



**The Catholic Parish
of
Celbridge
and
Straffan**



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PLANNED GIVING: Weekly Envelope Collection: €2,064.

A big thank you to all the parishioners who have supported the parish by taking a box of envelopes or have signed up to the direct debit. Our financial year will end on 30th Nov and new boxes will be distributed to you over the coming week. In these difficult times there is a lot of demands and we appreciate the generosity and sacrifice so many parishioners make to keep both churches open clean and welcoming. If you would like to support the parish through the standing order please contact the parish office 01 6288827.

Tax Repayment Scheme 2013 has been changed. The main changes are - PAYE and Self Employed taxpayers are treated in the same way.

- The Parish can claim a repayment equal to 45% of donations if they equal or exceeds €250 in the year including Christmas and Easter dues. Our accounts year starts on 1st Dec and ends on 30th Nov each year.

- To qualify for a tax repayment parishioners are asked to complete a form CHY3. We will sent this form to you shortly.

A letter is being issued to all parishioners who contribute to the Planned Giving collection. If you wish to confirm the amount paid by you to date please text your Name and Box No to 085 7021882.

Spiritual Preparation for Christmas

'Expecting Christ' a four session course for the advent season. In this course we look at several moments in our faith and lives where a door opens and lets Christ in, catching the sense of expectancy which not only comes at the season of Advent but throughout the year.

In particular we will be thinking about how Christ can surprise us and meet us in four distinct contexts: in family, in ourselves, in prayer, and in the end.

The course will be offered in both parish Churches and each session lasts one hour:

St. Patrick's Church in the back room off the sacristy beginning Wed 27th Nov, and running 4,11,18th Dec. It will be held in the mornings after the 10am Mass and in the evenings following the 7pm Mass.

St. Brigid's Church, Straffan the course will be held after the 9.15am Mass beginning Wed 27th Nov and running on 4,11,18th December

Tea/ Coffee and light snack available.
Please leave your name in the sacristy if interested in attending.

"Remembering a loved one at Christmas" in aid of St. Brigid's Hospice, Kildare.

Please support our fundraising event by sponsoring a Light in Memory of a deceased loved one this Christmas. Pick up a special envelope at the back of the church. Envelopes can be placed in the church collection baskets at all masses up to and including Sunday the 1st of December; or in the special drop-box in Celbridge Credit Union. Your support is greatly appreciated.

A Lighting of the Tree Remembrance Service & Carol singing takes place in St. Patrick's Church, Sunday the 8th of December at 5pm. You can donate online at <http://www.mycharity.ie/event/rememberingalovedone2013>

Advance Notice: The Parish Christmas Carol Service will take place on Sunday 15th December at 4pm in St. Patrick's Church.

A church gate collection outside St Patrick's Church, Celbridge, and St Brigid's Church, Straffan, will take place on Saturday 23 and Sunday 24 November in aid of The ACRE Project, Celbridge.

ACRE stands for A Community Re-thinking its Environment.

St Vincent De Paul

The Christmas Appeal will take place 7th/8th December. I would firstly like to thank you for your support and co-operation over the past number of years. The success of our continuing appeal is in no small measure due to your assistance and support. The Share Collection will be replaced by the annual collection for the Society on the 7th/ 8th December.

A successful Christmas Church Collection is vital in enabling us to expand our programmes of assistance to those in need. On behalf of the members of the Society, I offer you our sincere thanks for your continue support.

Weekend Mass Intentions

St Brigid's Church

Saturday 6pm Carmel Delaney

Sunday 11am Dermot Darlington

St. Patrick's Church

Saturday

6.30 pm Maureen Healy

Sunday

8.30am Special intention

9.30am Joseph Gavin

11am Leo Mahon & family

12.30pm Ambrose, Martin, Brian &

Kate Mullarkey

7pm Molly & Tom Fitzsimons

Monica Crofton (month's mind)

Last weeks SHARE collection

We really admire and give thanks to God for the wonderful generosity of so many parishioners who responded to the appeal for the Philippines and Syria last weekend.

Over €9000 was contributed. Thank you.

Table Quiz in aid of Philippines Typhoon Tragedy at Kildrought Inn on Thursday next, 28th November at 8.30 p.m. Tables of 4, €40. Tons of prizes and auction. All support much appreciated.

Parish Child Protection Representative

In accordance with the child protection guidelines it is best practise that the parish has two child protection representatives. So we are now looking for one person who would be interest in fulfilling that role. Training will be available. If you are interested please contact the parish office on 01 6288827/ 0858662255 email: celbridgeparishoffice@gmail.com



Is Irish Catholicism Dying?

Monday 8 pm

Wellsprings (Convent)

This (final) week ...

As the song says

"YOU GOTTA HAVE FAITH!"

Jesus is present, alive and at work in his Church. He is in the Church and the Church is in him.

John Paul II

Life WITH

Jesus



Life WITHOUT

Jesus



Weekday Mass Intentions St. Patrick's Church

Monday 25th 10am William O'Mahoney **7pm** Nancy Farrell & deceased family

Tuesday 26th 10am John Ward **7pm** Michael & Kathleen Anderson

Wednesday 27th 10am Special Intention **7pm** Nancy Murray

Thursday 28th 10am Michael, Alice, Hannah, & Margaret Cahill

7pm Baby Tiarnán Brabazon Carton

Friday 29th 10am Pat Doyle

7pm Una Fitzgerald

Saturday 30th 10am Eileen Ferguson

The Patricians/Legion of Mary. A discussion will take place on Friday 29th Nov in the meeting room of St. Patrick's Church, Celbridge.

Topic for discussion will be: What is Christmas really about? Please come along and learn more about your Catholic faith.

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of Heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, Our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into Hell; on the third day He rose again from the dead;

He ascended into Heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God, the Father almighty; from there He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and life everlasting.

Amen.

Benefit Night

For the victims of Typhoon Haiyan

Organised by

the Celbridge Filipino Irish Community

Sunday December 15th 2013

Dinner and entertainment

€40 per ticket

All proceeds will be given directly to the relief effort. To purchase tickets or make a donation contact Gretchen at 6288157 or sales@barberstowncastle.ie

See poster at the back of the Church

'Do This in Memory Mass' for the children who are journeying towards the Sacrament of First Holy Communion will take place this weekend on Saturday 23rd November, vigil Mass at 6.30pm and Sunday 24th November at 9.30am and 11am in St Patrick's Church, and St. Brigid's Straffan at 11am.

We continue to pray and support the children on their journey in preparing for their First Holy Communion Day.