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PLANNED GIVING: Weekly Envelope Collection 26.07.2015: €1,406 02.08.2015: €1,617 Thank you for your generosity.

Congratulations! Fantastic achievement of our local Straffan girl **Anne-Marie Cooney** on winning Gold in the Special Olympics.

I would like to extend my sincere and heartfelt gratitude to the priests and all Christians of the parish of Celbridge and Straffan for the warm reception and affection accorded to me during my visit to your parish.

I had a very wonderful experience that left a lasting impression upon me.

I thank you for your generosity and love towards me. May God reward you abundantly.

Fr Matthias- Uganda



I DON'T BELIEVE IT!

YES ITS BACK (already)

It is time for all of us in our parish to talk about

CONFIRMATION

Last year our Parish launched a new way of preparing for Confirmation, making it into a two-year journey. It is an exciting initiative that is unique in Ireland. This year we are building on our experience.

Our Confirmation needs big numbers of parishioners involved to make it the best it can be. One way is become a group leader.

We will need three adult leaders for every group of eight girls and boys (Candidates) preparing for Confirmation in 2016. This means we need about 100 leaders.

During August we will be inviting volunteers for this. Please consider it. It will be a wonderful and positive way of helping our young people know the joy of what Confirmation is truly about... that God believes in them more than anything.

Watch this space!

The Feast of the Assumption - August 15th

Next Saturday is a holy Day of obligation. Because our Blessed Lady co operated in a wonderful way in the coming into the world of the Messiah, the Son of God, at the time of her death she was taken body and soul into Heaven. She shares now fully in the victory of Christ over death. We as pilgrims of faith hope to share fully in the same destiny in the general resurrection at the last day.

The Mass times are as follows: **St. Patrick's Church** Vigil Friday at **7pm** Saturday **8am, 10am. St. Brigid's Church** Vigil Mass at **6pm** and Saturday at **10am.**

N.B. The Saturday evening Mass is the Mass of Sunday and not the Holy Day

Farewell to Fr. Alphonse. Fr. Alphonse who has been Chaplain to the Salesian College for the last couple of years is returning to work with the Salesians in India. We are sorry to see him going as he has made great effort to deepen the connection between the Parish and the Salesian community on the Maynooth Road. His enthusiasm for the gospel of Christ has been an inspiration to the boys at the secondary school and the parishioners he has served when saying Mass here. We wish him every blessing in his new responsibilities.



Grand Canal Walk/Slí Mochua Chrónáin
5 km, Sunday August 9th,

Meet Hazelhatch Train Station Celbridge at 3 pm. There is a 5 Euro registration fee in aid of the restoration of Tea Lane Graveyard.

St. Mochua Crónán established a Christian Church at Tea Lane in Celbridge around 500 A.D. and is also associated with Clondalkin's Round Tower. In his honour we are tracing his footsteps, rekindling this pilgrim path, possibly walked by thousands in earlier times, close to the ancient

Slí Mhór that connected Dublin Bay to Galway Bay. Have your free pilgrim passport stamped on the day.

We hope that you can join us.

Weekend Mass Intentions:

St Brigid's Church

Saturday 6pm: Kathleen McManamon

Sunday 11am: Sean King, Tish Kearney

St. Patrick's Church:

Saturday

6.30pm: Margaret (Peg) Redmond

Sunday

8.30am: Brendan Madden

9.30am: Tadgh Doyle

11am: Colette Carpenter

12.30pm: Bridget Cummins
Pray for Noreen Pearce

7pm: Patricia & Francis Lee & deceased family

Eucharistic Ministers .

6.30pm D Kissane L. O'Connor W. Lynch

8.30am: H. Boothman B. Quinlan S. O' Regan

9.30am: R. Melvin D. Mc Donnell G. McLoughlin

11am: I. Murray A. O'Connell P. Sexton

12.30pm: D. Harkness M. O'Shea B. Ryan L. White

7pm: C. Barry R. Gajkowski C. Walsh

Rosters for 8th / 9th July

Ministers of the Word (Readers)

6.30pm: Cecilia Ramos

8.30am: John Murphy

9.30am Roisin Kavanagh

11am Donal Jackson

12.30pm Martin Wickham

7pm Gerry Fogarty

I'm Back Again

'Percy Pig'

Our Parish Piggy Bank

"I like to be fed !!!!!

I eat - all loose change, coins & notes

I eat from 1cent to 2euro coins and more.

My source of food can be found in your drawers, in the cups, in glasses, in your handbag and even in your trousers pocket. The bigger the bundle of coins the happier I am. C'mon feed me I need fattening up!

I will be outside both Parish Churches at all Masses the weekend of 15th / 16th August.

Priests Roster for the Masses Weekend 15th / 16th Aug

St. Patrick's. - Friday (vigil) Fr. Paul Saturday 8am Fr.

Paul 10am Fr. Paul 6.30pm: Fr. Brian

Sunday: 8.30am: Fr. Paul **9.30am:** Fr. Douglas

11am: Fr. Brian **12.30pm:** Fr. Brian **7pm:** Fr. Paul

St. Brigid's. - Saturday 6pm: Fr. Douglas

Weekday Mass Intentions

Mon 10th 10am: Kathleen Stevens **7pm** Peggy Murphy

Tues 11th 10am: Elizabeth Flynn **7pm:** Kathleen Stevens

Wed 12th 10am: John Hannon **7pm:** Thomas Bean

Thur 13th 10am: Mona Pierce **7pm:** Noel, Jack, & May Walsh

Fri 14th 10am: Special intention **7pm:** Thomas & Kitty Phelan

Sat 15th 10am: Graham O'Loughlin



ARE YOU AGED BETWEEN 18 AND 30?

- Our parish is a 'Hub-Parish' in preparation for World Youth Day 2016 in Krakow.
- This means our Diocese has asked us to take a leadership role for WYD.
- We need team leaders to make this happen (aged 18-30).

INFORMATION EVENING

NEXT THURSDAY (13th, 8 - 9 pm)

St Patrick's Church



Make Some Noise at WYD



3-Day Pilgrimage to Lough Derg August 2015

Departs: Friday 14th August Returns: Sunday 16th August

To Book /Details Contact Mick Sammon
Phone 045-526830 or Mobile 087-6697902

Celbridge and Straffan Mother's Prayer Group

The next meeting of the parish mother's prayer group takes place on Tuesday August 11th at 8pm in St Brigid's Church, Straffan. Mothers of all ages are very welcome. We will pray for our children, the children of the parish and children world-wide. We hope to see you there!

The Annual Mass at Esker Cemetery Sunday 30th August at 3pm.

The Martin Earley Tour of Kildare charity cycle is taking place this Sunday 9th August, in aid of the Marie Keating Foundation

They ask that parishioners to be aware of the cyclists on the road.