

**PLANNED GIVING** (Weekly Envelope Collection): Amount will be given next week. Your continued support is very much appreciated. Thanks also to the collectors.

**New Straffan Choir**  
We are recruiting for our choir in Straffan to commence in September, should you be interested in joining us please contact Brigid McCormack on 0877669202.

The parish office will be closed until the 20th August to facilitate annual leave.  
If you need to make contact urgently please ring Fr. Taylor on 6275874 or alternatively ring Myles the sacristan on 6275942 10am - 1pm except Wednesday.

**Feast of the Assumption into Heaven of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

The Council of Ephesus (431) declared Mary to be the "Mother of God". Many feasts dedicated to Mary, commemorating different events in her life, soon followed. Some of these honoured her "heavenly" birthday and were spoken of as the "falling asleep", the "dormition" and the "assumption". At an early period Mary was honoured in Jerusalem on 15 August, possibly the date of the dedication of a church named after her. To avoid confusion with other Marian feasts, the Byzantine emperor in 600 named the 15th August as the feast of Mary's Dormition. Not long afterwards it was adopted in Rome. In England, Mary's "anniversary" was kept in the middle of August. In medieval times it was also known as "Mary-Mass" or "Our Lady of the Harvest", but it was suppressed in 1549, along with other holidays, because it took labourers away from their work. In Catholic Europe, however, the Assumption continued to be one of the most popular festivals of the year. Until modern times it was exceptional for churches to be dedicated in honour of the Assumption. They were simply called "St. Mary's". The feast chosen for the church's name-day depended on various factors. In Europe the Assumption had an advantage because it was in full summer. On 1 November 1950 Pius XII issued the Apostolic Constitution that Mary, "the course of her earthly life was finished... was assumed body and soul into the glory of heaven." Today 15 August is simply the Feast of the Assumption. Mass times will be as follows: **St. Patrick's Church** Tuesday 14th (Vigil) 7pm. Wednesday 15th 8am, 10am, 12noon, 7pm. **St. Brigid's Church** Wednesday 15th 10am

**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

**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.


**Weekend Mass Intentions**  
**St. Brigid's Church**  
**Saturday 6pm** Paddy Dowling (month's mind)  
**Sunday 11am** Tish Carney  
**St. Patrick's Church:**  
**Saturday**  
**6.30pm** Marcus Anderson (month's mind)  
**Sunday**  
**8.30am** Noreen Pearce  
**9.30am** Thomas Behan  
**11am** Noel Walsh  
**12.30** Noel Wogan  
**7pm** George Evans

**Weekday Mass Intentions St. Patrick's Church**  
**Monday 13th 10am** Dick Crofton **7pm** Paddy Kilduff  
**Tuesday 14th 10am** Bridie Smith **7pm** John Keegan  
**Wednesday 15th Feast of Our Lady's Assumption**  
**8am** Joseph O'Flaherty, **10am** Susan Teague, **12noon** Kieran Goggins, **7pm** William O'Brien  
**Thursday 16th 10am** Vincent & Delia Rowan **7pm** Phil Cassoni  
**Friday 17th 10am** Margaret McKenna **7pm** Barry McGloin & deceased family  
**Saturday 18th 10am** Cathal Rosney.

**The Hymn of the 50th International Eucharistic Congress**  
**Though We Are Many**  
Though we are many, we are one body, we who come to share this living bread, Cup of salvation, shared among all nations, nourishing us now and evermore.  
1. We gather in this place round the table of the Lord. Christ's presence is revealed in our communion and his Living Word.  
2. Now our communion recalls Christ's death and resurrection. This living sacrifice is our salvation now and evermore.

**Pilgrimage to Lough Derg**  
Monday 13th August -Wednesday 15th  
Closing three day pilgrimage to Lough Derg from Monday 13th August to the Feast of the Assumption 15th August.  
To book a seat contact Michael Sammon @ 0876697902, or email michael.sammon@gmail.com

**We welcome into our faith community** the children recently baptised:  
Jack O'Connor,  
Lennon-Moses Duffy, Cian Higgins and Eoghan Hall.



We welcome back Christina Malone our parish pastoral worker from her maternity leave, and we look forward to having her working among us once again.

**Lourdes Pilgrimage**  
The parish pilgrimage to Lourdes is departing on the 16th August. If you have any special intentions for Mass or prayers at Lourdes particularly for the sick please leave them in the sacristy addressed to Fr. Taylor, as he is accompanying the parish pilgrimage.

**Sunday 19th August:** Exposition & Benediction of Blessed Sacrament from 4pm to 5.30pm, concluding with evening prayer of the Church and Benediction at 5.15pm.  
**Wednesday 15th August** St Joseph's Young Priests Society meeting, directly after the evening Mass at 7pm in the meeting room beside the Sacristy, new members welcome

**Parish Team**  
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Christina Malone Parish Pastoral Worker

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