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**PLANNED GIVING: Weekly Envelope Collection: €1,919.** The amount this week: Thank you for your generosity. Thanks also to the collectors.

The envelope known as the planned giving is the only way in which the running of the Church and parish facilities is funded. Your support is important and appreciated. You can contribute through the boxes of envelopes or direct debit. Contributions of €250 and over during a 12 month period qualify for a tax refund, which makes an important contribution to reducing the parish debt. Please consider supporting our parish. For further information please contact by texting your name and address to 085 7021882.

**This Sunday 14th June:** The Mass in Donacomper Cemetery at **3.30pm.**

**Wednesday 15th July** The Cemetery Mass in Straffan Cemetery

The annual **St Joseph's Young Priests Society** pilgrimage to Knock takes place on Saturday 27th June. Bus will depart from Castletown Gates at 8am. Bring a packed lunch. Please contact Niall on 086 3008750 for further information..

**House Keeping**

- From now on the parish newsletter will give the names of the Ministers of the Word (Readers) and the Eucharistic Ministers for the following Sunday. This will allow those engaged in this ministry to know a week in advance that they on a particular Mass.
- When receiving the Precious Blood of Christ from the Chalice one should only take a very small sip so as to allow others to also consume the Blood of the Lord as well.
- During the celebration of the Mass it is better that people do not light candles at the shrines, as this activity is a distraction from the main focus of our celebration of Christ's presence.
- In making the responses at the Mass we should try to speak slowly and with meaning. Our participation should be a good example to others, especially to the stranger or visitors.
- We are very fortunate to have a gardening team led by Len Cotter who look after the Church grounds of St. Patrick's. However sadly people are being careless in the way they are reversing / driving and are damaging the flowers. If people aren't more attentive or careful it will be necessary to close the Church grounds to parking.

**Pope Francis' top 10 tips/secrets to happiness**

- 1 Live and let live.
- 2 Be giving of yourself to others.
- 3 Proceed calmly in life.
- 4 A healthy sense of leisure.
- 5 Sundays should be holidays.
- 6 Create dignified jobs for young people.
- 7 Respect and take care of nature.
- 8 Stop being negative.
- 9 Don't proselytise; respect others' beliefs.
- 10 Work for peace

*The only person you should try to be better than is the person you were yesterday.*

**Altar Society Straffan**

Having recently redecorated our church, St. Brigid's in Straffan we would like to establish a team of volunteers who will give one hour a month as part of an Altar Society to help keep the Church in so far as possible in good order. If you have the time and are willing to help out please contact Josie in the sacristy.

**Weekend Mass Intentions:**

**St Brigid's Church**

**Saturday 6pm:** John McGinley (m.m.)

**Sunday 11am:** Special intention.

**St. Patrick's Church:**

**Saturday**

**6.30pm:** Josie Brazil

**Sunday**

**8.30am:** Charles, Kathleen, Philip, & Billy Timpson

**9.30am:** Mary Doyle

**11am:** Mary Stanley

Pray for Michael & Mary Dunne

**12.30pm:** John & Mary Cleary

Pray for Ollie Dennehy

**7pm:** John, Catherine, Mary, Tim, Michael & Mark Cotter

**St. Raphael's 50th Annual Garden Fete**

Sunday 5th July 1 – 6pm.

We are looking for donations of bric a brac, books, CD's, DVD's, clothing, furniture and toys for our Garden Fete. Unfortunately we are unable to accept white goods, large TV's (flat screen only) or beds/mattresses. We appreciate all donations and all money raised from the event is used in enhancing the lives of the people in St. Raphael's. All our staff are volunteers.

Donations can be dropped over to the quadrangle in St. Raphael's week nights from 7 to 9pm and on Saturdays from 11am to 5pm.

**Induction of New Funeral Ministry Team**

The induction of the members of the funeral ministry takes place this Sunday 14th June at 9.30am, 12.30pm in St. Patrick's Church, Celbridge and at the 11am Mass in St. Brigid's Church, Straffan. We pray as they begin this new ministry in our parish community that they may be blessed and supported by all of us.

**Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage:**

To help send sick people to Lourdes whose financial circumstances are limited you are invited to become an associate member of the Dublin Diocesan Pilgrimage by placing an offering in the box provided at the top of the Church and placing your name on the sheet provided.

**Weekday Mass Intentions**

**Mon 15th 10am** Sheila Maher & deceased family members, Betty Swift ( 1st Anniv) **7pm** Bridget Wall

**Tues 16th 10am:** Patrick & Martin Hennessy **7pm** Thomas & Mary Moore

**Wed 17th 10am:** Patrick Coughlin **7pm** Helena & Barney Kelly

**Thur 18th 10am:** Special intention **7pm:** Thomas Holmes

**Fri 19th 10am:** Mary Power **7pm** Ollie Dennehy

**Sat 20th 10am** Special intention

**Recently Deceased:** We offer our sympathy to the family of Tom Darcy, who died at the age of 91. Tom was blessed with a long and healthy life and moved to Beatty Park, Celbridge after the death of his wife 23 years ago. He is survived by his 7 children and 15 grand children. May he rest in peace.

**The Annual Lourdes Pilgrimage - appeal**

will take place from 6th August 2015, accompanied by Fr. Brian McKittrick as spiritual director. Further details from Liam at 0873868959

The **Lourdes Fund Church Collection** will take place next week-end, to help send people to Lourdes whose financial circumstances are limited and otherwise may not be able to attend.

Please give as generously as you can.

**Straffan G.A.A. Club** are holding a Golf Classic on Saturday 20th June, in The K. Club (Smurfit Course). For further details please contact David Donovan 0879785235.

**3-Day Pilgrimage to Lough Derg 2015**

**Bus departs:** Friday 3rd July Returns: Sunday 5th July at approx 3.00pm. To Book /Details Contact: Mick Sammon Phone 045-526830 or Mobile 087-6697902. Everyone welcome.

"Our first task in approaching another people, another culture, another religion is to take off our shoes, for the place we are approaching is holy. Else we may find ourselves treading on men's dreams.

More serious still, we may forget that God was here before our arrival. We have to try to sit where they sit, to enter sympathetically into the pains and griefs and joys of their history and see how those pains and griefs and joys have determined the premises of their argument.

We have, in a word, to be 'present' with them."

Max Warren

**Society of St. Vincent De Paul**

**St Vincent de Paul Society**

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is seeking your help in its Annual Second Hand Clothing Appeal in the Parish. The appeal is for clean, good quality clothes, bedclothes, shoes etc. **The distribution of bags will take place this weekend 13th/ 14th June and the collection of the bags on the 20th/21st June. Once again we would like to thank you for your assistance.**