



The Catholic Parish of Celbridge and Straffan



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The first anniversary of the publication of the **Pastoral Letter of Pope Benedict XVI** to the Catholics of Ireland occurred on 19th March 2010.

To mark this first anniversary the Irish bishops have published the pastoral response Towards Healing and Renewal. This outlines different undertakings that the bishops are making on the journey emphasised by the survivors of abuse. These steps include:

- **Prayer for the Survivors of Abuse**, including a commitment on the part of bishops to dedicate each First Friday to prayer and fasting in reparation for abuse and the failure to address it adequately;
- **A commitment to listening** with sensitivity and care to the experiences of those who suffered abuse;
- **spiritual support** to survivors of abuse who wish to avail themselves of it, including the opportunity for spiritual direction;
- ongoing commitment to **creating a safer future for children** in the Church in accordance with Safeguarding Children;
- a **review** of Dioceses, Religious Congregations and Societies by the National Board for Safeguarding Children;
- **continued financial support for the work of safeguarding** and care.

Copies are available at the back of the Church.

The Alexian Brothers' Prayer to Christ the Healer

In the comfort of your love,
I pour out to you, my Saviour,
The memories that haunt me,
The anxieties that perplex me,
The fears that stifle me,
The sickness that prevails upon me,
And the frustration of all the pain that weaves about within me.
Lord, help me to see your peace in my turmoil,
your compassion in my sorrow,
your forgiveness in my weakness,
And, your love in my need.
Touch me, O Lord, with your healing power and strength.

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 after 10am Mass in St Patrick's and St. Brigid's Church until 11.30am.

PLANNED GIVING: (weekly envelope collection):€2,800

Thanks to all who contribute and to the collectors.

About the Mass

At the Last Supper Jesus did not say only "This is my Body," he added the words "which is given for you." (Lk 22:19) Similarly, with the cup of wine he said, "This is my Blood . . . which is poured out." (Mt 26:28)

The whole life of Jesus is marked by self-giving. He who emptied himself of glory to come among us, completed his self-giving by laying down his life on the cross. The death of Jesus on Calvary is the sacrifice that changed human history utterly.

The Mass then is the Eucharistic Sacrifice. It is the means through which his sacrifice on the cross is made constantly present in the Church. The sin destroying and life-giving power of Jesus Christ is inescapably encountered in our communion with his person. So we are enabled to love and to love sacrificially at times.

Fr. P. Taylor

Well springs centre Holy faith Sisters.

Praying with the Lenten Readings continues in the wellsprings centre on **Tuesdays** 10.45am—12noon Evening 7.45pm—9pm See brochure at the back of the Church. All welcome. A four week course on the Eucharist - "**The Eucharist in our Lives**" will take place in the Wellsprings Centre, Holy Faith Convent on March 24th 31st, April 7th, 14th. Cost €5 per session

Our Parish is now live to the World!

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The preparation for First Holy Communion "**Do this in Memory**" will be held for St. Patrick's N.S. and the Children's Ark on Sunday 3rd April at 11.15am

Mass Intentions: St. Brigid's Church: Sunday Frances Dunphy (Anniversary Mass) .

St Patrick's Church: Sat: 7pm Thanksgiving Mass re Hugh Leonard's death and funeral, **Sunday:** 8.30 Seamus and May Walsh, 10am Pro Populo, 11.15 Margaret and Maureen Barrett, 12.30 James Rubotham, 4pm. Filipino Community, 7pm. Billy Donovan, Nicholas O'Connor.

28th 10am Special intention. **7pm** Eileen Giblin, **29th 10am.** Thomas and Mary Moore, **7pm.** Annie and Billy Donovan and deceased family, Mary O'Neill, **30th 10am** Paddy Murray, **7pm.** Michael Brodie, Tierney family, **31st 10am** Ita O'Connor **7pm** John Crean **1st** 10am & 7pm - Altar list, **2nd** 10am John Doherty

Recently Deceased. We offer our prayers and our sympathy to the family of **Jack Kelly from Beatty Park** whose funeral took place on Thursday. He was greatly loved by Nora, his children and step children. For many years he worked as a farmer and had a great interest in horse racing. All who knew him considered him a "real gentleman". Nora and Jack were regular participant at mass in Leixlip Church, where they got married. He will be greatly missed by family and friends.

We welcome into our faith the children who were baptised last week:

Treavist Egbebot, Sorcha Kelly, Cillian Kirke, Lauren Conlon, Simon Hearn, Caitlin Stanley & Maia Leavey.

FOOTPRINTS Young Adult Mass

 **TESTIMONY** next Saturday Ciaran Coll (a young adult) will speak about his life, and how JESUS has become a HUGE part in that.
 Really worth hearing.

Check us out on Facebook @ Footprints Young Adult Mass

Justice, Peace, Integrity of Creation

A Parish JPIC Group

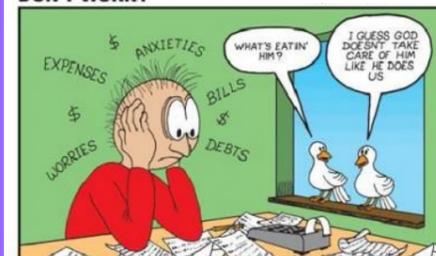
Pope Paul VI said: "If you want peace, work for justice. Pope Benedict said "An objective shared by all, an indispensable condition for peace, is that of overseeing the earth's natural resources with justice and wisdom".

If you would like to be part of a parish JPIC group to learn more about issues of justice, peace and care of the earth and be involved in promoting them, please give your name to Bernadette at the Parish Office: Tel. 6288827, email celbridgeparishoffice@gmail.com

I would like to say a heartfelt thank you for the contributions made by the congregation, last Sunday 20th March, for my volunteer placement in Kenya. I was totally overwhelmed by everyone's kindness and am so proud to come from such a generous community. €1400 was raised in a few short hours. Every cent will go straight to Gatoto School in Nairobi and I cannot wait to see first-hand the difference that all your donations will make to the lives of the children there.

Thank you all so much. Oluchi Porter.

DON'T WORRY



Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to his life?
- MATTHEW 6:26-27 NIV

Children's Corner

Praying is talking with God.

When we pray we talk with God. We tell Him about our sufferings, our worries, our joys, our plans. We thank our Lord for His love.

We talk, God listens. God talks, we listen.

**Faith is putting all your eggs in God's basket,
then counting your blessings before they hatch.**

Proposed Parish Pilgrimage to the Holy Land will take place in September, departing Friday 16th and returning Saturday 24th.

The all in price is €1,525. per person sharing—half board which includes flights, accommodation, dinner, bed and breakfast, guide, insurance, and accompanied by Spiritual Director **Fr. Paul Taylor P.P.**

Proposed accommodation: Royal Hotel Plaza (or similar), Tiberius This hotel (4 star) is located on the outskirts of Tiberius overlooking the Sea of Galilee. All its 160 rooms have air conditioning, hair dryer and safety deposit box. It has a restaurant, lounge and spa centre with swimming pool. Grand Court Hotel (or similar), Jerusalem This 4 star hotel is within walking distance of the old city of Jerusalem. Its rooms are modernly furnished and have air conditioning, TV, telephone, mini-bar, hairdryer and tea/coffee making facilities.

The trip offers an opportunity to see the places where Jesus was born, grew up and lived, and the sights associated with many great events of the gospel. For more information contact the parish office (as above).

Information meeting with Fr. Taylor P.P. on Tuesday 12th April at 8pm in the Parochial House.

Upcoming Events

SOCCER SKILLS FOR FUN 2011 in Association with The Football Association Of Ireland commences on Wednesday 11th May 2011 in the Salesian College Celbridge. Boys and Girls age 7–14. Term : 16 weeks from 11th May to 24th August inclusive. Cost €40 per member to include Free Nike Football, Water bottle and Boot Sack. Registration on Wednesday 13th April from 7.30pm – 9.00pm in the Salesian College, Celbridge. Please Note Membership will be restricted to the first 200 Registrations. No Registrations after these dates. New Coaches Welcome.

Salesian College Parent's Association invite you to Open Information Evening On Drug Awareness Presented by Community Awareness of Drugs and Juvenile Liaison Officer 28th March 2011 at 7.30pm

Sunday the 27th: A family gig featuring local band Fever Felt will take place this in Aghards School, from 5 to 6.30pm, Admission 3 euro, all welcome.