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PLANNED GIVING: Weekly Envelope Collection €1650 . 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.

Mission Sunday -- 18th October 2015

Mission Sunday takes place on the 18th October and the National Day of Prayer for Children is Friday the 9th October. Pope Francis notes that Mission Sunday 2015 takes place in the context of the Year of Consecrated Life, which provides a further stimulus for prayer and reflection. Today, the Church's mission is faced by the challenge of meeting the needs of all people to return to their roots and to project the values of their respective cultures. We may ask "Who are the first to whom the Gospel message must be proclaimed?" The answer, found so often throughout the Gospel is clear: it is the poor, the little ones and the sick, those who are often looked down upon or forgotten, those who cannot repay us (cf Lk 14: 13-14). 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. As Vatican II stated: 'The laity should cooperate in the Church's missionary work of evangelisation, as witnesses and at the same time as living instruments, they share in her saving mission' (Ad Gentes, 41)." 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 (d. Luke 14:13-14)."

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, that is, to invite "all people, scattered and divided by sin, into the unity of God's family, the Church ... to become, in the Holy Spirit, his adopted children and thus heirs to his blessed life" (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1). 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."

Please help us at World Missions Ireland to be able to share the gift of faith through your prayers and whatever financial assistance you can so that we in the Irish Church are able to offer to the growth of the young Churches. Wishing you every blessing for Mission Month.

Charity night
In aid of
Abbey Community Project Celbridge
(Free Addiction Services)
On
Friday October 9th
8 till Late
In Celbridge Manor
Food Music Dance Raffle
Admission €10

Limited Tickets available from the St. Eustace Centre, The Parish Office

Priests Roster for the Masses Weekend 3rd/ 4th October

St. Patrick's. - Vigil **6.30pm:** Fr. Paul
Sunday: 8.30am: Fr. Paul **9.30am:** Fr. Kevin **11am:** Fr. Paul
12.30pm: Fr. Brian **7pm:** Fr. Brian
St. Brigid's. - **Saturday 6pm:** Fr. Kevin
Sunday 11am: Fr. Kevin

Little Way Cancer Support Centre:

Mass and Blessing of the Roses
 4th October 2015 in honour of St. Therese
 Clane Parish Church @ 11.30am

Weekend Mass Intentions:

St Brigid's Church

Saturday 6pm: John McManus, Kathleen MacManaman

Sunday 11am: Bríd, Joseph & Maria Walsh

St. Patrick's Church:

Saturday

6.30pm: Noel O'Donoghue (months mind)

Sunday

8.30am: Shane Clyne

9.30am: Liam & Mary Ann Lagan

11am: Jim & Patrick Plunkett

12.30pm: John McCabe

4pm: Filipino Mass

7pm: Special intention, Thomas & Mary Dunne

Recently Deceased: We remember in our prayers Barry Allen, late of Barry Allen Solicitors, Celbridge who died on Tuesday, after a long illness bravely borne with quiet dignity. His funeral took place on Saturday in Straffan. We offer our sympathy and prayers to his family on their sad loss.

John O'Brien, (formerly of Celbridge) died suddenly on Monday and his funeral took place on this Saturday in Celbridge. He will be sadly missed by his beloved wife Debbie and his children Johnny, Sinead and Ciaran and a large circle of family and friends. We offer them our prayers and sympathy at this sad time.



Straffan's Got Talent Show

Have you a talent?

Is it singing, dancing, magic, playing the guitar, gymnastics, skipping?

This is your chance to show YOUR talent at the Straffan's Got Talent Show

Saturday 17th October, 7:00pm

Straffan Community Hall.

Competition is open to ALL people of ALL ages

For entry forms please :

email straffansgottalent@gmail.com or phone Orla at 087 2373142 or you can get them at Straffan Hall.

Playgroup Wednesday mornings 10 - 11.30am

in the St. Eustace Centre (basement of Parochial House)
 Mums/Dads/Minders/Au Pairs all welcome
 Come and have a cuppa and a chat while the little ones play together. Hope to see you on Wednesday

Weekday Mass Intentions

Mon 28th 10am: Special intention, Please pray for Mr. Burke.

7pm: Sean Tansey

Tues 29th 10am: Special intention, Pray for Teresa O'Donnell

7pm: Betty Dunne

Wed 30th 10am: Florence Brophy

7pm: Elizabeth Shanahan

Thur 1st 10am: Shane Clyne

7pm: Patrick Giblin

Fri 2nd 10am: Altar List of the Dead

7pm: Altar List of the Dead

Sat 3rd 10am: Shane Clyne

Journeying with our Young People towards Confirmation. We thank the parishioners who have already put their name down to help, but we still need more volunteers. The role is to act with two other adults as a leader in groups of 8 or 9 girls / boys from 6th class. The commitment is to meet with your group 6 times between now and May (for 1½ hours each time).

Please put your name and telephone number on the sheets available at the back of the Church so we can contact you and invite you to an information meeting.

Rosters for 3rd / 4th October 2015

Ministers of the Word (Readers)

6.30pm: M. Lebech

8.30am: J. Curran

9.30am: J. Deane - King

11am: D. O'Shea

12.30pm: M. Macapaz

7pm: J. Bermingham

Eucharistic Ministers .

6.30pm: C. Wynne J. Wynne P. Donohoe

8.30am: B. McGee N. Buckley

9.30am: M. Waters A. Byrne A. Melinn

11am: M. Blessing J. Murphy G. O' Callaghan

12.30pm: M. O'Shea B. Ryan L. White A. Condell

7pm: M. O' Fiannachta H. Van Der May W. Lynch

Day for Life 2015 'Cherishing Life - Accepting Death'

The Annual Day for Life message offers an occasion to focus on one specific aspect regarding the meaning and value of human life. Prepared by the Catholic Church in Ireland, Scotland, England and Wales, this year's message looks at end of life decisions. The advances in medicine and in technology mean that the taking of decisions about appropriate care for people who have advanced and progressive illness have become more complex. This year's message echoes points made by the Irish Bishops in a 2002 statement on ethical and pastoral issues surrounding the end of life care: 'In caring for people who are dying, there are two extremes to be avoided: trying to keep people alive at all costs, even when it is clear that death is imminent, and deciding to end the life of a person on the basis that his or her life is no longer worth living'. This year's message is short and produced by Veritas in an attractive card format. The card is available at the back of the Church on the right hand side. Please take one home