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**PLANNED GIVING** (Weekly Envelope Collection): €2,081. Your continued support is very much appreciated.  
 Thanks also to the collectors.

If you know an adult who would like to become a Catholic, the parish will be offering a Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults starting soon. Sr. Olive will be co-ordinating. Please contact the parish office.

**We welcome into our faith community the children recently baptised**  
 Adam Scally and Killian Johnston.



**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.

**The November Altar List of the Dead.**  
 The list to write the names and the envelopes for the Mass offerings are available at the back of the Church. All the Masses on the first Friday’s of each month are offered for the people listed.

We welcome the children of the parish who are preparing for First Holy Communion.  
 We ask you to continue to keep them in your prayers.



**Croi Nua**  
 Beginning on 1st November, Wellsprings Centre, will host a new programme called Croi Nua written specially for the Irish Church. It consists of readings, reflection, prayer and ritual and is very much in touch with our Irish traditions and spirituality. This course is an ideal opportunity to explore your faith and will form a backdrop to Advent. Led by Sr Olive Cullen, and Lucy Higgins.  
 Thursday nights - 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th November, 6th, 13th, 20th December.  
 Booking online: www.wellspringscelbridge.com By phone 016288267/0866647608 Cost: €25/Concessions €20

**Sacred Dance**  
 A course in Dance Meditation will take place in Wellsprings Centre on 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th November.  
 Dancing in circles to beautiful and inspiring music can create a sense of community as well as offer moments of deep inner stillness and peace. Dancing circles are inclusive, enjoyable and uplifting!  
 Previous dance experience is not necessary. If you always wanted to dance, here's your chance.  
 Cost €10 per session/ Concessions €7 Led by Sr Barbara Perry, CHF  
 Contact details above.

**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 Gerard McAulitte (month’s mind)  
**Sunday**  
 11am Michael Smallwood  
**St. Patrick’s Church**  
**Saturday**  
 6.30pm Elizabeth Mercer (month's mind)  
 8.30am Nuala Kavanagh  
 9.30am James McEvoy  
 11am Seamus McNamee  
 12.30pm Anthony & Annie Dunne  
 7pm John Nevin (month's mind) and Paddy Nevin.

**Liam Lawton Concert in St. Patrick’s Church**  
 Sunday December 23rd at 8pm  
**Tickets available in the parish office.**

**Weekday Mass Intentions St. Patrick’s Church**  
**Monday 22nd 10am** Special intention, James & Delia Kenny & deceased Kenny family. **7pm** Veda & Jim King, Alan Brennan  
**Tuesday 23rd 10am** Alan O’Riordan **7pm** Michael Gough  
**Wednesday 24th 10am** Rupert, Maxine, David & Pam Pervis **7pm** Cornelius O’Connell  
**Thursday 25th 10am** Mary & Joan Brosnan **7pm** Special intention  
**Friday 26th 10am** Mena Kirby **7pm** Maurice O’Loughlin,  
**Saturday 27th 10am** Willie Kennedy.

**Celbridge ICA is celebrating it’s 50th Anniversary this year.**  
 We have produced a book on the history of the guild which will be launched in Celbridge Library on **November 29th at 7pm.**  
 Liz Wall, Irish Countrywomen’s Association National President will launch the book.  
 A wine and cheese reception will follow the launch and all are welcome.

**Straffan GAA Car Boot Sale**  
 Saturday 27th October  
 9am -2pm in the GAA grounds.  
 Cars €15 No large Vans  
 Gates open at 7.30am  
 Contact Patrick Donovan (Chairman) 087 8137301

**Mission Sunday**

Our theme for World Mission Sunday in Ireland this year is **Growing in Communion.**

We have an example of that growing in communion with Aisling Foley, a member of Viatores Christ. "I felt I had left my heart in Africa," was Aisling’s response when she returned home from her first visit to South Africa. She had volunteered to work with Home of Hope, a project that provides accommodation and foster care for children at risk. She took redundancy from her job as a solicitor and returned to South Africa for a year. That year has now become three! "I truly believe that I was guided to work in Home of Hope and that my mission is to stay here until God tells me that my work is done," wrote Aisling. Every day these amazing children I work with teach me so much about tolerance, patience and love and these lessons will stay with me for life."

Aisling follows in the spirit of Pauline Marie Jaricot, the young French woman who reached out to the needs of the Missions just after the French Revolution. Pauline’s wisdom was that all should be supported, none neglected, especially the most needy. Among Pauline’s achievements was the founding of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith 190 years ago this year. It is the Society that organises the celebration of Mission Sunday each year.

The poster shows Aisling Foley, a lay missionary from Co. Cork with Neo in her office in the Western Cape in South Africa. Aisling is a member of Viatores Christi and Neo is one of the children with whom she works in a school called Amathemba ('Our Hope') for children with Fetal Alcohol spectrum Disorders.

In his message for Mission Sunday this year, Pope Benedict XVI, wrote:

*"I thank the Pontifical Mission Societies, instruments for cooperation in the universal mission of the Church across the world. Through their action, the proclamation of the Gospel not only bears witness to Christ but also becomes an intervention on behalf of one's neighbour, justice for the poorest, the possibility of education in the most remote villages, medical aid in isolated places, emancipation from poverty, the rehabilitation of the marginalized, support for the development of peoples, overcoming ethnic divisions, and respect for life in all its stages."*