



# The Catholic Parish of Celbridge and Straffan



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**PLANNED GIVING** (Weekly Envelope Collection): This week's: €1,728.54.  
Your continued support is much appreciated. Thanks also to the collectors.

### For Parish Newsletter:

Youth 2000 Summer Festival, Clonmacnois, Co Offaly, Thursday 9th - Sunday 12th August 2012. For young people aged 16-35, an opportunity not to be missed to experience the Catholic faith and meet many new friends. This Festival has been nicknamed the "Holy Oxygen" with over 1000 young people from all corners of Ireland attending last year. The festival is donation only. Free buses available from around the country.

For more information, contact 01 6753690, email [dublin@youth2000.ie](mailto:dublin@youth2000.ie) or book online: [www.youth2000.ie](http://www.youth2000.ie)

"Life is an opportunity, benefit from it.

Life is beauty, admire it.  
Life is a dream, realize it.  
Life is a challenge, meet it.  
Life is a duty, complete it.  
Life is a game, play it.  
Life is a promise, fulfil it.  
Life is sorrow, overcome it.  
Life is a song, sing it.  
Life is a struggle, accept it.  
Life is a tragedy, confront it.  
Life is an adventure, dare it.  
Life is luck, make it.  
Life is too precious, do not destroy it.  
Life is life, fight for it."

Blessed Mother Teresa.

### 'The Blood of Christ'

We are introducing Holy Communion under both kinds at the weekday Masses in both Celbridge and Straffan this week. Those receiving Holy Communion are invited to take the chalice from the Special Minister to consume the 'Blood of Christ'

The General Instruction of the Roman Missal says it is desirable that Christ's 'Body and Blood should be received' and states that 'Holy Communion has a fuller form as a sign when it takes place under both kinds'. When ministers of communion offer the chalice at Mass, they serve to deepen the community's experience of the mystery of Christ's presence and love.

The symbolism is multi-layered; it speaks of sharing in the new covenant, the heavenly banquet and the suffering of Christ'. The command was to 'take ... and drink ... the blood ... poured out. ... for the forgiveness of sins'.

Since the Eucharist is the 'source and summit' of the Christian life, then our participation and witness to our communion in Christ is richly expressed.

### How to receive from the Chalice

The Priest or Special Minister says to you "The Blood of Christ and you answer "Amen". Then you take the Chalice in your hands from the Priest or Special Minister and gently sip from the chalice and hand it back to the Priest or Special Minister.

The annual collection known as **Peter's Pence** which is for the Holy Father to help with particular charities will be taken up at all Masses this weekend, the Sunday after the feast of St. Peter and Paul.

Our support of this annual appeal is a gesture of our affection and loyalty to the Holy Father Pope Benedict XVI.

It replaces the share collection this weekend.

### 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

### 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:** Wednesday and 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** Thomas Doran  
**Sunday 11am** David Healy

#### St. Patrick's Church:

**Saturday**  
**6.30pm** Gerard Harrison,  
**Sunday**  
**8.30am** Mai Beattie  
**9.30** Colin Baker  
**11.00** Desmond O'Connor  
**12.30pm** Bridie and Tommy Farrell, Mary Dignam  
**7pm** Special intention

The weekday evening Mass in St. Patrick's Church will take place at **7pm from the 1st July 2012.**

Parishioners who are parking their cars in the Church courtyard for the weekday Masses are asked to be careful that their cars are not encroaching or damaging the flowers beds which are so beautifully maintained by our volunteers.

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

<b>Mon 2nd 10am</b> Damian McDonnell	<b>7pm</b> Rupert, Maxine, David and Pam Pervis
<b>Tues 3rd 10am</b> Hugh Campion	<b>7pm</b> Caragh Montgomery
<b>Wed 4th 10am</b> Special intention	<b>7pm</b> Michael Kennedy
<b>Thur 5th 10am</b> Elsie Boothman	<b>7pm</b> Patrick McNamara, Fr Jake Beltran
<b>Fri 6th 10am</b> Altar List of the Dead	<b>7pm</b> Altar List of the Dead
<b>Sat 7th 10am</b> Thomas Lee	

### The Hymn of the 50th International Eucharistic Congress

#### Though We Are Many

Though we are many, we are one body, we who come to share this living bread, Cup of salvation, shared among all nations, nourishing us now and evermore.

- We gather in this place round the table of the Lord. Christ's presence is revealed in our communion and his Living Word.
- Now our communion recalls Christ's death and resurrection. This living sacrifice is our salvation now and evermore.



### St. Raphael's Annual Garden Fete

This Sunday from 1pm to 6pm Many thanks for your generosity through all the years. Come along and enjoy a great family day out!

**Straffan GAA - Cúl Camp** July 2nd -6th 10am - 2.30pm Contact Bernie 01 6273783.

### Liturgy Questionnaire September 2011 - Results

The Parish Pastoral Council undertook an extensive survey of the Mass going parishioners last year. The Parishioners were invited to respond to a series of questions and we are delighted to publish the responses and the analysis of the findings. They make for interesting reading.... View results on webpage [www.celstra.ie](http://www.celstra.ie) and we will continue to print results in this leaflet as space permits.

### Parish Art Competition

The Parish was very pleased with the response to our recent art competition marking 50<sup>th</sup> International Eucharistic Congress. The entries displayed great skill, imagination and creativity in illustrating the sharing of bread and wine as celebrated during Mass. Over the last two weeks the display of the entries has attracted lots of interest and positive comments on the talents of our young parishioners.

Those who entered ranged in age from 5 to 14 years. They came from all over Straffan and Celbridge and attended a range of Parish primary schools. The age group 8 to 12 was the most keenly contested. Prizes were awarded for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and highly commended pictures in all three categories. Prizes will be distributed to the young artists following the 11a.m. mass in Celbridge on Sunday the 1<sup>st</sup> July. Entries from Straffan plus winning pictures in all categories will be displayed in Straffan church in July. Congratulations to all entrants and continued artistic success.

Pilgrimage to LOUGH DERG

Kildare/Dublin Friday July 6th to Sunday 8th  
Bus (Fosters) - Am departure from Monasterevan 5:30, Kildare 5:40, Suncroft 5:50, Newbridge 6:00, Naas 6:10, Clane 6:20, Kilcock 6:30, Maynooth 6:40, Drumcondra Rd. 7am. Fare €50.  
Contact: Breda Preston at 0872559189, [bapreston@eircom.net](mailto:bapreston@eircom.net)

**We welcome into our faith community** the children recently baptised: Kian Tyrrell, Kate Massey, Thomas McGauran, Ruth McGauran, Rachel Conlon and Michael Nolan. Congratulations.



Applications are invited for the position of Choir Director for the Celbridge and Straffan Gospel choir. The position involves training and leading the enthusiastic members of the gospel choir who rehearse once a week and take part in the celebration of the Saturday vigil Mass in Celbridge and the first Sunday Mass in Straffan.

Applications with a curriculum vitae should be sent to the parish office by Friday 13th July 2012. Interviews will take place and position is remunerated.

The Parish Pastoral Council met on the 30th May and 27th June

### Topics discussed

Child Protection  
Eucharistic Congress  
Communications  
Corpus Christi Procession  
Parish Pastoral Council Formation  
Report on Corpus Christi Procession and the 40 Hours Adoration  
Report on the successful "Come and See programme" and the development of Parish Cell Groups.

The council will take a short break and meet again in September.