



# The Catholic Parish of Celbridge and Straffan



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**PLANNED GIVING:** Weekly Envelope Collection: €3,240. Your continued support is very much appreciated. Thanks also to the collectors. Please note that this collection is the only collection used for the purpose of funding parish expenditure.

**Tax relief 2011:** Letters issued to parishioners who made qualifying contributions of €250 in 2011. If you received a letter, please reply immediately.

**The ANNUAL COLLECTION of ACCORD**, The Diocesan Agency for Marriage and the Family, will be made at all Masses on the weekend of 11th and 12th February 2012. The Collection for ACCORD will replace the usual Share Collection. Accord offers: Marriage Preparation Courses, Counselling for couples and individuals experiencing difficulties in their relationships, Marital Sexual Therapy. A Relationship and Sexuality Programme in Schools. ACCORD needs your support. Thank you.

**The Sacrament of the sick** will be celebrated at 12 noon in St Patrick's Church Saturday 11th February, the Feast of Our Lady Of Lourdes. One of the seven Sacraments of the Church, it continues the healing and strengthening work of Christ who healed many during his earthly ministry.

### Gestures and Posture at Mass

When we come to worship God at Mass we are invited to do so not only with our minds and hearts but also with our whole being, body, mind and spirit. We come to pray not as separate individuals but as the body of Christ who worship as one. Not only do our words together express our unity but also actions done together express the unity of those gathered in Christ. Standing to greet someone is a sign of honour and respect. It can also express readiness for action. In the history of Christian liturgy, standing is the basic posture of an Easter people, a people redeemed by Christ. By our Baptism we are an Easter people, a people of the Resurrection who stand to greet their risen Lord; a people whose whole being expresses its faith in this Risen Lord. This is why the new Roman Missal asks us to stand at three points during the Mass:

- ◆ We stand at the beginning of the Mass until after the Opening Prayer.
- ◆ We stand from "pray my brother and sisters that my sacrifice and yours..." until the end of the Holy, Holy.
- ◆ We stand for the Concluding Prayer up to the end of the Mass.

### 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, 12noon, 7.30pm.  
Bank Holidays: 11am  
Confessions: Saturday 10.30am.

### 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

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

#### Though We Are Many - (Bernard Sexton)

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.
3. And through this shared Eucharist we are the living Church. We witness to Christ's love His living body active in our world.

### 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 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.

### Eucharistic Adoration

**St. Raphael's Oratory** Monday - Friday from 11am to 3pm.  
**Salesian Oratory**, Maynooth Rd, 8pm -10pm every Saturday night,  
Intercession for priests, families, young people  
**Drawing closer to Christ by spending time in his Presence.**

### Weekend Mass Intentions

#### St Brigid's Church:

**Saturday**  
6pm: Kathleen Keegan.

#### Sunday

11am Harry Redreschi.

#### St. Patrick's Church:

##### Saturday

6.30pm. Kathleen Kilgallon,

##### Sunday

8.30am William Boothman.

9.30am James Connolly.

11am Jack Burchall (Month's mind).

12.30pm Betty Harte.

7pm Bridget, Christopher and Donogh Holt.

**Please Pray for Liam Courtney and Brian Pierce who died recently.**

### Weekday Mass Intentions

**Monday 6th** 10am Annie, Dick and Paddy Bolger and Brendan Hannigan, 7.30pm Johnny Murphy,

**Tuesday 7th** 10am Patrick Campion, 7pm James Lee and deceased family

**Wednesday 8th** 10am Paddy Byrne, 7pm Michael Cotter, Geraldine Reidy.

**Thursday 9th** 10am Pauline Farrell, 7pm May Kirby.

**Friday 10th** 10am Bridget Donegan, 7pm Brendan Byrne.

**Saturday 11th** 10am Patrick Bermingham.

### Ministers of the Eucharist

Training for **All Ministers of the Eucharist**, Saturday 25th February 2012 in Scoil Na Mainistreach at 10.30am - 1pm.



A retreat is on offer to all the Eucharist Ministers in Ballyvaloo, Retreat House Co. Wexford on the 9th, 10th, 11th, March. Cost €150. Please leave your name and deposit of €50 in the Sacristy and sign the relevant sheet. Place are limited, so it is on a first come first served basis. For further information contact Fr. Brian.

**We welcome into our faith community** the children recently baptised Lyes Hadeif, Ruby McGauran, Luke Neville, Amy O'Brien and Clare Keating. **Congratulations.**

**The Diocesan Guidebook 2012** is available from Myles in the Sacristy at a cost of €10.

### St. Brigid's Church, Straffan

**The distribution of Holy Communion** will take place as follows: Ministers will distribute to the side aisles first. The Priest will distribute to the centre aisle, starting with the right hand side beginning at the back and working forward. On completion of the right hand side, then the left hand side will come forward, also beginning from the back. For those parishioners unable to come forward, please remain in your seat and a minister will come to you in your seat.

### Parish Social and Fundraising Committee

The Parish wishes to create a social and fundraising committee. The new team would promote a range of social activities for parishioners to help strengthen the sense of community and belonging. The committee would also formulate some new initiatives, to help raise funds to meet the ever increasing financial requirements facing the parish. If you would be interested in finding out more, or have ideas for social activities or if you have some experience in the area of fundraising or simply wish to assist in any way, please give you contact details to Fr. Paul or the Parish Office.

**Celbridge Historical Society AGM**, Monday 6th Feb in Celbridge Library @7.30 followed by talk Transportation of women from Kildare to Van Diemen's land in 1849. Talk given by Kathy Fleming.



### Children's Corner

Now I LAY ME DOWN TO  
(TRY TO) SLEEP

Now I lie down to try to sleep,  
I pray the Lord I won't make a peep.  
I'm not really tired;  
I'd much rather play,  
It's no fun to stop at the end of the day.  
But since I am stuck here, going to bed,  
I'll spend this time talking to you instead.  
I know that you, Mom, and Dad know best,  
And they told me to lie down and get some rest.  
So I will listen, and I will obey, and while I'm in here I just may, send my prayers to you till dawn.  
(If I can stop this great big YAWN... ) Amen.

**St Vincent De Paul Society.** This weekend the St Vincent de Paul Society will be holding their usual monthly collection after all Masses. Your support, ever appreciated, helps us to alleviate to some extent the needs of the less fortunate among us.

**Samaritans** are seeking volunteers for the Newbridge branch. Are you willing to give 3 to 4 hours a week to listen to those who are lonely, depressed and sometimes suicidal? No experience is necessary, as full training will be provided. To find out more, please come to one of our information evenings being held on Wed 8th and Thur 9th Feb 2012 at 8pm at 3 McElwain Tce, Newbridge ( opposite the Parish Centre).  
Recruitment line----- 086-0855785

### Wellsprings Centre

Main Street,  
Celbridge

Will host

A Neighbourhood Retreat

Lenten Retreat

Commencing

Thursday - 23rd February, 2012

This retreat is scripture based

Cost 20€

### Aim of this Retreat is:

- ◇ To help people understand the Gospels and pray them in their own homes
- ◇ The Retreat is an opportunity in a busy world to slow down, to listen and to pray.

### Who is it for:

**Anyone and everyone. For those who wish to deepen their relationship with God.**

To book

Phone 016288267/086 6646608

Or

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