



The Catholic Parish
of
Celbridge
and
Straffan



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LENT

Next Wednesday is Ash Wednesday and it marks the beginning of Lent. Masses for Ash Wednesday will be:

St. Patrick's Church: Wednesday 10am. 7pm.

St. Brigid's Church: Wednesday 9.15am
Ashes will be distributed at these Masses.

Remember that Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fasting and abstinence. We should not eat meat or any meat products and only have one main meal on these days.

Lent is a time to prepare for the great joy of Easter. We are encouraged to prepare through a deeper commitment to prayer, and through acts of Charity and acts of self denial, and so with the help of the Holy Spirit become more Christ like.

Parish Prayer for Lent

St. Patrick's Church

Every weekday morning during Lent, the Prayer of the Church will be said before Mass in (at 9.40 am). Sometimes it's thought that this prayer is only for priests and religious to say, but it belongs to all of us. The Prayer (also known as the Divine Office) is a communal prayer, and is made up of a hymn, prayers, psalms and scripture. It has existed from the earliest times, to fulfil the Lord's command to pray without ceasing. So, everyone is welcome to come along and join in. It also links us with everyone throughout the world who is joining with us in the Prayer of the Church.

On Friday mornings during Lent 9am -10am there will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

The Stations of the Cross.

On the Fridays mornings of Lent the Stations of the Cross will be prayed after the Mass.

St. Brigid's Church, Straffan

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Trocaire boxes are available at the back of the Church.

PLANNED GIVING: Weekly Envelope Collection: €1426

Your continued support is very much appreciated. Thanks also to the collectors.

TAX RELIEF 2013: Forms CHY3 have been issued to all parishioners who made qualifying contributions of €250 or over during the year. Thanks to those who have returned the forms. If you have not returned your form please do so immediately. If you have not received your receipt or if you require a receipt you should text your name, address to 085 7021882.

Walking the Road of Reconciliation



Monastery Of St. Alphonsus

Monday 3rd March 2014 at 8pm

*An evening of music,
prayer and reflection
on the call to reconciliation
during the season of Lent*

*presented by the
Chaplaincy Students
of Mater Dei-Institute
with the Dublin Diocesan Music Group
directed by Pat O' Donoghue.*

Weekend Mass Intentions:

St Brigid's Church:

Saturday 6pm: Joseph Salmon

Sunday 11am: Annie, Nancy O'Hagan

St. Patrick's Church:

Saturday

6.30pm: Kathleen & Sean Collins

Sunday

8.30am: Michael Carton

9.30am: Machia Omelyanskaya

11am: Lena Young

12.30pm: Michael & Anne Murphy

7pm: Frank Gough



**The Irish Cancer Society's
Daffodil Day**

will take place on Friday 28th
March 2014.

Can you help by volunteering for one hour of your time to the collection in Celbridge. If you can please contact Theresa at (087)9047222 or Michael at (087)7949535 email mloco54@gmail.com. You can also contact Irish Cancer Society at callsave 1850 60 60 60 or email fundraising@irishcancer.ie

St Vincent de Paul Society

This weekend 1st /2nd March the St Vincent de Paul Society will be holding their usual monthly collection after all Masses. Your support, helps us to alleviate to some extent the needs of the less fortunate among us. We appreciate your support.

Go directly to confession, don't wait

If you haven't been to confession recently, don't wait, Pope Francis told people at his weekly general audience. One may walk into the confessional with a heavy heart, but forgiveness brings freedom and lightness.

"If a lot of time has passed, don't lose even one more day. Go," the pope said Wednesday, promising that "the priest will be good. Jesus will be there and he's even nicer than the priest."

Pope Francis @Pontifex



Weekday Mass Intentions

Mon 3rd 10am Special Intention **7pm** Michael McHugh & Bidy Meehan

Tues 4th 10am Special Intention
7pm Tom Molloy, Danny & Midy McKeown

Wed 5th 10am In thanksgiving **7pm** Monica Hendrick

Thur 6th 10am David Burchell **7pm** Anne Carney

Fri 7th 10am Altar List **7pm** Altar List

Sat 8th 10am John & Kathleen Bligh

We remember in our prayers Joe Giblin whose funeral took place this week. We offer our sympathy and our support to his family. May he rest in peace.

Mass on the 14th March at 7pm, unfortunately Frances Hogan will not speak on atonement at this Mass as advertised last week.



CALLING ALL NATIONALITIES

CELEBRATION OF CULTURE

6.30 Mass on 15th March

To mark St Patrick's Day our 6.30 Mass on 15th March will celebrate the different cultures and nationalities who come to Mass in our parish. If your nationality would like to be included please have a representative Email our parish office by next Friday (7th March).

celbridgeparishoffice@gmail.com

Remembering Saint Patrick

The Family of God in our parish



World Day of Prayer

Friday 7th March at 8pm

in Straffan Church of Ireland.

All are welcome.

This years service has been written by the Christian women of Egypt and the theme is 'Streams in the Desert'.

World Day Prayer is both international and ecumenical. Come along and join us.



The Annual Lourdes Pilgrimage

will take place from 22nd July 2014 (6 nights, full board). Staying at the Hotel Solitude, the all in cost is €719 per person sharing.

The fare includes full board, travel insurance and coach links from/to the airport in Lourdes.

Accompanied by spiritual director.

Further details from Liam at 087 3868959.