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PLANNED GIVING (Weekly Envelope Collection): €1,310. Standing Orders for October amounted to €4,697 (179 Contributors). Collectors are asked to have all envelopes left in before end of November. Your continued support is very much appreciated. Please note that donations of €250 and over qualify for tax relief. If you wish to check the amount donated by you to date text Name & Box No. to 085 7021882.

**An Apostolic letter from Pope Benedict XVI
 called Porta Fidei**

The "door of faith" (Acts 14:27) is always open for us, ushering us into the life of communion with God and offering entry into his Church. It is possible to cross that threshold when the word of God is proclaimed and the heart allows itself to be shaped by transforming grace. To enter through that door is to set out on a journey that lasts a lifetime. It begins with baptism (cf. Rom 6:4), through which we can address God as Father, and it ends with the passage through death to eternal life, fruit of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, whose will it was, by the gift of the Holy Spirit, to draw those who believe in him into his own glory (cf. Jn 17:22). To profess faith in the Trinity – Father, Son and Holy Spirit – is to believe in one God who is Love (cf. 1 Jn 4:8): the Father, who in the fullness of time sent his Son for our salvation; Jesus Christ, who in the mystery of his death and resurrection redeemed the world; the Holy Spirit, who leads the Church across the centuries as we await the Lord's glorious return.

Ever since the start of my ministry as Successor of Peter, I have spoken of the need to rediscover the journey of faith so as to shed ever clearer light on the joy and renewed enthusiasm of the encounter with Christ. During the homily at the Mass marking the inauguration of my pontificate I said: "The Church as a whole and all her Pastors, like Christ, must set out to lead people out of the desert, towards the place of life, towards friendship with the Son of God, towards the One who gives us life, and life in abundance." It often happens that Christians are more concerned for the social, cultural and political consequences of their commitment, continuing to think of the faith as a self-evident presupposition for life in society. In reality, not only can this presupposition no longer be taken for granted, but it is often openly denied. Whereas in the past it was possible to recognize a unitary cultural matrix, broadly accepted in its appeal to the content of the faith and the values inspired by it, today this no longer seems to be the case in large swathes of society, because of a profound crisis of faith that has affected many people. To be continued next week...

THANK YOU

for your support for CYC.

The CYC Collection in Celbridge & Straffan Parish amounted to €2543.

Thank you for your great generosity in difficult times.

Do this in Memory Masses for the Children preparing for First Communion will take place next week end.

St. Patrick's Church
 Saturday 24th 6.30pm - Scoil Bríd, St. Patrick's and The Children's Ark
 Sunday 25th 9.30am - Scoil Mochua
 Sunday 25th 7pm - Scoil Ná Mainistreach

Straffan Church Sunday 25th 11am St. Brigid's School Straffan and the Glebe.

We ask you to continue to keep them in your prayers.

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.

Weekend Mass Intentions

St. Brigid's Church

Saturday

6pm Willie Kane

Sunday

11am Dermot Darlington

St. Patrick's Church

Saturday

6.30pm Gerry McDermott, Oliver Harney, Denis & Brigid Ryan,

Sunday

8.30am Rose Fitzgerald

9.30am Gerry Kelly, Albert Baker

11am John & Mary Lawlor

12.30pm Jimmy Condell, Grace Costello

7pm Betty Murphy

Weekday Mass Intentions St. Patrick's Church

Monday 19th 10am Deceased members of Legion of Mary

7pm Kathleen & John McMorrow, Philip & Margaret Fee

Tuesday 20th 10am Pat Hartigan, **7pm** Con & Margaret Gaffney & deceased Gaffney family, John Ryan

Wednesday 21st 10am Jim Billeaux, **7pm** Pat King

Thursday 22nd 10am Brian Cleary, **7pm** Eric Dunne

Friday 23rd 10am Tony Ryan, **7pm** Nancy Farrell & deceased family

Saturday 24th 10am Sean & Patricia Lynch, Sean Conlon

Celbridge and Straffan Gospel Choir
 Looking for new singers and musicians
 Open night in the Salesian College
 7.30pm 20th December
 All welcome



Liam Lawton Concert

in St. Patrick's Church, Celbridge Sunday December 23rd

Doors open 7.30pm Concert at 8pm

Special Guests Mary Flynn (Soprano) and Denise Kelly (Harpist)

In aid of Celbridge and Straffan Parish, Irish Hospice Foundation, and Breast Cancer Ireland

Tickets €20 available in the parish office.

The Board of Management of Scoil Mochua invites you to the launch by Mark Kenneally (Olympic Marathon Competitor 2012) to the launch of a DVD based on "A History of Celbridge" by Tony Doohan in Scoil Mochua on Thursday 22nd November 2012.

Musical entertainment provided. Proceeds from sale to Our Lady's Hospital Crumlin. Retail €12. The DVD is region free so it can be shown in any part of the world.

All Welcome.

Christmas Fair in aid of the ACRE Project

Saturday/Sunday 15-16 December – Salesian College

Items being sought for stalls: books, CDs, bric-a-brac, spot prizes for raffle, etc. Items can be left at the Salesian College during school hours. Also, would you be interested in helping as a volunteer on either day 1-5 p.m.?

Contact Michael Leyden 086 608 9652

"Living the Mass" and The New Mass Book" are two little booklets on sale on the booklet display stand near the door of the Church. The New Mass Book includes the order of the Mass, Daily prayers and prayers to the Saints. They are highly recommended and pocket sized. The Mass book cost €3 and Living the Mass €2.

"Remembering a loved one at Christmas" in aid of St. Brigid's Hospice Kildare.

Please support our fundraising event by sponsoring a Light in Memory of a deceased loved one this Christmas. Pick up a special envelope at the back of the church. Envelopes can be placed in the church collection baskets at all Masses until Sunday 9th of December, or in the drop-box in Celbridge Credit Union.

A Lighting of the Tree Remembrance Service & Carol singing will take place in St. Patrick's Church on Sunday the 9th of December at 5pm.

You can also donate online at <http://www.mycharity.ie/event/rememberingalovedone2012>