



**The Catholic Parish  
of  
Celbridge  
and  
Straffan**



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**PLANNED GIVING:** Weekly Envelope Collection  
€1,161.63. Your support is very much appreciated.  
Thanks to the collectors.

**Parish Office:**

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**The Feast of the Assumption**

**HOMILY OF HIS HOLINESS BENEDICT XVI**

Friday 15th August is the Feast of the Assumption and is a Holy Day. Masses - **8am, 10am, 7pm**. The vigil is on Thursday at 7pm.

On the 15th August the Church is celebrating one of the most important feasts of the Liturgical Year dedicated to Mary Most Holy: the Assumption. At the end of her earthly life Mary was taken up, body and soul, into Heaven, that is, into the glory of eternal life, into full and perfect communion with God.

We can then ask ourselves: what are the roots of this victory over death wonderfully anticipated in Mary?

Its roots are in the faith of the Virgin of Nazareth, as the Gospel passage we have heard testifies (Lk 1: 39-56): a faith that is obedience to the word of God and total abandonment to the divine action and initiative, in accordance with what the Archangel announced to her. Faith, therefore, is Mary's greatness, as Elizabeth joyfully proclaims: Mary is "blessed among women" and "blessed is the fruit of [her] womb", for she is Mother of the Lord" because she believed and lived uniquely the "first" of the Beatitudes, the Beatitude of faith. Elizabeth confesses it in her joy and in that of her child who leaps in her womb: "And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her from the Lord" (v. 45).

Dear friends, let us not limit ourselves to admiring Mary in her destiny of glory, as a person very remote from us. No! We are called to look at all that the Lord, in his love, wanted to do for us too, for our final destiny: to live through faith in a perfect communion of love with him and hence to live truly.

**Understanding the Mass**

In the Liturgy every action has a significance. We may ask, "Why does the priest kiss the altar at the beginning and end of Mass?"

The kiss is an expressive bodily gesture. It symbolises a union desired, or a union achieved. It is a sign of recognition and affection. To pervert a kiss and use it for betrayal is deeply horrifying (Mt. 27:49).

In kissing the altar the priest is reverencing Christ who sacrificed himself for us on the altar of the cross. So the altar is a sacred object. On it, in an unbloody fashion, the saving death of Our Lord is commemorated. Christ who died on the cross, once and for all, becomes really present.

The priest kisses the altar on behalf of the assembled people. May this action encourage us to avoid the deceptive kiss.

Rev. P. Taylor P.P.

**Our Parish Mission Statement:**

**As Believers in Jesus Christ and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we seek to live and share the joy of His Gospel message.**

**Weekend Mass Intentions**

**St Brigid's Church:**

**Saturday 6pm:** Thomas Cribbon

**St. Patrick's Church:**

**Saturday:** Colette Carpenter

**Sunday**

**8.30am:** Christian Van Cauwenberge

**9.30am:** Special intention

**11am:** Gerard Colgan (m.m.)

**12.30pm:** Tadhg Doyle

**7pm:** Christian Van Cauwenberge,  
Noreen Pearce

**CELBRIDGE GAA SUMMER CAMP  
HURLING, CAMOGIE AND FOOTBALL**

MONDAY 18TH AUG - 21ST AUGUST  
TIME 9.30AM - 2.00PM

GIRLS & BOYS 4-12 YRS OLD  
(SCHOOL GOING)

BARBECUE ON LAST DAY OF CAMP.  
FORM & FULL DETAILS AVAILABLE TO  
DOWNLOAD ON OUR WEBSITE.  
EILEEN O TOOLE 087 4179642.

**The Living Spirit**

The chaos of human sin and disorder and the wind of the Spirit blowing over it, and the embodied love of God going down into the waters and being drawn out again in a blaze of light and a word from heaven, "This is my Son!"

The baptised community lives in that mystery, drawn out of chaos, breathing in the wind of the Spirit and hearing from God the words that he speaks to his only son: "You can call me father."

**Weekday Mass Intentions St. Patrick's Church**

**Monday 11th 10am:** Special Intention, Rita Finan (m.m.) **7pm** William, Florence, Gerry, & Hazel Pervis, Gerard Peppard

**Tuesday 12th 10am:** Liam Burbridge **7pm:** Thomas Bean

**Wednesday 13th 10am:** Special intention **7pm:** Noel, Jack Walsh

**Thursday 14th 10am:** Dick Crofton **7pm:** Special Intention

**Friday 15th** **8am:** The intentions of those who sent Mass cards for Gerard Peppard  
**10am:** Kieran Goggins  
**5pm** Claire Condron  
**7pm** Catherine & Thomas Martin

**Saturday 16th 10am:** Philomena (Phil) Cassoni

**DIVINE WORD MISSIONARIES**

We welcome Divine Word Missionary Priests who are speaking at all the Masses in the parish this weekend outlining their particular work in the service of the gospel.



**Glenstal Abbey**

Already 68 have booked to go on the day pilgrimage to Glenstal Abbey on Saturday 11th October.

Only 12 places remain. Lunch is provided and the evening meal at the Castle Oaks Hotel is included in

the cost. The bus will leave at 7.30am from Celbridge Church. The all in cost is €60.

Please give your name in the sacristy if you are interested in going.

**Youth 2000 Summer Festival**, Cistercian College, Roscrea, Co. Tipperary from Thursday 14th – Sunday 17th August 2014. For young people aged 16-35, an opportunity not to be missed to experience the Catholic faith and meet many new people. The festival is donation only. Free buses available from towns throughout Ireland. For more information and to book online see [www.youth2000.ie](http://www.youth2000.ie) or phone 01 6753690.

**The ACRE Project's Annual Road Race and Family Walk**

Saturday, 16 August at 3 p.m.

Persons can run or jog the 5K. Families can walk the 5K route which will start and end in the grounds of the Salesian College on the Maynooth Road, Celbridge.

Registration is at [http://www.mycharity.ie/event/the\\_acre\\_project\\_event](http://www.mycharity.ie/event/the_acre_project_event) and costs €10 for the person running or jogging, and for the family walking the 5K route.

**Straffan GAA Summer Camp:** 18th to the 22nd of August 10am to 2pm

Cost 40 euros for first child and 30 euro for each subsequent child.

Contact Dave 087-2341682.

**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 0858662255

**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.