, Frank Motherway,***

***May They Rest in Peace***

**We welcome the new member of our Parish Community:**

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***Fiadh June Stenhouse***

**Who was recently Baptised.**

***Feast of Christ The King.***

***Today being the last Sunday of the Liturgical Year is the Feast of Christ The King.***

***Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will take place today as follows:***

***St Colman's Church, Ballintotis: 11am to 2.30pm***

***Holy Rosary Church Midleton: 3pm to 7pm***

***St Colman's day is transferred this year from Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> November to  
Monday 25<sup>th</sup>***

**As we near the end of the month of November, the special Mass for all those who died during the year will be celebrated on Friday, November 29<sup>th</sup>, at 7.30pm. Everyone is invited to attend and place a lighted candle on the altar for their loved ones. Candles are provided on the night. Everyone is very welcome**

**Confessions and Anointing will be celebrated next Friday, November 29<sup>th</sup>, in Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital Chapel at 11.20am**

**Cemetery Prayers today in Ballyoughtra Cemetery at 3.15pm**

**Notable Dates in December.**

- Parish Penitential Service will take place on Thursday December 19<sup>th</sup>, at 7.30pm in Holy Rosary Church.
- The Parish Carol Service will take place on Friday December 20<sup>th</sup>, at 7.30pm in Most Holy Rosary Church.

**IMP CHOIR**

On this Sunday Nov 24<sup>th</sup> we remember our many deceased members at the 12 Noon Mass, 40 years after the first Mass the choir sang in Holy Rosary Church for the deceased members of the IMP factory. We would like to thank Msgr. Eamon Goold for launching our CD last Sunday night, with such kind words and to all of the parishioners who turned out to support us. If you were unable to attend and would like to buy the CD they will be available after the 12noon Mass on Sunday from the Book barrow in the churchyard. Proceeds from the sale of the CD will be donated to the East Cork Parents and Friends Annual Summer School for children and adults with Intellectual Disabilities.

Next Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December is the first Sunday of Advent, the beginning of the Church's New Liturgical Year. The second week of Advent falls on December 8<sup>th</sup>. Because of this the Feast of The Immaculate Conception is celebrated this year on Monday December 9<sup>th</sup> and *is not a Holy Day of Obligation.*

**The Call to Holiness**

The letter to The Hebrews presents a number of Testimonies that encourage us to 'run with perseverance the race that is set before us' it speaks of Abraham, Sarah, Moses, Gideon and others. Above all, it invites us to realise that a 'great cloud of witnesses' impels us to advance constantly towards the goal. These witnessed may include our own mothers, grandmothers or other loved ones. Their lives may not always have been perfect, yet even amid their faults and failings they kept moving forward and proved pleasing to the Lord.

The saints now in God's presence preserve their bonds of love and communion with us. The book of Revelation attests to this when it speaks of intercession of the martyrs: 'I saw under the altar the souls of those who had been slain for the word of God and for the witness they had borne; they cried out with a loud voice, "O sovereign Lord, holy and true, how long will it be before you judge? Each of us can say: 'Surrounded, led and guided by the friends of God..... I do not have to carry alone what, in truth, I could never carry alone. All the saints of God are there to protect me, sustain me and carry me.'