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WELLSPRINGS CENTRE
 Due to circumstances beyond our control the course
LANDSCAPE AND THE GOSPEL
 scheduled to begin 27th January, 2015 has been cancelled.

LENTEN/NEIGHBOURHOOD RETREAT
 Tuesday nights 7.30 – 9.15
 17th, 24th Feb; 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st March: 14th April
 This retreat is based on scripture; each retreatant receives, a book containing scripture suggestions and reflections, a copy of the New Testament and a note book.
 Retreatants meet once a week for the seven weeks of Lent.
 Cost 30€ for the eight weeks or 4€ a night, concessions can be arranged. Led by Lucy Higgins and Sr. Olive.
 Please book for the Retreat.

Fr. Patrick Carmody. After a difficult year of ill health our beloved Fr Paddy entered into eternal life at 10.30pm on Thursday 22nd Jan. His funeral will take place in his native Ardfert, Co. Kerry on Monday. A special bus will be going from the parish early Monday morning. Details from Bernadette 0858662255. May he rest in peace.

PLANNED GIVING: Weekly Envelope Collection €2,132 Thank you for your generosity to the Planned Giving Collection
 Thanks also to the collectors.

The Play and Pray at our 11am Sunday morning Mass is increasingly helpful to young children and their families. We urgently need a few more volunteers to help with the energetic team who are helping the children to know Jesus better. Would you be willing to give an hour a month to this delightful service to our younger parishioners? If so please ring the parish office on 0858662255.

Weekend Mass Intentions:
St Brigid's Church
Saturday 6pm: Edward, Mary & Bernadette Coyne
Sunday 11am: Thomas & Gertie Cribbon
St. Patrick's Church:
Saturday 6.30pm: Margaret Humphrey (m.m.)
Sunday
8.30am: Hugh & Josephine Hennelly
9.30am: Aaron Moore
11am: Jimmy Burchall
12.30pm: John, Josephine & Betty Swift
4pm: Filipino Mass
7pm: Joseph, Michael, & Oliver Foley

Weekday Mass Intentions
Mon 26th 10am Neil Slattery **7pm** Margaret (Peggy) Keatinge
Tues 27th 10am Biddy Meehan **7pm** James Greene
Wed 28th 10am Teresa & friends **7pm** Gearald Colgan
Thur 29th 10am Michael Kilduff **7pm** Elizabeth Darlington
 Please pray for Prabhakar
Fri 30th 10am Mary Fitzpatrick & McKenna Family **7pm** Mr Drachenberg
Sat 24th 10am Francis & Patricia Lee & deceased family members.

Recently Deceased: We remember in our prayers **Maresa Tansey** whose funeral took place on Monday in St. Patrick's Church. Maresa formerly from Roscommon was a good neighbour and very supportive to her family and friends. She was well known in the business community in Naas, where she built up the family business with her husband Sean. We offer our sympathy to Sean, their children, extended family and friends. May she rest in peace.

Seamus Hendrick who lived with his wife and daughter Claire in Sleepy Hollow, Oldtown Rd, entered into eternal life at the age of 62. He had been battling ill health for the last ten years and was well known and liked by the staff at Tallaght Hospital. Seamus had a great love for gardening and for many years had his own vegetable growing and delivery business. We offer our sympathy to his wife and daughter at this sad time.

Thomas Noonan. We extend our sympathy to Eileen his wife and his three sons Kevin, Derek and Declan and other family members at this sad time. Tommy was 82 years of age and had been living in Straffan for over 50 years. In his younger days he played for Rathcoffey GAA. He was devoted to his family and had a great passion for restoring old motorbikes. May he rest in peace.

Catholic Schools Week:
 The theme for Catholic School Week 2015 is Catholic Schools: A Call to Serve January 25 – February 1, 2015
 A Call to Serve, invites all involved in Catholic education to examine what we understand by service and how we live out the call to serve. This year, we are encouraged to answer the Call to Serve; for example, by reaching out to those who are most in need in society. During CSW, Catholic Schools are encouraged to celebrate their identity as Catholic Schools.

ENROLMENT FOR SEPTEMBER 2015 will take place in the following schools on **Wednesday 4th** and **Thursday 5th February** from **10.00am – 1.00pm.**
Scoil Bríd, Scoil Ná Mainistreach, Scoil Mochua, St. Patrick's N.S.
 Please bring the following documentation with you: Child's Birth Certificate, Child's Baptismal Certificate, Child's P.P.S. No. Current Utility Bill. **Baptismal Certs:** If your child was baptised in our Parish and you require a Baptismal Certificate please **text parents' names, name of child and child's date of birth to 085-8662255.** Certificates will be available for collection **3 working days** after text request from the Parish Office in the Parochial House on Main Street from **11.00am – 1.00pm Mon - Fri except Wednesday.**

CONFIRMATION CORNER

More than 270 of our young people are preparing to be confirmed in their faith. These are our parish 'Candidates' for Confirmation. This year our parish is asking them to use their 'God-given' gifts among us, in the service of all of us. The response of our young people has been wonderful and we are really proud of the effort they are putting in. Some of the things that are happening this week:

- You might have been welcomed and handed a leaflet on the way into Mass
- Next Friday all of our candidates will take part in FASTING FRIDAY. Each one of our 11 Confirmation classes will give over their lunchtime to be in *solidarity* with the children in Riwoto in South (a Holy Faith school). As well as a presentation by some candidates in each class they will be invited to *fast* from part of what they would normally eat for lunch. Each class will also make a card for their peer group in Riwoto. Perhaps all of us might consider joining in this fast next Friday lunchtime.
- Last Saturday candidates from all our schools met in Straffan to reflect on what Climate Change is doing to our world, and the responsibility we as Christians have to respond to it. During Lent, at Mass, we will be hearing from them, and why it is a justice issue for us.
- Very soon our Confirmation candidates will present *The Great Celbridge Bake Off*.



Watch this space!
 Please acknowledge our candidates, and pray for them.

They belong to our faith community, and are giving us great example.

THE SPIRIT IS UPON ME **CONFIRMATION CATECHISTS — FORMATION DAY**
 Our second Formation Day for our Confirmation Candidates will take place on 7th February. Fr Kevin has emailed all the catechists from Formation Day One. If you took part in that day and have not received an email please get in touch with Fr. Kevin at kevindoherty@eircom.net
 Also, if you volunteered as a catechist last October but found that the date didn't suit, you are welcome to volunteer again for Formation Day Two (indeed encouraged to)! If this still interests you please email Fr Kevin.

Straffan GAA Club,
 If you wish to find out about GAA Club Development progress and plans for 2015, an information day will take place on Sunday 8th Feb, in the K. Club, Legacy Suite, Smurfit Club House at 3pm.
 Refreshments & entertainment for children.

Important Advice: During the winter months especially with the flu and vomiting bugs around, it is better at the Sign of Peace not to shake hands, but to acknowledge the other person in a different way e.g. A little bow.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
 This weekend we conclude our annual week of prayer, giving thanks to God for the greater common witness Christians are giving especially in troubled parts of the world where violence is rampant. We pray that the Holy Spirit may lead us all into that deeper unity that Jesus Christ desires for the Church.