



**An Invitation to all!  
Opening of Jubilee Door in Kildare**

Parishioners across the diocese are warmly invited to join Bishop Denis for the opening of the Jubilee Door in the Church of St Brigid, Kildare Town on Sunday, January 31<sup>st</sup>. The liturgy will begin at St Brigid's Well at 10 am with prayer and a solemn procession to the Church of St Brigid where Bishop Denis will formally open the door and preside at the 11 am Mass. Free parking available in the National Stud from 9.30am to 2pm. See [kandle.ie](http://kandle.ie) for more details on this event and on the Year of Mercy.

**OFFICIAL JUBILEE DOORS & PILGRIMAGE ROUTES FOR KILDARE AND LEIGHLIN DIOCESE  
DURING THE YEAR**

Church of St Fintan, Mountrath – beginning at St Fintan's Well, Mountrath  
(Open from April 3, 2016)

Duiske Abbey, Graiguenamanagh – beginning at St Moling's Well, St Mullins  
(Open from September 11, 2016)

**Accord Carlow Pre-Marriage Courses**

Couples getting married in the Catholic Church are required to attend a Pre-Marriage Course. Places available on the following courses - Jan 22nd & 23rd ,Feb 5th & 6th, March 11th & 12th at St Catherine's Community Centre, St Joseph's Road, Carlow

Please book on line at [www.accord.ie](http://www.accord.ie) or phone Mary at 059 9138738 for further information.

*THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK*

**JOY IN THE JOURNEY**

If you have ever been discouraged because of failure, please read on. For often, achieving what you set out to do is not the important thing. Let me explain.

Two brothers decided to dig a deep hole behind their house. As they were working, a couple of older boys stopped by to watch.

"What are you doing?" asked one of the visitors.

"We plan to dig a hole all the way through the earth!" one of the brothers volunteered excitedly.

The older boys began to laugh; telling the younger ones that digging a hole all the way through the earth was impossible.

After a long silence, one of the diggers picked up a jar full of spiders, worms and a wide assortment of insects. He removed the lid and showed the wonderful contents to the scoffing visitors.

Then he said quietly and confidently, "Even if we don't dig all the way through the earth, look what we found along the way!"

Their goal was far too ambitious, but it did cause them to dig. And that is what a goal is for- to cause us to move in the direction we have chosen; in other words, to set us to digging!

But not every goal will be fully achieved. Not every job will end successfully. Not every relationship will endure. Not every hope will come to pass. Not every love will last. Not every endeavour will be completed. Not every dream will be realized. But when you fall short of your aim, perhaps you can say, "Yes, but look at what I found along the way! Look at the wonderful things which have come into my life because I tried to do something!" It is in the digging that life is lived. And I believe it is joy in the journey, in the end, that truly matters.

*HAVE A WONDERFUL WEEK*