



The Catholic Parish
of
Celbridge
and
Straffan



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*We wish all our
Parishioners a
Happy New Year.*

We welcome into our faith community the children recently baptised:

Shane Tipper, Ailbhe Keenan,
Caden O'Hagan



Congratulations to the families

MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS FRANCIS FOR THE CELEBRATION OF THE WORLD DAY OF PEACE 1 JANUARY 2014

FRATERNITY, THE FOUNDATION AND PATHWAY TO PEACE

In this, my first Message for the World Day of Peace, I wish to offer to everyone, individuals and peoples, my best wishes for a life filled with joy and hope. In the heart of every man and woman is the desire for a full life, including that irrepressible longing for fraternity which draws us to fellowship with others and enables us to see them not as enemies or rivals, but as brothers and sisters to be accepted and embraced.

Fraternity is an essential human quality, for we are relational beings. A lively awareness of our relatedness helps us to look upon and to treat each person as a true sister or brother; without fraternity it is impossible to build a just society and a solid and lasting peace. We should remember that fraternity is generally first learned in the family, thanks above all to the responsible and complementary roles of each of its members, particularly the father and the mother. The family is the wellspring of all fraternity, and as such it is the foundation and the first pathway to peace, since, by its vocation, it is meant to spread its love to the world around it.

The ever-increasing number of interconnections and communications in today's world makes us powerfully aware of the unity and common destiny of the nations. But this vocation is still frequently denied and ignored in a world marked by a "globalization of indifference" which makes us slowly inured to the suffering of others and closed in on ourselves. In many parts of the world, there seems to be no end to grave offences against fundamental human rights, especially the right to life and the right to religious freedom. The tragic phenomenon of human trafficking, in which the unscrupulous prey on the lives and the desperation of others, is but one unsettling example of this. Alongside overt armed conflicts are the less visible but no less cruel wars fought in the economic and financial sectors with means which are equally destructive of lives, families and businesses. To view full text visit www.celstra.ie

Mass Times

St. Patrick's Church, Celbridge

Saturday (Vigil) 6.30 pm
Sunday 8.30am, 9.30am, 11am (Family Mass)
12.30pm
Weekday Mass: 10am & 7pm
Holy Days: 7pm (vigil), 8am, 10am, 7pm.
Bank Holidays: 11am.
Confessions: Saturday after 10am Mass

Mass Times

St Brigid's Church, Straffan

Saturday (Vigil) 6pm.
Sunday 11am.
Weekday Mass 9.15am.
Holy Days 10am.
Bank Holidays 10am.
Confessions: Saturday after 6pm Mass

Baptisms

St Patrick's Church: Sunday 2pm
St Brigid's Church: Last Sunday of the month at 12pm

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament :

St Patrick's Church: Friday morning before 10am Mass (9am - 9.50am).
St. Brigid's Church Friday morning after 9.15am Mass.

Weekend Mass Intentions:

St Brigid's Church

Saturday 6pm: Alec & Kathleen Sweeney

St. Patrick's Church:

Saturday

6.30pm: Michael Collins

Sunday

8.30am: Peter Kavanagh

9.30am: Margaret Barrett

11am: Dick Lawlor

12.30pm: Michael & Elizabeth Foley

7pm: Joe & Kathleen Young

Weekday Mass Intentions

Mon 30th 10am Maurice Barrett **7pm** Murphy Family

Tues 31st 11am Hilary Shannon **No evening Mass**

Wed 1st 10am Daniel Meehan **No evening Mass**

Thur 2nd 10am Kitty Slaughter **7pm** John Corbett

Fri 3rd 10am & 7pm Altar List of the Dead

Sat 4th 10am James, Bridget, & Helen Doyle

PLANNED GIVING: Weekly Envelope Collection: €1,772.

Your continued support is very much appreciated. Thanks also to the collectors. If you would like to support the parish through the standing order please contact the parish office 01 6288827/ 0858662255.

Feast of the Epiphany January 6th Holy Day of Obligation: The feast of the Epiphany is also known as 'Little Christmas'. It commemorates the revelation of Jesus as the Saviour of the whole world, not just by the people of Israel. The Magi represent human being's search for sign's of God's presence.

Message from Fr. Paul Taylor P.P.

As we begin a New Year I pray that all of us will be built up in a spirit of Joy and Hope. We set off into the New Year not alone but in the companionship of the Holy Spirit. The Spirit gives us eyes to see things from a different perspective. This perspective is our being sisters and brothers of Jesus Christ.

Let us make each day of 2014 a day of giving thanks for the many blessings that surrounds us, and which we so easily take for granted.

Pope Francis in his first letter to us all, proposes that the gospel of Jesus Christ is the source of Joy. As we seek to build a world where all relationships are based on respect, justice and kindness we need joy and hope. Hope is that unquenchable pilot light that burns steadily no matter how stormy the conditions.

Victor Frankl, famous Psychiatrist and therapist who spent years in a Nazi Concentration camp noted that the hope inmates held that they would be liberated, gave them courage and increased their chance of survival.

Hope helps us to envision a different future for ourselves and our community and is the spark that empowers all efforts for change.

May each of us share hope with all whom we encounter, striking a match rather than cursing the darkness.

May 2014 be a time of harmony and peace for all of us.

Blessing for Babies Baptised in 2013

The special blessing ceremony for all the children, who have been baptized in 2013, will be celebrated on 12th January @2.30pm in St. Patrick's Church.

Christmas Dues :

Thanks to all parishioners who have returned the Christmas Dues envelopes. The contributions made you, for the support of the priests of the parish is deeply appreciated.

THANK YOU.

**A HAPPY
NEW YEAR**

To Start A New Year.



"A new year is unfolding—like a blossom with petals curled tightly concealing the beauty within.

Lord, let this year be filled with the things that are truly good—with the comfort of warmth in our relationships, with the strength to help those who need our help and the humility and openness to accept help from others.

As we make our resolutions for the year ahead, let us go forward with great hope that all things can be possible—with Your help and guidance."