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PLANNED GIVING: Weekly Envelope Collection: Amount given next week. Thank you for your generosity. Thanks to the collectors.

St. Mochua

St Mochua, who was also known as Crónan, was born around 570 approximately one hundred years after the death of St Patrick. He founded a monastery at Clondalkin, Dublin, became its first Abbot and later was appointed as a Bishop. It is believed that it was he who brought Christianity to Celbridge. A holy well at the entrance to the present Community Centre was known as Tobar Mochua and was used to baptise people in early Christian times. Prior to this, the well would have been a pagan centre of Druid importance for almost 150 years after the death of St Patrick. In 1783, the well was cemented over and an inscribed stone tablet was placed on the Mill wall which can be seen until the present day. Pilgrims continued to visit Tobar Mochua until the end of the 18th century.

St Mochua built a church one kilometre from this well on the site of the ruins of the later St Mochua's medieval church in Tea Lane Graveyard. In 1215, the Normans granted the church to the Abbey of St. Thomas in Dublin and they gave the canons of the church permission to fish the river beside the Mill. The Slí Mhór, which was one of the five principal roads in the country at the time, extended from Dublin Bay to Galway Bay and forded the Liffey near St. Mochua's Well. St. Mochua died at the Clondalkin monastery in 630 and his relics remained there for many centuries. His feast day is the 6th August.

The Little Pets of Saint Mochua

When Saint Mochua knelt to pray
Each morning at the break of day
There always was about the house
A rooster, fly and little mouse

Three willing slaves to serve him well
And share his solitary cell
The rooster every morning would crow
And waken him for matins, though

When he slept too sound to hear
The mouse came forth and nipped his ear
And though he never had a clock
The mouse would call him, or the cock

And if he had to leave a book
From out some dusty hidden nook
A fly with patience and with grace
Would sit for hours and mark the place. (John Irvine)



An inscribed stone tablet on the wall of the Mill Community Centre



YES ITS BACK (already)

It is time for all of us in our parish to talk about **CONFIRMATION** again

Last year our Parish launched a new of preparing for Confirmation, making it into a two-year journey. It is an exciting initiative that is unique in Ireland. This year we are building on our experience.

Our Confirmation needs big numbers of parishioners involved to make it the best it can be. One way is become a group leader. We will need three adult leaders for every group of eight girls and boys (Candidates) preparing for Confirmation in 2016. This means we need about 100 leaders.

During August we will be inviting volunteers for this. Please consider it. It will be a wonderful and positive way of helping our young people know the joy of what Confirmation is truly about... that God believes in them more than anything. Watch this space!

Rosters for 8th / 9th July

Ministers of the Word (Readers)

- 6.30pm: Tim O' Regan
- 8.30am: Joe Curran
- 9.30am Jennifer Deane King
- 11am Antoinette Kelly
- 12.30pm Maribel Macapaz
- 7pm Carmel Anderson

Weekend Mass Intentions:

St Brigid's Church

Saturday 6pm: Anthony Talbot
Sunday 11am: Special intention

St. Patrick's Church:

Saturday

6.30pm: Philomena Barry

Sunday

8.30am: Maureen Walsh
9.30am: Robert Dredge
11am: Patrick Kilduff, Mary Kilduff
12.30pm: Ann McCabe
7pm: Brandi Lawlor (m.m. died in USA)

The Celbridge Street Fest will take place this Bank Holiday Monday. The Main Street will be closed from 2pm until 9pm. A great day of family entertainment. **The Church will be closed following the 11am Mass.**

Eucharistic Ministers Sorry the roster is not available.

This is the year of Consecrated Life proclaimed by Pope Francis. This week we will highlight the Sisters of the Holy Family of Bordeaux

Sisters of the Holy Family of Bordeaux are part of a worldwide spiritual family founded in 1820 by Fr. Pierre Noailles, a priest of Bordeaux. The Family is composed of people from all vocations and walks of life in the Catholic Church - Apostolic and Contemplative Sisters, Consecrated Seculars, Lay and Priest Associates - they have as their aim to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ.

They take for inspiration the life and spirit of the Holy Family of Nazareth and thereby seek to revive the witness of the early Christian communities. The Sisters in the parish are involved in pastoral work and live in Irishtown, Straffan. One Sister, Sr. Clare McGrath was Chaplain to the St John of God Kildare Services for many years and is now a member of the Parish Funeral Team. Sr. Mairead volunteers as a teacher support in St. Patrick's School and Sr. Síle coordinates the Ministers of the Word in St. Brigid's Church and is a member of the Parish Pastoral Council. She is also the coordinator of the 'Failte isteach and is involved in APT (anti trafficking of people). The main aim of the Sisters is to deepen and strengthen the faith and live their spirituality.

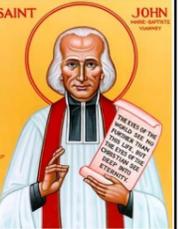
A word of thanks to all our supporters of The ACRE Project which held an Arts and Crafts Fair as a fundraiser at the Salesian College Saturday, 18 July. It was as very successful day under every heading with a good footfall, raising a nett €2,100 for the Project.

Weekday Mass Intentions

Mon 3rd 11am: Mary Kerwick **No evening Mass**
Tues 4th 10am: Michael Kennedy **7pm: Michael McCormack**
Wed 5th 10am: Marie O'Dea **7pm: Fionan Carey**
Thur 6th 10am: Edith Stirling **7pm: Special intention**
Fri 7th 10am: Altar list of the dead **7pm: Altar list of the dead**
Sat 8th 10am: Susan Teague

Novena of St John Vianney

Patron of priests and Parishes
4 - 13 August 2015



St John Vianney, model of priestly life, pray for all ministers of the Church (pause for private prayer)

St John Vianney, tireless in your service of sinners in the confessional, pray for all who cannot bring themselves to confess their sins (pause for private prayer)

St John Vianney, whose life was devoted to Jesus in the Eucharist, obtain for us a deep reverence for the Mass and for Jesus' presence in the Blessed Sacrament..(pause)

Priests Roster for the Masses Weekend 8th / 9th Aug

St. Patrick's. - Saturday 6.30pm: Fr. Kevin **Sunday 8.30am:** Fr. Paul
9.30am: Fr. Kevin **11am:** Fr. Kevin **12.30pm:** Fr. Paul **7pm:** Fr. Paul
St. Brigid's. - Saturday 6pm: Fr. Douglas **Sunday 11am:** Fr. Douglas



WORLD YOUTH DAY

YOUNG ADULT LEADERS NEEDED (18-27)

- World Youth Day is a Festival of Faith, Fun and Friendship for young adults that takes place every three years.
- The next World Youth Day will be held in Krakow, Poland July 25 - 31, 2016.
- Over One Million young people will join with Pope Francis, in a celebration of joy and faith, of laughter, friendship and challenge.



- Celbridge & Straffan Parish has been chosen as a 'Hub-Parish' to help prepare for WYD (1 of 6). This is a really exciting opportunity.
- We need Young Adults (18-26) to come forward and act as leaders. Training will be provided.

HOW DO I FIND OUT MORE?

Check it out at our Facebook Page: **MAKE SOME NOISE at WYD**