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PLANNED GIVING: Weekly Envelope Collection: €1212.99. We sincerely appreciate your generosity to the Planned Giving Collection which is the only collection used for the maintenance of the parish. Thanks also to the collectors.

Dates for your Diary:

Sunday 1st November 2015 - The Blessing of the Graves in Donacomper.

Wednesday 4th November 2015 - The Annual Mass for parishioners who died during the year.

The 'Do This In Memory' Mass for the Children preparing for First Holy Communion will take place this weekend 17th/ 18th October. The Masses in St. Patrick's Church are the 6.30pm, 9.30am, 11am. The Mass in St. Brigid's Church, Straffan is the Sunday 11am. We will keep the children in our prayers as they begin on their journey. We sincerely thank all the volunteers who give of their time to help in preparing for the Masses.

Mission Sunday - This Sunday 18th October

Pope Francis in his message for World Mission Day 2015 has this to say: "Every baptized person is called to bear witness to the Lord Jesus by proclaiming the faith received as a gift. Since Christ's entire existence had a missionary character, so too, all who follow him closely must possess this missionary quality. The first to whom the Gospel message must be preached are: "the poor, the little ones and the sick, those who are often looked down upon and forgotten, those who cannot repay us."

The duty of the Church is to help those in need. However, if the purpose of the Church is solely to care for the poor, to further justice and peace, then it becomes a human institution oriented to temporal goals. The primary mission of the Church is to preach the Good News of Jesus Christ so that all people will be brought into communion with the living God and into the fullness of the kingdom. Caring for the poor is an important aspect of the Church's ultimate mission.

Pope Francis said: "Your gifts as lay men and women are manifold and your apostolate varied, yet all that you do is meant to advance the Church's mission by ensuring that the temporal order is permeated and perfected by Christ's Spirit and ordered to the coming of his Kingdom."

The Share Collection today will be replaced by a Special Collection for Mission Sunday.

Attention: Music Ministry

We thank all our choir members and musicians who attended the music workshop with John O'Keeffe this Saturday the 17th in St. Patrick's Church. We appreciate the time and effort our choirs members and musicians commit to rehearsals and participating at our Masses.

We also thank John O'Keeffe for giving of his time to enhance music at our liturgies.

For your consideration:

The present Parish Pastoral Council is coming to the end of its term of office. We thank them for their good work they have been doing in coordinating parish initiatives. The PPC is a very important asset for the development and nurturing of parish life. If you would like to nominate somebody for the PPC, just ask them first and then put forward their name to the Parish Priest. We hope to have an election within the next 8 weeks. The PPC meet nine times a year.

Weekend Mass Intentions:

St Brigid's Church

Saturday 6pm: Bridie Kavanagh

Sunday 11am: Michael Smallwood

St. Patrick's Church:

Saturday

6.30pm: James and Annie Dignam

Sunday

8.30am: Anthony & Annie Dunne

9.30am: Brendan Byrne, James & Bridget Byrne

11am: James (Gerry) Lewis

12.30pm: William & May Ward, Patty Dillon, Sr. Rosario Ward

7pm: Gary Kennedy.

The Rosary will be recited **at the Grotto**, Celbridge on Friday evenings after Mass at 7.30pm for the month of October. Legion of Mary.

The Rosary ... mirrors God and his creation in a remarkable way. It is circular, implying a never-ending nature. Within this nature is a sense of wholeness, security, and purpose, a sense of moving forward in and deeper into our love for and devotion to God. Like nature's seasons, the rosary is cyclical and perfectly balanced: one part light, one part sorrow, one part glory. It meets us in every circumstance.

Prayer of Transformation

Where there is consumption let there be sacrifice.

Where there is greed let there be generosity.

Where there is wastefulness let there be a spirit of sharing.

Grant that we may give rather than simply give up.

May we move gradually away from what we want to what God's world needs.

Free us from fear, greed and compulsion.

Help us to appreciate that the divine and human meet in the slightest detail in the seamless garment of God's creation, in the last speck of dust on the planet.

We ask this in the name of Jesus, our light and our hope. Amen.

The ACRE Project's fourth annual Autumn Plant Sale will take place on Saturday and Sunday, 17 and 18 October, 11 am to 5 pm as a fundraiser for our local horticultural and environmental charity. There will be a wide selection of winter bedding plants, baskets and shrubs. Raffle with a complimentary tea or coffee. The ACRE Project is located adjacent to the Salesian College, on the Maynooth Road, Celbridge.

Weekday Mass Intentions

Mon 19th 10am: Joseph Dominic Mahon **7pm:** William Pratt

Tues 20th 10am: Barry Allen **7pm:** Kitty & Mick Carton

Wed 21st 10am: Jack Fitzpatrick **7pm:** Veda & Jim King

Thur 22nd 10am: Lorraine Hughes **7pm:** Fr. Martin Clarke

Fri 23rd 10am: Elizabeth Harmon **7pm:** Michael Gough

Sat 24th 10am: Cornelius O' Connell

Recently Deceased:

We offer our sympathy and remember in our prayers Jack Abel from the Maynooth Rd. who died during the week. His wife Rose predeceased him in June this year, they were a devoted couple. Jack was born in Celbridge, baptised and confirmed in St. Patrick's Church. He had a great love of 'Ireland Own' and will be missed by his family and a wide circle of friends. May he rest in peace.

The Living Spirit

Loving God is not a privilege of the chosen people; it is God's free gift to all of us, the destiny of all of us since before time began. We must resist the spirit of destructiveness that is within us all and we must do so wholeheartedly; that is why we must constantly be surrendering our lives to the Spirit of love, of compassion and of peace, which dwells within us and around us. Our devious human hearts will constantly persuade us that our first duty is individual self-protection and the protection of our group, whatever it may be, whether religious or not. Our survival as a human race ... depends on our choosing life rather than death, love rather than self-preservation.

Priests Roster for the Masses Weekend 24th / 25th October

St. Patrick's. - Vigil **6.30pm:** Fr. Douglas

Sunday: 8.30am: Fr. Douglas **9.30am:** Fr. Brian **11am:** Fr. Douglas

12.30pm: Fr. Kevin **7pm:** Fr. Kevin

St. Brigid's. - **Saturday 6pm:** Fr. Brian **Sunday 11am:** Fr. Brian

The Mass Leaflet: You are welcome to take the Mass leaflets home with you after Mass but if you are not taking it home please return it to the leaflet stand at the back of the Church.

Rosters for 24th /25th October 2015

Ministers of the Word (Readers)

6.30pm: G. Hennigan

8.30am: M. Donovan

9.30am: L. Maher

11am: D. Jackson

12.30pm: J. Rogers

7pm: T. O'Regan

Eucharistic Ministers

6.30pm: S. Herrero, L. O' Connor, W. Lynch

8.30am: H. Boothman, B. Quinlan

9.30am: A. Melinn, R. Melvin, D. McDonnell

11am: I. Murray, A. O'Connell, P. Sexton

12.30pm: L. White, A. Condell, D. Harkness, M. O'Shea

7pm: C. Barry, R. Gajkowski, C. Walsh