



The Catholic Parish of Celbridge and Straffan



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PLANNED GIVING (Weekly Envelope Collection): This week's: €1,910.74. Standing Orders for May were €4,427 (177 paying by Standing Order). Your continued support is very much appreciated. Thanks to those who recently completed Standing Order forms. Thanks also to the collectors.

We rejoice and congratulate James Dunne on his ordination as a Priest which is taking place today in the Cathedral in Enniscorthy Co. Wexford. Over the past nine months James has been exercising his ministry as a Deacon here in the parish in doing baptisms and preaching. We pray God's blessing on his life and ministry. He will be back to say Sunday Mass here in our parish in early August. Date not set as yet.

'The Blood of Christ'

We are introducing Holy Communion under both kinds at the weekday Masses in both Celbridge and Straffan from the 1st July. Those receiving Holy Communion are invited to take the chalice from the special minister's to consume the 'Blood of Christ'

It is 'the Lord's command' that the *General Instruction of the Roman Missal* invokes when it states that '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'. If the Eucharist is the 'source and summit' of the Christian life as is so often claimed, then more attention, it seems, needs to be paid to receiving 'the Blood of Christ'.

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 led by our Len Cotter.

Annual clothing appeal for Vincent De Paul.

The distribution of bags will take place this weekend.

Pope Benedict message to the Congress

Dear Brothers and Sisters, With great affection in the Lord, I greet all of you who have gathered in Dublin for the 50th International Eucharistic Congress, especially Cardinal Brady, Archbishop Martin, the clergy, religious and faithful of Ireland, and all of you who have come from afar to support the Irish Church with your presence and prayers. The theme of the congress – Communion with Christ and with One Another – leads us to reflect upon the church as a mystery of fellowship with the Lord and with all the members of his body. From the earliest times the notion of koinonia or communio has been at the core of the church's understanding of herself, her relationship to Christ her founder, and the sacraments she celebrates, above all the Eucharist. Through our Baptism, we are incorporated into Christ's death, reborn into the great family of the brothers and sisters of Jesus Christ; through Confirmation we receive the seal of the Holy Spirit; and by our sharing in the Eucharist, we come into communion with Christ and each other visibly here on earth. We also receive the pledge of eternal life to come.

The congress also occurs at a time when the church throughout the world is preparing to celebrate the Year of Faith to mark the 50th anniversary of the start of the Second Vatican Council, an event which launched the most extensive renewal of the Roman rite ever known.

Based upon a deepening appreciation of the sources of the liturgy, the council promoted the full and active participation of the faithful in the Eucharistic sacrifice. At our distance today from the council, fathers' expressed desires regarding liturgical renewal and in the light of the universal church's experience in the intervening period, it is clear that a great deal has been achieved; but it is equally clear that there have been many misunderstandings and irregularities. **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 & 7.30pm
Holy Days: 7.30pm (vigil), 8am, 10am, 12noon, 7.30pm.
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 James O' Hagan
Sunday 11am: Lena Norris
Pray for Jim Norris, Theresa Friel.

St. Patrick's Church:

Saturday

6.30pm Joan Byrne

Sunday

8.30am William and Eileen Quinlan
9.30pm Deceased members of the Daly, Redmond and Cummins families
11am Christina Kiernan, Marie O'Keeffe
12.30pm Daniel Denner, Mae and Jim Cullen
7pm Geraldine Reidy.

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

When love beckons to you, follow him,
Though his ways are hard and steep.
And when his winds enfold you, yield to him,
Though his voice may shatter your dreams
as the north wind lays waste the garden.
For even as love crowns you so shall he crucify you.
Even as he is for your growth, so is he for your pruning.
Even as he ascends to your height and caresses your tenderest branches
that quiver in the sun,
So shall he descend to your roots and shake them in their clinging to the earth.
Kahlil Gibran
The Prophet

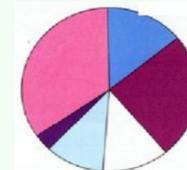
Liturgy Questionnaire September 2011 --- Results

- We asked 8 questions
- Q1 to Q7 had 33 possible selections
- 1208 parishioners responded
- 1042 Celbridge
- 166 Straffan
- Q8 was open - 393 responses
- Grouped by themes
- 24 themes from Children to Logistics

As an important part of my life 35%

Out of habit 3%

To fulfil My obligation 14%



To nourish my spiritual life 25%

White Because Jesus asked us to 'Do this in his memory' 12%

To be part of the local Christian Community 11%
More Results given over the coming weeks.

Weekday Mass Intentions St. Patrick's Church

Mon 25th 10am Elizabeth Gorman **7.30pm** Mary Condell
Tue 26th 10am Brigid Flood (month's mind), Ellen Moran **7.30pm** Paddy Donovan
Wed 27th 10am Special intention **7.30pm** James Fay
Thur 28th 10am Pauline Dooley and deceased Dooley family **7.30pm** Peter Kelly
Fri 29th 10am Deceased Dowling and Greene families **7.30pm** Adrian and Tess O'Hara
Sat 30th 10am Ita Hopkins.

The Anthem 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.

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



St. Raphael's Annual Garden Fete

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

Celbridge Multiple Sclerosis Self Help Group are holding their annual BBQ and Children's Sports in the Steam Museum, Straffan, on Saturday 30th June at 7pm. Admission (which includes food, live music and entry to Lodge Park Walled Garden) Family €50, Adults €20 and under 16 €10.

Straffan GAA - Cúl Camp

July 2nd -6th 10am - 2.30pm
Contact Bernie 01 6273783.

We welcome into our faith community the children

recently baptised:
Ethan and Senan Greene
Congratulations.



Parish Art Competition

Category I: Age 13 - 18

1st Sita Parameswaran

Category 11: Age 8 - 12

1st Triona McNamara

2nd Lydia Meehan

3rd Alma Deane

Highly Commended

Daniel Donovan, Michaela Culliton

Category 11: Age under 8

1st Natalia Karnasiewicz

2nd Ally Gunn

3rd Eve Lawlor

Highly Commended

Megan Moran

Ellen Lawlor

