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PARISH NOTICES

Congratulations to the Children from *Scoil Pádraig Naofa* who receive the Sacrament of First Holy Communion yesterday.
Children from *Barrowhouse N.S.* receive First Holy Communion at 10 am today in St. Mary's Church, Barrowhouse.

Children from *Scoil Mhichil Naofa* receive 1st Communion next weekend.

The Parish Secretary is now taking names of Parishioner who want to travel on a coach booked by the Parish to the Eucharistic Congress Final Mass in Croke Park, 17th June. Cost €10. Those interested should already have their tickets booked for the event.

Parish Dev.: €755
Share: €913
Thanks to all who contribute.

PIONEERS

The Pioneer magazine is ready for collection from Parish Office
Tickets in aid of Pioneer Association are also available from Parish Office.
Athy Pioneer Centre registration fee is now due to headquarters.

DO THIS IN MEMORY

The Communion Rite:

The Lord's Prayer

The Communion Rite is when the priest invites us to stand to pray the Our Father together. This prayer is also called the Lord's Prayer because Jesus taught it to his friends when they asked him to teach them to pray like he did.
Jesus called God 'Father', as so do we because we are God's children and part of God's family. The prayer tells us about how great God is, promises us that God will always look after us as a parent looks after their children and helps us to see how God would like us to be with each other.

The sign of peace;

When we are at Mass we are there as part of God's family. At Communion times we are invited to the Lord's Table to share the Bread of Life.

It is like being asked to sit down and eat together and that is hard to do if we are not friends with someone else in the family. At this point in the Mss, as members of God's family who are about to share the Bread of Life together, we are invited to share a sign of peace with those around us. This is usually done by shaking hands and saying, **'Peace be with you.'** We answer, **'And with your spirit.'**

CARLOW HOSPICE

CAR BOOT SALE

Cattle Mart, Killeshin Rd., Carlow
Sunday, 20th May, 11 am - 4 pm

20th May 2012

Coach to KNOCK departs from Parish car park today at 8.30 am.

MESSAGE OF THANKS

from Archbishop Diarmuid Martin

"The Bishops of Ireland are deeply grateful for the donations given to the National Collections which have been taken place since 2009 for the 50th International Eucharistic Congress. Your support means that Ireland will be able to extend a warm welcome to visitors to Dublin from Ireland and all over the world for this important event in the life of the Catholic Church in Ireland, which takes place 10th - 17th June.

There are many initiatives underway in parishes and communities throughout the Archdiocese of Dublin in preparation for this significant occasion, which has its theme, *The Eucharist - Communion with Christ and with one another.*

I wish to express my appreciation for these initiatives.

The Congress can be for the Church of Ireland a moment of renewal and I would ask you all to keep the event in your prayers.

If you would like to offer further financial support to the Congress, please give the donation to your local priest. Your generosity is appreciated. And it is the intention to publish the full financial details of the Congress in due course".

PARISH EUCHARISTIC

ADORATION

More Adorer Urgently required
Parish Adoration takes place in the Old Baptistery of the Parish Church.

We are short of Adorers on Thursdays from 12 noon - 6 pm.

Invitation cards are available at the doors of the Church which you can complete if you wish to give an hour per week to Jesus.

You can leave your completed cards on the old ambo

beside the Adoration Room or hand card to the Priests, Pastoral Worker or Parish Secretary.

Your time will be much appreciated.

CEMETERY MASS TIMES

are as follows;

Churchtown Cemetery:

Monday, 18th June, 2012, at 8 pm.

Old St. Michael's Cemetery:

Tuesday, 19th June, 2012, at 8 pm.

Barrowhouse Cemetery:

Sunday, 24th June, 2012, at 10 am.

New St. Michael's Cemetery:

Tuesday, 26th June, 2012, at 8 pm

PRAYERS FOR THE DEAD

Recently Deceased:

James Redmond, Hollands Ave.
Funeral Mass today at 12 noon.
Sr. Peg Rice, Park Ave.

Saturday 7 pm

Anniversaries:

Michael Doogue, Edward Myles, Tom Darby, Mary Foley, Bessie Casey, Johnny Anderson, John Cahill, Mary O'Neill

8.30 am:

Kathleen Eaton nee Johnson

10 am: Barrowhouse:

1st Communion Mass
Also Pray for Denis Langton

10.30 am Share Mass

Recently Deceased:

Sr. Peg Rice, Michael Clarke

Anniversaries:

Mary Leahy, Gerry & Ellen Quinn, John Anderson, Bridget Anderson, James Carolan, Martha Carolan, John & Mary Fitzpatrick, Michael & Annie Flynn, Joseph Hughes, John Cahill, Catherine McCarthy

PARISH

Tuesday 9.15 am:

Mary Jeffers

Thursday 9.15 am:

Michael Doogue
(17th Anniversary)

Friday 9.15 am:

Patrick Robinson
(7th Anniversary)

NEXT SUNDAYS READINGS

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MERCY ASSOCIATES

MEETING

takes place tomorrow, Monday, in Cuan Mhuire, at 8 pm.

EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS SONG

Refrain

Though we are many, we are on body,
We who come to share this living
Bread, Cup of Salvation,
Share among all nations,
nourishing us now and evermore.

BAPTISM

We welcome into the Church those recently Baptised in the Parish:

Michael James O'Brien,
Mia Grace Leonard Fahy,
Katie Ellen Elizabeth Smith,
Taylor Dylan Thompson Walsh