



Planned Giving - weekly envelope collection was €1012.92. Thanks to all who contributed to the standing orders and the Planned Giving. Thanks also to the collectors and counters.

Important Notice:

The protection of children is of the utmost importance in our parish. The Child Safeguarding and Protection Service promotes the safe care of children involved in Church activities throughout the Archdiocese. It does this through: - Providing training for priests, parish staff and volunteers in safeguarding and child protection We must ensure that everyone engaging with groups of children in the parish has up to date training.

Child Protection Training Day: February 16th 10.30am - 4pm the venue will be The Slip Hall (Beside the Church of Ireland)

Priests of the Parish, Sacristans, Parish office staff, Play and Pray Group, Confirmation Programme catechists and leaders, Altar Servers co-ordinators, Sacramental Programme leaders who prepare individual children for the Sacraments of initiation (NOT including the Do this in Memory programme). This training day is compulsory for all those who come in contact with children and vulnerable adults within a group whether the parents / guardians are present or not.

Child Protection information evening: February 5th / 6th 7.30pm - 9pm the venue will be The Meeting Room off Sacristy.

Eucharistic Ministers, Readers of the Word, Collectors & Counters, Stewards, Choir members, Church cleaners, and Do This in Memory of Me Leader, Baptism Team, Funeral Ministry Team.

A Word of Thanks: We sincerely thank the St. Brigid's Choir, Straffan for the collection of €522 at the Carol Service towards the renovation of St. Brigid's Church.

A lovely evening was had by all.

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.

Parish Pilgrimage to Lourdes

The Lourdes Pilgrimage is taking place for 5 nights from 20 June 2019. Staying at the Solitude Hotel. Spiritual Director: Fr. Brian McKittrick

€749 5 nights full board Single supplement €180
Contact Liam White or the Parish Office

Please Support our Weekly Parish Lotto

The profit from our Parish Lotto goes to developing our Parish The prize fund is now at €1600 The lotto envelopes can be placed in the safe at the back of the Church in St. Patricks & St. Brigid's and the collection bags at the week-end Masses.

You pick four numbers between 1 -30
One line at just €2, 3 lines cost €5.

This weeks numbers are First Jackpot: 26,25, 3, 7
Second Jackpot: 22, 30, 2, 6.

No winners of 2nd Jackpot but our 3 consolation prize winners:
Joe Joe Macapaz, Joe Gallen, John McCormack Prizes can be collected in the Sacristy during weekend Mass times.
Prizes have to be collected within 30 days of the draw.
Our next draw will take place on Monday afternoon.
Please have your envelopes submitted before 10.30am on Mondays

The Society of St. Vincent De Paul will hold their monthly collection **this Sunday 3rd February** in support of those less fortunate than ourselves.
Your support is vital to the service and very much appreciated.
Please give generously.

Parish Office hours Mon - Fri 9am - 1pm. (Closed Wednesday)

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Booking the Church for weddings / baptism contact the office.

Weekday Mass Intentions St. Patrick's Church

Mon 4th 10am: Tom Roche, Gretta Mahon

Tue 5th 10am: Paddy Cummins, Ann Sweeney

Wed 6th 10am: Greta Mahon, Ann Sweeney, Johnny Murphy

Thur 7th 10am: Gretta Mahon

Fri 8th 10am: Denise Mannion, Owen McKenna & deceased family

Sat 9th: 10am: Kitty & Mick Carton

Recently Deceased:

We remember in our prayers **Kevin Duffy** whose funeral took place last Monday. We offer our sympathy to his partner Finbarr, mother Mairéad, brothers Fr. Aquinas and Seamus, sisters Maura and Róisín, family and friends. He will be sadly missed by all who knew him. May he rest in peace.

SCHOOL ENROLMENT 2019

Enrolment for SEPTEMBER 2019 will take place in the following schools on Wed 13th and Thurs 14th February from 10am – 1pm.

Scoil Naomh Bríd, Scoil Na Mainistreach, Scoil Mochua, St. Patrick's N.S.

Please bring the following documentation with you:

Child's Birth Certificate,
Current Utility Bill/s (for other acceptable proofs of address see Enrolment Policy on school website). Please check school website for further information on the enrolment procedure.

World Day of the Sick takes place on the 11th February.

Each of us is poor, needy and destitute. When we are born, we require the care of our parents to survive, and at every stage of life we remain in some way dependent on the help of others. We will always be conscious of our limitations, as "creatures", before other individuals and situations. A frank acknowledgement of this truth keeps us humble and spurs us to practice solidarity as an essential virtue in life. Such an acknowledgement leads us to act responsibly to promote a good that is both personal and communal. Only if we see ourselves, not as a world apart, but in a fraternal relationship with others, can we develop a social practice of solidarity aimed at the common good. We should not be afraid to regard ourselves as needy or reliant on others, because individually and by our own efforts we cannot overcome our limitations. So we should not fear, then, to acknowledge those limitations, for God himself, in Jesus, has humbly stooped down to us (cf. *Phil2:8*) and continues to do so; in our poverty, he comes to our aid and grants us gifts beyond our imagining.

I would like to recall, with joy and admiration, the figure of Saint Mother Teresa of Calcutta - a model of charity who made visible God's love for the poor and sick. As I noted at her canonization, "Mother Teresa, in all aspects of her life, was a generous dispenser of divine mercy, making herself available for everyone through her welcome and defence of human life, of those unborn and those abandoned and discarded ... She bowed down before those who were spent, left to die on the side of the road, seeing in them their God-given dignity; she made her voice heard before the powers of this world, so that they might recognize their guilt for the crime - the crimes - of poverty they created. For Mother Teresa, mercy was the 'salt' which gave flavour to her work; it was the 'light' that shone in the darkness of the many who no longer had tears to shed for their poverty and suffering. Her mission to the urban and existential peripheries remains for us today an eloquent witness to God's closeness to the poorest of the poor" (*Homily*, 4 September 2016).

Saint Mother Teresa helps us understand that our only criterion of action must be selfless love for every human being, without distinction of language, culture, ethnicity or religion. Her example continues to guide us by opening up horizons of joy and hope for all those in need of understanding and tender love, and especially for those who suffer.

Anointing of the Sick will take place during the 10am Mass on the day.

The Prayer Book "I am with you" is available at the back of St. Patrick's Church. Cost €2

Weekend Mass Intentions

St. Brigid's Church

Saturday 6pm: Kathleen Sweeney, Kathleen Keegan, Marie Keating,

Sunday 11am: Thomas & Maureen Donovan

St. Patrick's Church

Sat: 6.30pm: Patrick Dempsey, John Carvill

Sunday: 8.30am: Mollie & Andrew Clarke

9.30am: Peter Kelly

11am: Eamon Gildea, Maureen O'Connor, Kevin & Joan Daly, Collette McLoughlin

12.30pm: Mary & Michael Reidy, Geraldine Reidy Commons, Mary Stamper, Noel Lindsay

7pm: Francis & Patricia Lee and deceased family

Volunteers for Confirmation Program

We have some wonderful young people in our schools preparing for Confirmation. We would like to invite parishioners to join the team working with the young people, share the fruits of the Holy Spirit with them and learn from them.

If you would like to help out on the Confirmation Team please contact Caitriona Confirmation Co-ordinator 087 7624345

Weekly Hour of Prayer for Life every Thurs 7pm-8pm. This weekly hour of prayer in front of the Blessed Sacrament invites us to pray for an end to all violence, injustice and neglect which threaten human flourishing.

After 45mins of silent prayer we will pray the Night Prayer of the Church and finish with Benediction.