



The Catholic Parish of Celbridge and Straffan



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PLANNED GIVING: (weekly envelope collection) € €2,120 Thanks to all the contributors and collectors.

"THE TIMES THEY ARE A CHANGIN"

In order to facilitate easy parking at Sunday Masses, as of the 1st September the Mass times are changing as follows.

St. Patrick's Church. Saturday evening (Vigil) 6.30pm

Sunday 8.30am, 9.30am, 11am, 12.30pm, 7pm.

The weekday Masses 10am, 7.30pm. (7.30pm in order to allow people time to get home from work).

St Brigid's Church Straffan. No change week end Masses.

Weekday morning Mass 9.15am.

We wish to thank you for your generous contribution to the Peter's Pence Collection - it amounted to €2,098.

Tablet magazine leading international Catholic journal which offers an overview of the events of the life of the Church over the world. It is available at the back of the Church. At present we have five copies on order weekly. Price €3

Celbridge & Straffan Parish Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2011. Five nights departing on the 10th August and returning on the 15th August. Staying at The Hotel Solitude. Cost is €719 per person sharing. Full board. Single supplement of €30 per night. Cost may be paid weekly from now until mid July. Deposit required when booking. For further information please contact Liam White on 086 0487010.

Congratulations: The Celbridge Presidium of the Legion of Mary is 25 years old. We thank the Legion for their work in the parish, performed in a quiet unobtrusive manner. We pray God's blessing on the present members. Mass for the members, past and present, of the Celbridge Presidium Our Lady of Mount Carmel will be celebrated on Monday 18th at 7pm.

St. Patrick's Church Celbridge: Vigil Sat 7pm, Sunday: 8.30am, 10am, 11.15am, 12.30 & 7pm.

Week day Mass 10am & 7pm

St Brigid's Church Straffan: Vigil Sat. 6pm, Sunday 11am. **Week day Mass** 10am

Confessions: Celbridge: Saturday 10.30am. **Straffan** Saturday 5.30pm

Baptisms: St Patrick's Church – Sunday 2pm St Brigid's Church. Last Sunday of the month at 12.15pm

Pre- Baptism meetings Tuesday 8pm in St. Patrick's Church. To book contact Myles 01 6275942.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament : Every Friday morning before 10am Mass (9am - 10am) in St Patrick's Church St. Brigid's Church after Mass until 11.30am.

About the Mass -

The words of the Sanctus are based on Isaiah 6:2-4. They have been used in the liturgy from the early days of the Church. Clement of Rome (100 AD) notes them and they appear also in the "Apostolic Constitutions" (400 AD).

In this hymn we praise God's glory which fills the heavens and the earth. "Glory" (*doxa* in Greek) is a proper attribute reserved to God alone in the Bible. It captures the utter transcendence of God, before whom we are as nothing.

As Jesus entered Jerusalem (Matthew 21) the words rang out, "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord". Are they not most appropriate as we look forward to the coming of the Lord in the Eucharistic gifts?

Already the word "*Hosanna*" which in Hebrew means "Rescue us! Save us!" was turned into praise because the Helper, the Saviour had come. The Eucharistic Lord is inseparably the Saviour.

Fr.. P. Taylor P.P.

Eucharistic Ministers:

If you are a parishioner who brings Holy Communion to other parishioners could you please email or phone the parish office so that the parish record for the sick and the elderly can be brought up to date.

Sunday 17th Exposition & Benediction of Blessed Sacrament from 4pm to 5.30pm, concluding with evening prayer of the Church and Benediction at 5.15pm,

Wednesday 20th St Joseph's Young Priests Society meeting, directly after the 7pm evening Mass. in the meeting room beside the Sacristy. New members very welcome.

Mass Intentions:

St Brigid's Church: Saturday 6pm. Margaret and Pat Collins **Sunday 11am** Margaret McLoughlin.

St Patrick's Church: Saturday 7pm Ollie Dennehy (month's mind), **Sunday 8.30.am** Seamus Nolan, **10am** Pro Populo, **11.15am** Deceased Kavanagh family, **12.30pm** Paddy and Tommy Core, **7pm** John and Josephine Swift.

18th 10am Michael Harlin, **7pm** Praesidium of Our Lady of Mount Carmel - 25th anniversary of founding, **19th 10am** Marie Burton, **7pm** Johnny and Kathleen Murphy, **20th 10am** Dinny O'Connor, **7pm** Anne Behan, **21st 10am** Ollie Dennehy, **7pm** Josie McCormack Finley, **22nd 10am** Josie Doyle, **7pm** Seamus Nolan, **23rd 10am** David and Josephine O'Sullivan,

Recently Deceased

Over 700 people packed the church for the funeral Mass for the late **Agnes Brady** who died in County Tipperary, where she was been cared for by her family. Agnes was well into her 90's and for many years looked after her family in the house where they lived on the Main Street. She was an active parishioner who helped with the Church cleaning and was a member of the Silver Thread Club in the town. She will be deeply missed by her children and grandchildren. May she rest in peace.

Nancy Condell whose funeral was celebrated last Monday by Fr. John Dunphy died at the age of 90 years. Her sister Sheila Noonan, also a parishioner predeceased her six weeks ago. She was for many years a housekeeper to the Holy Faith Sisters both in Celbridge and Clontarf. She was cared for in the Sisters retirement home, Marian House these last years. She will be sadly missed by her extended family. May she rest in peace.

We welcome the children recently baptised into our faith community **Jayden Delaney, Joshua Wan and Grace Dunne.** Congratulations

Parish Census:

Many thanks to those who have returned the Census form. We have a slight concern that there may be some roads and estates where the census form has not been delivered

If you live on one of the roads or estates where the census form was not delivered as far as you are aware, we would appreciate it, if you contacted Michael 01 6271249.

Thank you

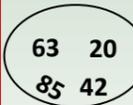
Straffan Hall : Exciting fundraising events coming up in aid of restoration of *Straffan Community Hall*

23rd July from 19:00 - Family BBQ, Food & Entertainment for all ages, Steam Museum, Straffan

Contact Orla Fallon 087 2373142 for more information.

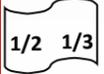
WHAT'S IN A NUMBER?

In 2009 a major survey on religious practices and attitudes was published. We showed some of the numbers last week. This week we show what the numbers refer to.

This refers to Numbers attending Mass

 In 1990, 85% of Irish Catholics attended Mass weekly, the highest in the world. In 1999, this had declined to 63%. By 2009, it had gone down to 42%. (and for those aged 18-25, it is less than 20%).

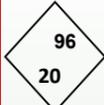
This refers to the numbers of Catholics choosing to receive Holy Communion

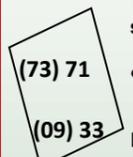
 About 85% of those aged over 70 receive at least once a month. About 41% of those aged 40 - 55, receive Holy Communion once a month. In the 18 - 25 age group, (of those who attend Mass) 30% don't ever receive.

This refers to the numbers of Catholics celebrating Confession

 One third of Irish Catholics (in total) never go to confession. One half of Irish Catholics under 40 never go to confession.

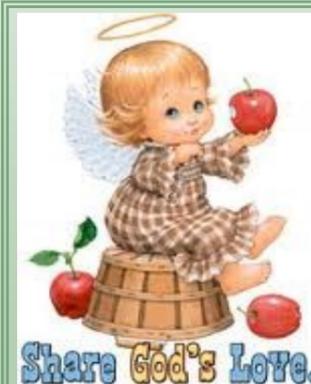
This refers to the numbers of Catholics who 'Pray'

 In 1989 the number who prayed every day was 71%; By 2009 the had declined to 47% Some 'Never Pray': Of those over 70, this is 1%. Of those under 40, it is 36%.

This refers to the numbers of Catholics who 'Believe in God'

 In 2009, 96% of Catholics in Ireland said they believed in God. Of this number, 20% also believe in reincarnation (this points to a more vague identification with a 'divine spirit', and a moving away from a Catholic understanding).

This refers to a question asked of Irish Catholics in every survey since 1973

 • How important would you say it is for children to be brought up with the same religious views as their parents?
 In 1973, 71 % said it was 'very important'. In 2009, 33% said it was 'very important'.

These numbers come from a survey by Micheál Mac Gréil, called *The Challenge of Indifference: A Need for Religious Revival in Ireland* (National University of Ireland Maynooth, 2009)



Children's Corner

A teacher was observing her classroom of children while they drew.

She would occasionally walk around to see each child's artwork.

As she got to one little girl who was working diligently, she asked what the drawing was.

The girl replied, "I'm drawing God."

The teacher paused and said, "But no one knows what God looks like."

Without missing a beat, or looking up from her drawing, the little girl replied,

"They will in a minute."