

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

***Parish Newsletter March 8<sup>th</sup> 2020***

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***Your prayers are requested for the repose of the following souls whose anniversaries occur:  
Fr. Mike Williams, Fr. Rossa Williams, Leona Whyte, Marian Barton, Kathleen Keniry,  
Seán Keohane, William & Lillian Campbell, Richard Cotter, Timothy Dennehy, Denis  
O'Sullivan, Brendan Hennessy, Rosaleen (Rose) Cashman, Maim Thompson, Mary Morey,  
Tom Barry, Lil Barton, Deceased members of the Lawton Family,***

***May They Rest in Peace***

### **BLESSING FOR EXPECTANT PARENTS**

***There will be a Special Blessing for expectant parents at all Masses on the weekend of the 21/22 March 2020. This weekend was chosen because of it's proximity to the beautiful feast of The Annunciation, celebrated on March 25<sup>th</sup>. All those expecting babies are invited in a special and loving way to the Masses on this weekend.***

**St. Joseph's Young Priests Society's monthly meeting will take place at The Emond Rice Centre, Rosary Place on Wednesday next, 11<sup>th</sup> March after 10.00am Mass. New members are most welcome.**

**Stations of The Cross are celebrated every Sunday during Lent at 5.00pm in Holy Rosary Church.**

#### ***Upcoming Rural Stations.***

***Wednesday March 11<sup>th</sup>: Inegrega, Carrigagour, Knockgorm, Coppingerstown & Geragha, at the home of Eddie & Marie O'Brien at 7.30pm.***

***Thursday March 19<sup>th</sup>: Stumphill, Castlevew, Churchtown, Whiterock & Dunsfort at 7.30pm. the home of Donal & Sheila Cantwell, at 7.30pm.***

***Friday March 20<sup>th</sup>: Bawnard and Loughatalia at the home of Anthony & Margaret Condon, at 7.30pm.***

**The Rosary is recited every Wednesday at the Grotto in Ballinacurra at 8.00pm. Everybody is invited to attend. Why not make it a family affair for Lent and the new year.**

**Mary Fitzgerald, sisters & friends would like to thank everybody who attended her recent Coffee Morning in aid of Lourdes Invalid Fund the amount raised was over €1,500.00 for which they are very grateful.**

**A meeting of Eucharistic Coordinators will be held in The Parish Office on tomorrow Monday, 9<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm.**

**HSE Guidance re Coronavirus (COVID – 19)**

The HSE has issued guidance for preventing the spread of Covid 19 during religious services as follows: On a general level, anyone who feels ill should not attend religious services. From a Church point of view, you are **not obliged** to attend Mass if you are sick or if you are concerned that you may spread any illness to others.

**The HSE has also made the following recommendations:**

1. That holy water fonts be left empty.
2. That the handshake at the sign of peace at Mass be suspended.
3. That communion be distributed **on the hand only, and not on the tongue.**
4. That only the priest receive from the chalice. Those who usually receive from the second chalice are asked to come to the sacristy before Mass to make suitable arrangements.

These recommendations will come into force across the diocese of Cloyne from today until further notice. We emphasise that the guidance has been issued by the HSE and we ask everyone to abide by them. As Christians we are obliged to act as responsible citizens and to have consideration for others. Please continue to pray for all affected by this virus and for all health workers.