

The Catholic Parish  
of  
Celbridge  
and  
Straffan



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**PLANNED GIVING:** (weekly envelope collection €1,800. Thanks to all the collectors and contributors.

The Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi) will be celebrated on Sunday 26 June 2011. Every parish in the Archdiocese of Dublin will mark this day in communion with parishes throughout the island of Ireland as another highpoint on the journey to the 50th International Eucharistic Congress 2012.

This Saturday 25 June there will be a National Eucharistic Congress in Knock at which parishes and dioceses from around the country will be represented. Each Diocese and many parishes will bring a special candle to knock where it will be blessed as part of the ceremony. Our Parish will be represented by three members of the Parish Pastoral Council, Margaret O' Shea, Ciaran Barry, Gerard Hennigan.

In St Patrick's Church, following the Saturday evening mass at 7pm, we will have 40 hours of Eucharistic Adoration. The Blessed Sacrament is placed in the Monstrance, which is a special ornate container for showing the consecrated Host. People are encouraged to come and pray for one hour throughout the night.

On Saturday after the 7pm Mass, the Corpus Christi procession will begin from St. Patrick's Church ending with Benediction at St. Raphael's followed by some light refreshments. The Eucharistic Adoration will continue throughout Saturday night and end with the Monday morning 10am Mass.

Morning Prayer will begin at 9.30am followed by Benediction to conclude the 40 hours.

**Straffan: The Society of St. Vincent de Paul** is seeking your help in its Annual Clothing appeal. The appeal is for clean, good quality clothes, bedclothes, curtains, shoes etc.

**Collection 26th June** Bags available outside the Church  
The Society is very conscious of the tremendous support given by the Parishioners of this Parish for their charitable works over the years. They would like to thank you all most sincerely on behalf of those you have helped. **Celbridge dates in July**

**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 and St. Brigid's Church after Mass until 11.30am.

**About the Mass**

The Eucharistic Prayer is the heart of the entire celebration of the Mass. It begins with a short dialogue in which the priest urges us to lift up our hearts and give thanks to the Lord.

The earliest record of this dialogue was written down by Hippolytus, a Roman priest (235 AD). In his *Apostolic Tradition*, he provided not just the outline, but a text used in the Eucharistic celebration.

Is it not amazing to reflect that the words we use at the start of the Eucharistic Prayer go back unchanged to the early days of the Church?

Sunday after Sunday, from the earliest days in ancient Rome down through the ebb and flow of 2,000 years with all their changes, the faithful have cried out: "We have raised our hearts up to the Lord and it is indeed right and fitting to give thanks."

Fr. P. Taylor P.P.

On behalf of all the parishioners especially those in Straffan we thank **Joe Keane** for fixing up and refreshing the statues of the Crucifixion in the grounds of the Church in Straffan. A job well done.

We thank The Barry Family who were willing to represent the parish at the launch of the year of preparation of the Eucharist Congress this Sunday in the Pro Cathedral.

**Parish Pilgrimage to the Holy Land:** The parish pilgrimage will take place in September 2011 from the 16th to 24th

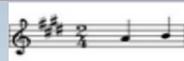
There are a few place still available. If interested please contact the Parish office.

**Mass Intentions:**

**St Brigid's Church: Saturday 6pm** James O'Hagan. **Sunday 11am** Thomas Doran

**St Patrick's Church: Saturday 7pm** P.J.Donovan, **Sunday 8.30am** Mai Beattie, **10am** Sheila Noonan (month's mind), **11.15am** Des O'Connor, **12.30pm** Daniel Denner, **4.30** Filipino Community, **7pm** Molly Young.

**27th 10am** Sheila Collins, **7pm** Bernard and Mary Kate McDonagh, **28th 10am** Pauline Dooley and deceased family, **7pm** Brigid Nolan (month's mind), **29th 10am** Dinny O'Connor, 7pm Peter Kelly, **30th 10am** Ita Hopkins, **7pm** Hugh Campion, **1st 10am** and **7pm** Altar list, **2nd 10am** Damian McDonnell.



**Recently Deceased**



**John O'Connor.** We offer our sympathy to John's wife Margaret, his daughters Evelyn and Priscilla, and family members on the sad loss of John. Born in County Kerry, he was the same vintage as Fr. Carmody, our former parish priest in school. John suffered a lot of pain in the aftermath of a hip operation which did not go well. Our parish organist Evelyn which so many of you will know, is John's daughter. May he rest in peace.

**Parish Mourns the sudden death of Choir Member**

Thousands of people attended the funeral of Ollie Dennehy from St. Patrick's Park who died suddenly last week on Father's Day. Ollie had been a member of the senior choir for 28 years and was well known in Celbridge. We offer our sympathy to his wife Teresa, his children and grandchildren, brothers and sister. His enthusiasm and good humour will be greatly missed. He will be a real asset in the heavenly choir. May he rest in peace.

**Parish Census:**

Many thanks to those who have distributed Census forms to the 8,000 Catholic homes in the parish. Completed Census forms are already being received back.

The parish is fully compliant with the Data Protection Acts 1988 and 2003, and while exempt from their provisions under Section 16 (1) (b) of the Data Protection (Amendment) Act 2003 as a non-profit group, the parish intends to process the data received as if it were obliged to comply fully with the provisions of the spirit of the Data Protection Acts.

**Straffan GFC Annual Golf Classic** will take place on Friday 8 July 2011 in the K Club, Smurfit Course at 3.30pm. Shotgun start. BBQ after 9th. Contact Frank Kearney on 087 6827859.

**Straffan GFC Cúl Camp** takes place from Monday 4 July 2011. Contact Bernie Molloy on 01 6273783.

**Straffan GFC** wishes Robert Kelly and the Kildare senior football team the best of luck in the Leinster championship semi final against Dublin on Sunday 26th.

**Celbridge GAA Cul Camps** 6-13 year olds **Hurling/Camogie** July 25th- 29th Contact Eoin Murphy 086 1743166  
**Football** August 15th-19th. Contact Liam Holland 0863465225.

**50th International Eucharistic Communion with Christ and with one another**

The third National Collection for the 50th International Eucharistic Congress will take place this weekend. We thank you for your generous support to date and we ask you to give what you can to assist us in the preparations and the hosting of the 2012 Eucharistic Congress. Further information on the 2012 Congress preparations is available at [www.iec2012.ie](http://www.iec2012.ie)

**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. **Please note the current roster for the Eucharist ministers is available in the Sacristy.**

**We welcome** into our faith community the children recently baptisms :

**Cáit Rourke, Jack Proudfoot, Ella Molloy, Killian O'Brien and Isaac Tennant.**



We cannot all do great things,  
but we can do small things with great love.  
We shall never know all the good that a simple smile can do. ~

What happened to the dog that ate nothing but garlic?  
His bark was much worse than his bite!