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**PLANNED GIVING** (Weekly Envelope Collection): €1,697. Your support is much appreciated. Thanks also to the collectors.

**THANK YOU** To all our Parish Choirs and Musicians

The ministry of music is a special gift to our parish. To celebrate it we're hosting a

**DAY OF REFLECTION ON MUSIC MINISTRY**  
*directed by Giovanna & Ephrem Feeley*

- St Raphaels,
- 20th October, 10.30 — 4 pm
- lunch included

*To sing is to pray twice (St Augustine)*



**Parish Expo:**  
 A word of thanks to all who helped organise and staff the many displays at the Expo last Sunday. Thanks to Scoil Brid for the use of the hall and the Holy Faith Sisters for the tea and coffee and hospitality provided at the Convent.  
 Our parish is rich in buried talents and the challenge we face is to unearth them and let them flourish.  
 What talents have you got?.

**Harvest dues envelopes** are available at the back of the Church.  
 The Harvest offerings play an important role in supporting the Priests in the parish.

**Weekend Mass Intentions**  
**St. Brigid's Church**  
**Saturday 6pm** Anne O'Hagan  
**Sunday**  
**11am** Jimmy, Christina, & Eugene Rowley.  
**St. Patrick's Church**  
**Saturday**  
**6.30pm** Christina Morrissey  
**Sunday**  
**8.30am** Joseph & Roseanne Ready  
**9.30am** Carmel & Patrick Kirwan  
**11am** Paddy Donegan

**Weekday Mass Intentions St. Patrick's Church**  
**Monday 8th 10am** James Phillips **7pm** Jim & Paddy Murray  
**Tuesday 9th 10am** Special intention and deceased Harpur family, Mag & Joe Radford  
**7pm** Christopher Condell  
**Wednesday 10th 10am** Michael & Elizabeth O'Brien **7pm** Jimmy Condell  
**Thursday 11th 10am** Eoin Johnston, **7pm** Christopher & Margaret Kenny  
**Friday 12th 10am** Special intention **7pm** Thomas & John Burke,  
**Saturday 13th 10am** Ned Condell.

**We welcome into our faith community the children recently baptised**  
 Charlie Scott, Molly Brannelly, Samuel Vaughan, Albie Harmon,  
 Cian Nolan, Sophie Byrne, Sam McDonnell, Jack Danagher,  
 Iyayi Abusomwan, Ava Grace, Rose-Bridget Crofton and Dylan O'Doherty

**Advance notice:**  
**Blessing of the graves** ceremony will take place **Sunday 4th November** at 12 noon in Straffan and at 3.30pm in Donaghcumper Cemetery, Celbridge.  
**"Service of Light" Mass** for the parishioners who died in the last year, will be held on Tuesday 6th November at 7pm in St. Patrick's Church and in St. Brigid's Church on Monday 5th November at 7pm.

**Straffan GAA** would like to thank all who helped in any way with their most successful field day held recently.

**Christian Mediation - The Way forward!**  
 An introduction to Christian Meditation. A six week course for existing members and complete beginners.  
**Venue:** The Oratory, Celbridge Abbey, Clane Rd, Celbridge.  
**October 10th** Fr. Gabriel. **Topic:** Christian Mediation & Scripture  
 More information available from the posters at the back of the Church.

When things go wrong, as they sometimes will,  
 When the road you're trudging seems all uphill,  
 When the funds are low and the debts are high,  
 And you want to smile, but you have to sigh,  
 When care is pressing you down a bit,  
 Rest, if you must, but don't you quit.

Success is failure turned inside out--  
 The silver tint of the clouds of doubt,  
 And you never can tell how close you are,  
 It may be near when it seems so far,  
 So stick to the fight when you're hardest hit--  
 It's when things seem worst that you must not quit.

- Author unknown

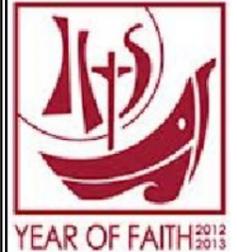
**The Parish Pastoral Council** will meet on Monday the 8th October at 8.30pm in the Eustace Centre. (Please note the change of time)

**St Vincent De Paul.** This weekend the St Vincent de Paul Society will be holding their usual monthly collection after all Masses.  
 Your support, ever appreciated, helps us to alleviate to some extent the many needs of the less fortunate among us.

**"Day for Life"** this Sunday 7th October 2012.  
 A pastoral letter from the bishops and a prayer card is available at the back of the Church

On Sunday 16 October 2011 Pope Benedict XVI announced a Year of Faith for the whole Church, to run from the 50th anniversary of the opening of the Second Vatican Council on 11 October 2012 to the Solemnity of Christ the King on 24 November 2013. The starting date of 11 October 2012 also marks the twentieth anniversary of the publication of the Catechism of the Catholic Church. It coincides too with a gathering of bishops from across the world in Rome for a Synod themed, 'The New Evangelisation for the Transmission of the Christian Faith'. Outlining the purpose of the Year of Faith, Pope Benedict XVI spoke of the need to give fresh impetus to the mission of the whole Church by leading people 'out of the wilderness' in which they so often find themselves 'towards the place of life, towards friendship with the Son of God, towards the One who gives us life, and life in abundance.'

Here in Ireland, we have had the perfect prelude to the Year of Faith in the International Eucharistic Congress in Dublin. One of the abiding images of the Congress will be the long queues of women and men, young and old, lay, religious and ordained waiting together to attend the numerous seminars, testimonies and talks that made up the daily Congress programme. Most of the talks and seminars were oversubscribed. This was just one of many signs of a thirst among people of every age for a deeper knowledge of friendship with Christ and with one another. It is evidence of a widespread interest in serious engagement with the intellectual content of faith and constructive discussion about how we can support each other in living that faith in the particular circumstances of Ireland today.



**Mass Times**  
**St. Patrick's Church, Celbridge**  
 Saturday (Vigil) 6.30 pm  
 Sunday: 8.30am, 9.30am, 11am (Family Mass)  
 12.30pm & 7pm.  
**Weekday Mass:** 10am & 7pm  
**Holy Days:** 7pm (vigil), 8am, 10am, 12noon, 7pm.  
**Bank Holidays:** 11am.  
**Confessions:** Saturday after 10am Mass

**Times**  
**St Brigid's Church, Straffan**  
 Saturday (Vigil) 6pm.  
 Sunday 11am.  
**Weekday Mass** 9.15am.  
**Holy Days** 10am.  
**Bank Holidays:** 10am.  
**Confessions:** Saturday after 6pm Mass

**Baptisms:**  
**St Patrick's Church:** Sunday 2pm  
**St Brigid's Church:** Last Sunday of the month at 12pm  
**Pre- Baptism meetings:** To book contact the parish baptismal team 085 8519110.  
**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament :**  
**St Patrick's Church:** Friday morning before 10am Mass 9am - 9.50am).  
**St. Brigid's Church** Friday morning after 9.15am Mass.

A frazzled young woman locked her sick toddler in the car while she ran into the chemist to pick up an emergency prescription. It was late at night, she didn't have her mobile phone, and the chemist had locked its doors and pulled down its metal shutters by the time she realized what she'd done. She could see her daughter through the windows, crying. She tearfully prayed for help. A few moments later, a young man walked past and turned to look at her in curiosity. "Can you help me?" she begged him desperately. "I've locked my keys in the car and my daughter is in there!" He nodded, and looked around until he found an old coat hanger that he straightened. She had never seen anything like it - it was simply amazing how easily he got into her car. A quick look at the door and window, a couple of twists of the coat hanger and bam! Just like that, the door was open. When she saw the door open she threw her arms around him. "Oh," she said, "the Lord sent you! You're such a good boy. You must be a Christian!" He stepped back and said, "No ma'am, I'm not a Christian, and I'm not a good boy. I just got out of prison yesterday." She jumped at him and she hugged him again - fiercely. "Bless the Lord!" she cried. "He sent me a professional!"