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Weekly Envelope Collection: €1,214. 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**

Continued from last week's leaflet

We cannot accept that salt should become tasteless or the light be kept hidden (cf. Mt 5:13-16). The people of today can still experience the need to go to the well, like the Samaritan woman, in order to hear Jesus, who invites us to believe in him and to draw upon the source of living water welling up within him (cf. Jn 4:14). We must rediscover a taste for feeding ourselves on the word of God, faithfully handed down by the Church, and on the bread of life, offered as sustenance for his disciples (cf. Jn 6:51). Indeed, the teaching of Jesus still resounds in our day with the same power: "Do not labour for the food which perishes, but for the food which endures to eternal life" (Jn 6:27). The question posed by his listeners is the same that we ask today: "What must we do, to be doing the works of God?" (Jn 6:28). We know Jesus' reply: "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent" (Jn 6:29). Belief in Jesus Christ, then, is the way to arrive definitively at salvation.

In the light of all this, I have decided to announce a Year of Faith. It will begin on 11 October 2012, the fiftieth anniversary of the opening of the Second Vatican Council, and it will end on the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, Universal King, on 24 November 2013. The starting date of 11 October 2012 also marks the twentieth anniversary of the publication of the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, a text promulgated by my Predecessor, Blessed John Paul II, with a view to illustrating for all the faithful the power and beauty of the faith. This document, an authentic fruit of the Second Vatican Council, was requested by the Extraordinary Synod of Bishops in 1985 as an instrument at the service of catechesis and it was produced in collaboration with all the bishops of the Catholic Church. Moreover, the theme of the General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops that I have convoked for October 2012 is "The New Evangelization for the Transmission of the Christian Faith". This will be a good opportunity to usher the whole Church into a time of particular reflection and rediscovery of the faith. It is not the first time that the Church has been called to celebrate a Year of Faith. My venerable Predecessor the Servant of God Paul VI announced one in 1967, to commemorate the martyrdom of Saints Peter and Paul on the 19th centenary of their supreme act of witness. He thought of it as a solemn moment for the whole Church to make "an authentic and sincere profession of the same faith"; moreover, he wanted this to be confirmed in a way that was "individual and collective, free and conscious, inward and outward, humble and frank". He thought that in this way the whole Church could reappropriate "exact knowledge of the faith, so as to reinvigorate it, purify it, confirm it, and confess it". The great upheavals of that year made even more evident the need for a celebration of this kind. It concluded with the *Credo of the People of God*, intended to show how much the essential content that for centuries has formed the heritage of all believers needs to be confirmed, understood and explored ever anew, so as to bear consistent witness in historical circumstances very different from those of the past.

To be continued next week...

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, 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 Maureen Donovan

Sunday
 11am Nora McSweeney
St. Patrick's Church

Saturday
 6.30pm Carl Burchell,
 Gerry Lewis (month's mind)

Sunday
 8.30am Mattie & Nancy Scally
 9.30am John Keegan, Special intention
 11am Mary Mapplethorpe
 12.30pm Ambrose, Martin, Brian & Kate Mullarkey, Noel Byrne
 4pm Filipino Community
 7pm Geraldine McCormack

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)

▪ Tickets €20 available in the parish office.

Please take note: the 7pm Mass on 23rd Nov will be at 4pm to facilitate the Liam Lawton's Concert later that evening.

8th December : The Feast of Immaculate Conception there will be **NO Mass** at 12 midday in St. Patrick's Church. Masses will be at 7pm (vigil) 8am 10am and the evening Mass will be 6.30pm (Vigil Saturday).

St. Brigid's Church Mass will be at 10am on the 8th December.

St. Brigid's Church: A collection will take place after Masses on the 1st / 2nd December which will go towards the cost of flowers for the Church over the Christmas period and beyond. Your contribution is appreciated. Thank you

Christmas Fair in aid of the ACRE Project

Saturday/Sunday 15th -16th 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

Weekday Mass Intentions St. Patrick's Church

Monday 26th 10am Special intention **7pm** Joan Carey (month's mind)

Tuesday 27th 10am Elizabeth & Francis McGarr **7pm** Jimmy Nolan (month's mind) & Derek Nolan

Wednesday 28th 10am Michael, Alice, Hannah & Margaret Cahill
7pm Tiarnan Brabazon Carton

Thursday 29th 10am Pat Doyle **7pm** Una Fitzgerald

Friday 30th 10am Tom & Molly Fitzsimons & Liz McGarr **7pm** Billy Blake

Saturday 1st 10am Thomas & Ellen Behan

**Advent at Wellsprings
Waiting with Mary**

A time of quiet prayer, readings and reflection
 Tuesday mornings
 10.45 a.m. - 12.00 noon
 27th November, 4th, 11th, 18th December, 2012

Cost €10
Celebrating the O Antiphons
 An evening of music reflection and prayer
 December, 18th
 8.00 p.m.
 Led by Sr Moira Bergin, rsm
 National Centre for Liturgy

Christmas Mass Intentions

Christmas Cards: A novena of Masses (9 Masses) will be offered on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day for the intention of those named on the special Mass cards. Each Mass card cost €5 and can be purchased in the parish office or in the sacristy after Mass

When purchasing the card please give the name of the person for the intention.

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"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>