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**PLANNED GIVING: Weekly Envelope Collection:** The amount this week: €1,724. Thank you for your generosity. Thanks also to the collectors.

The envelope known as the planned giving is the only way in which the running of the Church and parish facilities is funded. Your support is important and appreciated. You can contribute through the boxes of envelopes or direct debit. Contributions of €250 and over during a 12 month period qualify for a tax refund, which makes an important contribution to reducing the parish debt. Please consider supporting our parish. For further information please contact by texting your name and address to 085 7021882.

**Corpus Christi - The Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ** has been a prominent Feast Day since the 14th century when Pope Urban made the feast day universal i.e. that is for the whole Church.

The real presence of Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist is profoundly important. As we live our lives as disciples of Jesus he is with us to nourish us, strengthen us and inspire us so that we are part of the mystical Body of Christ. The power of His self-giving on the Cross enables us to live with the spirit of self-giving in our daily lives. The procession of the Blessed Sacrament on the feast points to the truth that we walk with Christ in the faith community.

Stories about processions are many. Once when the Duke of Wellington, deservedly famous as a soldier and a gentleman, was in Europe leading a column of his soldiers, a procession of the Blessed Sacrament passed by. A churlish and bigoted officer refused to allow his Irish soldiers to stop and salute the Sacrament. On hearing this the Duke rode up on his horse, and with his sword knocked off the intolerant soldier's hat. It is recorded also that in the 18th century La Perricholi, the beautiful Peruvian actress and the toast of her countrymen, bought the most elaborate and expensive carriage she could find in Peru. However, while taking her first ride, she came upon a priest carrying the Blessed Sacrament to a sick person. At once, the famous lady climbed out of her carriage and offered it to the priest, saying, "Our Lord must not go by foot while I ride." Then, with bowed head and folded arms, she walked devoutly behind the carriage to the house of the sick man. After the priest had finished his ministering, the actress presented the carriage to him and his parish with these words: "It can serve God better than pride."

**3-Day Pilgrimage to Lough Derg 2015**

**Bus departs:** Friday 3rd July Returns: Sunday 5th July at approx 3.00pm  
To Book /Details Contact: Mick Sammon Phone 045-526830 or Mobile 087-6697902. Everyone welcome.

**PRAYER during the exams**

Dear Lord, as I take this exam, I thank you that my value is not based on my performance, but on your great love for me. Come into my heart so that we can walk through this time together. Help me, not only with this test, but the many tests of life that are sure to come my way.

As I take this exam, bring back to my mind everything I studied and be gracious with what I have overlooked.

Help me to remain focussed and exam, confident in the facts and in my ability, and firm in the knowledge that no matter what happens today you are there with me. Amen



**Weekend Mass Intentions:**

**St Brigid's Church**

**Saturday 6pm:** Michael Doran

**Sunday 11am:** Rose Travers

**St. Patrick's Church:**

**Saturday**

**6.30pm:** George Browne

**Sunday**

**8.30am:** Patrick & Mary Ellen Thornton

**9.30am:** Bill Kearns ( 1st anniv)

**11am:** Eamon Tansey

**12.30pm:** Christy & Kitty Fitzsimons  
Pray for Pa Joseph

**7pm:** Ellen Kavanagh

**Recently Deceased:** We remember George Brown whose funeral took place on Wednesday. For many years he ran a dry cleaning business ' The Lilly White' on the main street. He was a kind and gentle man and we offer our sympathy to his family. May he rest in peace.

**Straffan G.A.A. Club** are holding a Golf Classic on Saturday 20th June, in The K. Club (Smurfit Course) For further details please contact David Donovan 0879785235.

**Bingo in Straffan Community Hall** Friday 12th June & every Friday Bingo starting time 8.30pm." in aid of Straffan G.A.A.

**St. Raphael's 50th Annual Garden Fete**

Sunday 5th July 1 – 6pm.

We are looking for donations of bric a brac, books, CD's, DVD's, clothing, furniture and toys for our Garden Fete. Unfortunately we are unable to accept white goods, large TV's (flat screen only) or beds/mattresses. We appreciate all donations and all money raised from the event is used in enhancing the lives of the people in St. Raphael's. All our staff are volunteers. Donations can be dropped over to the quadrangle in St. Raphael's week nights from 7 to 9pm and on Saturdays from 11am to 5pm.

**Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage:**

To help send sick people to Lourdes whose financial circumstances are limited you are invited to become an associate member of the Dublin Diocesan Pilgrimage by placing an offering in the box provided at the top of the Church and placing your name on the sheet provided.

**Weekday Mass Intentions**

**Mon 8th 10am** Barbara Cummins **7pm** John & Julia Tallon

**Tues 9th 10am:** The Sheridan & Reid family **7pm** Teresa Murphy

**Wed 10th 10am:** James Hurpur **7pm** Ben & Sheila Fay

**Thur 11th 10am:** Timothy Moynihan **7pm:**Veronica Hayes

**Fri 12th 10am:** John, Pat McKenna & family **7pm** Michael Martin

**Sat 13th 10am** Rosamund Maguire

**Hymn:** O Sacrament most holy, O Sacrament divine, all praise and all thanksgiving be every moment thine. (x3)

**Celbridge and Straffan Mother's Prayer Group**

The next meeting of the parish mother's prayer group takes place on Tuesday June 9th at 8pm in St Brigid's Church, Straffan. Mothers of all ages are very welcome. We will pray for our children, the children of the parish and children worldwide. We hope to see you there!

**Induction of New Funeral Ministry Team**

The training of the Funeral Team has now been completed. The induction will take place on Sunday 14th June at 9.30am, 12.30pm in St. Patrick's Church, Celbridge and at the 11am Mass in St. Brigid's Church, Straffan. We pray as they begin this new ministry in our parish community that they may be blessed and supported by all of us.

**This Sunday 7th June** at 4.30pm There will be an ecumenical prayer service and blessing of the graves. It is an opportunity to visit the Tea Lane Cemetery and the Ancient Church ruins which are normally not accessible and to see the Church ruins which date back to the time of St. Mochua who was also known as St. Cronan who brought the Christian faith to Celbridge around the year 600 AD.

The event is being co-ordinated by Community Council.

**Upcoming events**

**Sunday 14th June:** The Mass in Donacomper Cemetery at 3.30pm.

**Wednesday 15th July** The Cemetery Mass in Straffan Cemetery at 8pm.

**Pope Francis on Mercy:** 'What a beautiful truth of faith this is for our lives: the mercy of God! God's love for us is so great, so deep; it is an unfailing love, one which always takes us by the hand and supports us, lifts us up and leads us on.'

**Society of St. Vincent De Paul**

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This weekend 6th / 7th June the St Vincent de Paul Society will be holding their usual monthly collection after all Masses. Your support, helps us to alleviate to some extent the needs of the less fortunate among us. We appreciate your support.

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is seeking your help in its Annual Second Hand Clothing Appeal in the Parish. The appeal is for clean, good quality clothes, bedclothes, shoes etc. **The distribution of bags will take place 13th/ 14th June and the collection of the bags on the 20th/21st June.**