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**PLANNED GIVING:** 1486.47. 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.

**The Apostles Creed**  
 I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of Heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, Our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into Hell; on the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into Heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God, the Father almighty; from there He will come to judge the living and the dead.  
 I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and life everlasting. Amen.

The **'Do This in Memory' Masses** for the children from our parish schools preparing for First Holy Communion will take place this weekend. We ask you to keep them in your prayers.

**Meeting in St Brigid's Church, Straffan**  
 There will be an open meeting in relation to the proposed adjustments to the Church in Straffan and the proposed development of a parish centre at the Church (as per drawings).  
 The meeting will be held in the Church on **Tuesday 1st March at 8pm.**

**Advanced notice:** As part of the celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation the children will celebrate the **Sacrament of Reconciliation** (Confessions) on Saturday 5th March at 10.30am or at 5.45pm in St. Patrick's Church.  
 The Children from Straffan school will celebrate the Sacrament in St. Brigid's Church Straffan on Saturday 12th March at 5.15pm.

**24 Hours for the Lord**



Across the globe on the same day - 24 hours to realign our compass on the Lord Jesus Christ. Pope Francis states in Misericordiae Vultus - the Official Bull of Indiction of the Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy, that he would like Friday 4th and Saturday 5th March to be set aside as "24 Hours for the Lord." "As individuals, we are tempted by indifference," he wrote. "Flooded with news reports and troubling images of human suffering, we often feel our complete inability to help. What can we do to avoid being caught up in this spiral of distress and powerlessness? "First, we can pray in communion with the Church on earth and in heaven," the Pope said. "Let us not underestimate the power of so many voices united in prayer!

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will take place in St Patrick's Church on Friday at 10.30am until before the 7pm evening Mass and on Saturday at 11am (after Mass and Sacrament of Reconciliation) until 5.45pm. A sheet will be available at the back of the Church for people to volunteer to give 1 hour in prayer in front of the Blessed Sacrament.

**Housekeeping**

In order to make our celebration of the Mass respectful & harmonious let us make our responses slowly, clearly and meaningfully.  
 After the Homily there is to be a pause while the first collection is gathered. Only when it is completed should we profess the Creed. The second collection is taken up after the prayers of the faithful. Let us all be pro-active in passing the collection bags along.  
 At Mass where Holy Communion is shared under both kinds, it is not permitted to 'Dip' the host, because Holy Communion is received not taken. Accessing Holy Communion is by going up the main aisle and always to return to your seat by the side aisle.  
 During Mass one should not light shrine candles.  
 If you are not taking the Mass leaflet home please return it to the holder at the door.  
 Let us celebrate the Eucharist in prayerful union with each other.

**Weekend Mass Intentions:**  
**St. Brigid' Church**  
 6pm: Maureen Hannon  
 11am: Eileen & Ned Rowley  
**St. Patrick's Church:**  
**Saturday**  
 6.30pm: Annie Swayne, Tommy Brennan  
**Sunday:**  
 8.30am: Special Intention  
 9.30am: Moira Barker  
 11am: Kathleen O' Connor, Angela Murphy  
 12.30pm: Liam Stanley (1st Anniv)  
 7pm: Bridget, Christopher, Donagh Holt

**Weekday Mass Intentions**  
**Mon 29th 10am:** Ellen o' Brien **7pm:** Maura o' Conor, Eamonn Gildea  
**Tues 1st 10am:** Matthew Farrelly **7pm:** Noel Doolin  
**Wed 2nd 10am:** Harry Pedreschi **7pm:** Bernadette Kelly  
**Thur 3rd 10am:** Una Gaffney, Special Intention **7pm:** Noel Kennedy  
**Fri 4th 10am:** Altar List of the dead **7pm:** Altar list of dead  
**Sat 5th 10am:** Special Intention

**Priests Roster for the Masses Weekend 5th / 6th March**  
**St. Patrick's. - Vigil 6.30pm:** Fr. Brian **Sunday: 8.30am:** Fr. Brian  
**9.30am:** Fr. Paul **11am:** Fr. Brian **12.30pm:** Fr. Douglas **7pm:** Fr. Douglas  
**St. Brigid's. - Saturday 6pm:** Fr. Paul **Sunday 11am:** Fr. Paul

A little bit of mercy makes the world less cold and more just. *Pope Francis*

Recently deceased: We remember in our prayer and offer our sympathy to the family of **Brigid Kavanagh** who was a resident in Elm Hall for a number of years and died peacefully last Saturday and her funeral took place in St. Patrick's Church on Tuesday. May she rest in peace.

**Rosters for 5/6 March 2016**  
**Ministers of the Word (Readers)**  
 6.30pm: C. Ramos **8.30am:** M. Donovan  
 9.30am: R. Kavanagh **11am:** M. Lebech  
 12.30pm: J. Rogers **7pm:** C. Anderson  
**Eucharistic Ministers**  
 6.30pm: J. Wynne, C. Wynne  
 8.30am: B. McGee, N. Buckley  
 9.30am: A. Menton, G. McLoughlin, D. McDonnell  
 11am: M. Blessing, J. Murphy, G. O'Callaghan  
 12.30pm: L. White, D. Harkness, M. O'Shea, B. Ryan  
 7pm: M. O' Fiannachta, H. Van Der May, W. Lynch

**Pope Francis' Prayer for the Year of Mercy**  
 Lord Jesus Christ, you have taught us to be merciful like the heavenly Father, and have told us that whoever sees you sees Him.  
 Show us your face and we will be saved.  
 Your loving gaze freed Zacchaeus and Matthew from being enslaved by money; the adulteress and Magdalene from seeking happiness only in created things; made Peter weep after his betrayal, and assured Paradise to the repentant thief.  
 Let us hear, as if addressed to each one of us, the words that you spoke to the Samaritan woman: "If you knew the gift of God!"  
 You are the visible face of the invisible Father, of the God who manifests his power above all by forgiveness and mercy: let the Church be your visible face in the world, its Lord risen and glorified.  
 You willed that your ministers would also be clothed in weakness in order that they may feel compassion for those in ignorance and error: let everyone who approaches them feel sought after, loved, and forgiven by God.  
 Send your Spirit and consecrate every one of us with its anointing, so that the Jubilee of Mercy may be a year of grace from the Lord, and your Church, with renewed enthusiasm, may bring good news to the poor, proclaim liberty to captives and the oppressed, and restore sight to the blind.  
 We ask this through the intercession of Mary, Mother of Mercy, you who live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit for ever and ever Amen.

**World Day of Prayer Friday 4th March 2016**  
**"Receive Children, Receive Me" Service prepared by the Christian women of Cuba**  
 World Day of Prayer was first introduced by the women of Cuba in 1930. This year the World Day of Prayer for our Christian Community will be held in Church of Ireland, Celbridge on Friday 4th March at 8pm. Come, pray for children. Everyone Welcome.

**Confirmation 2016**  
 Please keep in your prayers the young people from our parish who are receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation on:  
**Scoil Na Mainistreach:** 8th March - Monsignor Dan O' Connor  
**Scoil Mochua:** 9th March - Monsignor Dan O' Connor  
**Scoil Bríd:** 10th March - Monsignor Dan O' Connor  
**St. Patrick's & Children Ark:** 11th March - Fr. Paul Taylor P.P.  
**Scoil Naomh Bride, Straffan:** 15th March - Bishop Field

**Advance Notice:**  
 At all Mass next weekend the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will be celebrated.

**NOTICE: CLANE TOASTMASTERS - OPEN NIGHT.**  
 Clane Toastmasters are having an open Night on Wednesday 2nd March at 7.45pm in Clane GAA. Guests are very welcome.