

Most Holy Rosary Parish, Midleton

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***Your prayers are requested for the repose of the following souls whose anniversaries occur:
Madge McNerney (nee Crotty), Joe O'Mahony, Sheila Murray, Martin Lee, Hugh Cusker,
Dan & Teresa O'Brien, Ann Walsh, Imelda O'Sullivan, Pádraig Fitzgerald, Tim Kirby,
Richie, Peg & Martin Hurley, Derek Lehane, John (Johnnie) Horgan, Mary & Tim Horgan,
John Horgan, Margaret Savage, Maureen Prunty,***

May They Rest in Peace

The enrolment forms for C.B.S. Primary in September 2020, should be handed in to C.B.S. Primary School Office as soon as possible please.

Cloyne Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2020

The Cloyne Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes will take place from Friday 29th May, to Wednesday 3rd June, 2020. Please forward names of sick and elderly wishing to travel, to Mary McCarthy @ 086-8103328 and Sheila Stack @ 086-1723972 or any committee member before 31st January 2020.

Fr. John Ryan has a new telephone contact number which is;

086-2697503.

His landline is no longer in service.

Lourdes Diocesan Mass.

The annual Lourdes Diocesan Mass will be celebrated in St. Colman's Church, Macroom, on Tuesday 11th February, at 7.30pm.* All are welcome to attend. Bus leaving the Courthouse, Midleton at 6.00pm. Names to Mary O'Farrell @ 021-4632937 or Mary McCarthy, @ 086-8103328

"HAIRSPRAY"

St. Mary's High School, Midleton

Commencing Sunday February 9th, *ALSO* Tuesday 11th, Wed.12th and Thurs. 13th.

Tickets will be on *SALE* Monday 27th January @ The Main Office.

Midleton Life in the Spirit Prayer Group continues each Tuesday at 8pm in Room 1 of the Edmund Rice Centre. Praise, Scripture, Reflection Rosary and Intercession. Come experience an authentic encounter with God's word.

Calling all walkers....It doesn't matter whether you are a fast or slow walker, or perhaps you just prefer to stroll and simply enjoy nature and the outdoors. Whatever your level, you are welcome to join us for a walk on a Saturday afternoon. We meet at Ballintotas Church at 2pm and our first 2020 walk begins on February 15th. The annual fee is 10 euro and this must be paid before the first walk for insurance purposes. Looking forward to seeing some new faces on the 15th.

NEW PARISH CENTRE

After much discussion at the parish council and among the priests of the parish it has been decided to proceed with the provision of a new parish centre. In the past, the majority of people living in the parish were practicing Catholics and active in the parish community. This is no longer the case. We must now base our parish on community rather than geography.

Accordingly, it is becoming more and more necessary for the parish to develop an identity as a community in a way that goes beyond just attending Mass on Sundays. To allow this, the parish needs a place where we can gather, either for formal events, such as meetings and classes, or informally to meet and socialise. Ideally, this place should be near the church so that its identity as a parish centre is emphasised and so that where we worship and where we gather are closely aligned.

The new parish centre will be based in and around the vacant priest's house behind the band hall and will be created in two phases. In phase one, the present house will be converted into rooms which can be used for classes or meetings, and an extension will be built to provide office spaces for parish administration. At present the parish runs evening meetings for parents of first communion children in the various schools around the town, plus classes for children who are attending non-Catholic schools which take place for now in the My Place centre at Mill Road. We also have Bible study groups and catechism groups. The new centre will also give us a number of rooms to hold these events which will be under our own control. It's also hoped that it might become a social space where people could gather after Masses. Target date for completion of this phase is June 2021.

The second phase will involve the building of a hall which can be used for larger gatherings or partitioned off into smaller areas as needed. The location of the centre also means that the church parking will be available to users and we won't need to worry about providing a car park.

The plans, plus a model of the centre will be displayed next weekend as follows: Saturday 1st February, from 6pm – 8pm at the My Place centre opposite Hurley's SuperValu, Sunday 2nd February, 12-3 at Midleton Park Hotel. I'd encourage you all to come and have a look.

A project such as this will cost a lot of money. We estimate that phase 1 will come to about €800,000. However, by using some of the cash reserves of the parish and by selling some parish property, as well as donations, we may be able to fund this phase with little or no borrowing. Phase 2 will probably cost about the same, and we will need to do some serious fundraising to complete it.

I believe that in providing this parish centre, we will be building for the future, when the needs of our parish will be different from the past, and ensuring that Holy Rosary remains a vibrant parish long after we are gone. I encourage you to come and view the plans next weekend, and to support this project.

Monsignor Jim Killeen, PP