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Christmas Dues : Thanks to all parishioners who have returned the Christmas Dues envelopes. The contributions made by you, for the support of the priests of the parish is deeply appreciated. *THANK YOU.*

We wish all our Parishioners
A
Happy New Year 2017
May this year give you the courage to triumph over your vices and embrace your virtues.

A Big Thank You to ...
 The ladies who decorate and clean the Church, and those who do the flowers and the Altar and wash the Altar cloths, the parish choirs and all involved in music ministry in the parish, the volunteers of the Play and Pray, the sacristans Bernadette and Josie, the parish office team, the stewards, the men who count the money, the men who have worked so hard to keep the Church grounds looking great. and all those Parishioners who assist in any way at Christmas time and throughout the year.
 Grateful thanks to parishioners who distributed the planned giving envelopes. All those who contributed to the Christmas Offering envelopes. The men who have worked so hard to keep the Church grounds looking great.

“Remembering a loved one at Christmas”
 A big thank you to everyone who supported and attended the tree lighting ceremony and remembrance service. This year thanks to your generosity €3440 so far has been raised to help support the Little Way Cancer Support Centre.

Please note parish office hours: The office will be closed until the Tuesday 3rd January. Office hours can be found above.

MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS FOR THE CELEBRATION OF THE WORLD DAY OF PEACE 1 JANUARY 2017
 The theme of the Message for the Church’s 50th World Day of Peace that will be celebrated on 1st January 2017 is:
"Nonviolence: A style of politics for peace"
 “On this occasion, I would like to reflect on *nonviolence* as a style of politics for peace. I ask God to help all of us to cultivate nonviolence in our most personal thoughts and values. May charity and nonviolence govern how we treat each other as individuals, within society and in international life. When victims of violence are able to resist the temptation to retaliate, they become the most credible promoters of nonviolent peacemaking. In the most local and ordinary situations and in the international order, may nonviolence become the hallmark of our decisions, our relationships and our actions, and indeed of political life in all its forms.”
 “Violence is not the cure for our broken world. Countering violence with violence leads at best to forced migrations and enormous suffering, because vast amounts of resources are diverted to military ends and away from the everyday needs of young people, families experiencing hardship, the elderly, the infirm and the great majority of people in our world. At worst, it can lead to the death, physical and spiritual, of many people, if not of all.

Weekend Mass Intentions
St. Brigid’s Church
 Saturday 6pm: Baby Conor
 Sunday 11am: Nora Garrett
St. Patrick’s Church
 Saturday
 6.30pm: James Quinn
 Sunday
 8.30am: Special Intention
 9.30am: Special Intention
 11am: John & Rosanna Byrne, John Doyle
 12.30pm: Daniel Meehan

Weekday Mass Intentions St. Patrick’s Church
 Monday 2nd 11am: Special Intention, Edward Hughes, Kitty Slaughter
Bank Holiday - No evening Mass
 Tuesday 3rd 10am: James Quinn 7pm: Brigid Doyle
 Wednesday 4th 10am: Mary Coogan 7pm: Lawrence & Bridget Bolger
 Thursday 5th 10am: Christine Kelly 7pm: Patricia Cullen
 Friday 6th 11am: Sean Meleady 7pm: Eoghan Kelly
 Saturday 7th 10am: Poppie Guinan

Visitation of the Sick: If you or a family member are housebound, unable to come to Mass, and wish to receive Holy Communion, a Minister of the Eucharist will call to your home. Contact the parish office 01 6288827 / 0858662255.

Rosters for 7th / 8th January 2017
Ministers of the Word (Readers)
 6.30pm: G. Hennigan 8.30am: C. Curran 9.30am: G. Fogarty
 11am: M. Macapaz 12.30pm: A. McHugh 7pm: J. Bermingham

PLANNED GIVING:
 Weekly Envelope Collection: The new planned giving boxes are ready to be distributed. **The boxes are available for collection by the collectors in the room off the sacristy this Sunday after all the morning Masses**
 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 the financial year 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 8662255. Receipts showing the total amount and the dues donated in the year to 30/12/2016 will be issued in Jan 2017.

A NEW YEAR'S BLESSING
 May your inner vision be transformed so that you can see more clearly your own journey with all humankind as a journey of peace, hope, and unity (Nm 24:15-17; In 20:20)
 May your God be someone you can lean on in your weak or painful moments. May you know God as your rock, your shelter, your strength, your wing of comfort and support (Ps 94:18)
 May you be aware of all the places your feet carry you in the new year.
 May you know "How beautiful are the feet of the messenger of good news" (Rom 10:15)
 May you not be afraid of the questions that press upon your mind and heart.
 May you welcome the questions and wait patiently for the day when they will have their answers (Mt 11:3)
 May you be the one with welcome in your smile and hello etched upon your hand, the hand you extend to everyone who blesses you with presence (Lk 7:36-50)
 May yours be the gift of reverence for all created things.
 May you face bravely and enthusiastically the responsibility to preserve and care for the beauty of the earth (Sir 42:15-43:33)
 May the wellsprings of compassion flow deep within you, until you can taste the tears of your brothers and sisters (2 Cor 1:3-7)
 May you awake each morning with thank you on your lips and in your heart, recognizing that all is gift, that all is blessing (Ps 138:1)
 May your friendship with God be strong and healthy.
 May that love be both a comfort and a challenge as you struggle to find your way in the new year (In 21:15-19)
 May your spirit be open and perceptive in discovering the will of God for you.
 May your prayer be that of wisdom, guidance, and a deeper understanding of God's way for you (Lk1:26-38)
 May your life this new year be a living legacy to your God.

Joyce Rupp 'May I Have This Dance?' Ave Maria Press