



The Catholic Parish of Celbridge and Straffan



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PLANNED GIVING: Weekly Envelope Collection: €1,748. Your continued support is very much appreciated.
Thanks also to the collectors.

Meeting the Risen Jesus

THE JOURNEY OF EASTER

Mondays in April
8 pm - 9:30 pm
led by Fr Kevin

Wellsprings (Convent)

Night ONE, 8th April

1. THE EMPTY TOMB
Is there any evidence?

2. THE ROAD TO EMMAUS

Meeting Jesus when he has disappointed us



WELCOME HOME!

We welcome into our faith community the children recently baptised:

Tom O'Rourke, Eoin Lyons,
Ellie Golden, Jules Curran
Lydia Curran.

Congratulations



Divine Mercy Sunday

A special Divine Mercy Sunday Mass (7th April) will start at 3pm in St Patrick's Church, with veneration of the Divine Mercy image and recitation of the Chaplet followed by Mass and a blessing with St Faustina's relic.

The Novena Prayer leaflets are available at the back of the Church and should begin on Good Friday. Please note confessions will not be available on Divine Mercy Sunday. Confessions take place on Saturdays at 10.30am.

The Easter Dues (offerings) envelopes are an important way in which parishioners support financially the Priests of the Parish and the diocese.

The Priests of this Parish are deeply grateful for the generosity of those who contribute. **Thank You.**

The Parish Spring Ball

The Spring Ball takes place next Friday 12th of April, in Barberstown Castle. We hope that all who are lucky enough to have tickets have a very enjoyable evening.



Weekend Mass Intentions

St. Patrick's Church

Saturday

6.30 pm Barney Kelly

Sunday

8.30am Sean O'Neill,

9.30am Thomas & Mary Moore

11am Olly Maloney, Frances Dunphy

12.30pm Jack Guinan

3pm Divine Mercy Sunday Mass & Devotions

7pm Billy McNamee.

Please remember in your prayers
Bridget & Eugene Conlan whose anniversaries occur at this time

'To Love means loving the unlovable.

To pardon means pardoning the unpardonable,

Faith means believing the unbelievable,

Hope means hoping when everything seems
hopeless' G.K. Chesterton.

Weekday Mass Intentions St. Patrick's Church

Monday 8th 10am Patrick & Maura Hughes 7pm Christopher Kenna (month's mind)

Tuesday 9th 10am Alice Murray, 7pm Maureen Molloy

Wednesday 10th 10am William & Mary Ward, Patty Dillon & Sr. Rosario

7pm Liz & James McGarry

Thursday 11th 10am Rose Cummins 7pm Christine Wallace

Friday 12th 10am David Burchall (month's mind) 7pm Maureen Deasy,

13th 10am Jane Moynihan, Myles, Josie & Darragh Brazil.



Celebrate

THE GATHERING 2013

The CELBRIDGE / DONEGAL Association

Next Saturday, April 13th Celbridge GAA Club, 9pm

Special Guest

SAM MAGUIRE CUP



Music and craic by

- **Macalla** (Donegal traditional band) and
- **Shaun Gallagher** (brother of Rory 'Jimmy's Winning matches')
- **Including light refreshments**

PROCEEDS TO PIETA HOUSE

Everyone Welcome

Tickets €10

TICKETS AVAILABLE IN THE SACRISTY

The Humble Glory of the Risen Lord

The Holy Triduum of the Mass of the Lord's Supper and the Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion culminating in the Easter Vigil is the deepest mystery and the greatest drama you can ever share in. I hope you have managed it at least once, even if you were not able to this year.

You leave the Vigil aglow with the Risen Lord. It's all so obvious and true and right: Christ has conquered, joy and life reign, we are the 'Alleluia people'. Of course, no matter how holy you are, that feeling doesn't last forever and as Eastertide unfolds, it is hard to sustain the celebration. That's simply because we are human, and also because, fundamentally it is difficult to get hold of what Easter really is. We know the joy of a new birth, and that helps us get in touch with Christmas, we know what it is like to suffer, and that enters us more into Good Friday, but we haven't risen again or experienced a life that is free from sorrow, loneliness and confusion, so our appreciation of the event is more vague. Sometimes we can't help feeling that if only we could have been there that first Easter, if only we had seen the Risen Lord, then the Resurrection would be so much more real for me. Or not! During the coming weeks we will hear in the Gospels of the apostles difficulty in accepting the risen Jesus. It is courage they lack in accepting who he is, and seeing him doesn't help them that much. And when he takes Peter aside, Christ doesn't ask, "Do you now see that I am risen?" but "Do you love me?" Faith in the unseen Christ, courage to respond to him, and simple love of him. This is our response to Easter. And seeing him in his glory every day of the week wouldn't help us with that. In fact, it would get in the way. How many people waste so much of their lives trying to decide (or actually trying to avoid) whether God exists. That is not what life is about. Letting the Risen Lord be the Lord of your life. That's what we're called to. Remember faith, hope and love last forever, when we shall see God as he really is, we will need faith and hope. Seeing doesn't stop that, in this life, or the next.

So the call of Eastertide is to move from that elated feeling of Easter to a deeper response in faith, courage and love. In so doing we do not have more proof by seeing the Risen Lord in splendour, but with the eyes of faith we see more clearly the presence of the glorified Lord in our suffering. Remember, our salvation, primarily a salvation from sin through suffering, not a salvation from suffering. The Risen Lord hasn't taken away our suffering yet but he has taken away its meaninglessness. So do not seek proof of a wand-waving Saviour who will stop bad things happening. Seek the glorified Lord in the still woundedness of his body, in the one who still feeds and serves, in the truth he gives us, and in his willingness to love completely even to the end. Do not seek an extraordinary encounter, but let him reveal himself and his Resurrection in the ordinariness of your suffering, in your small acts of kindness, in your perseverance, and in the grace and truth of the Eucharist.

Fr. Stephen Fawcett.

Mass Times

St. Patrick's Church, Celbridge

Saturday (Vigil) 6.30 pm,

Sunday: 8.30am, 9.30am, 11am (Family Mass)
12.30pm & 7pm.

Weekday Mass: 10am & 7pm

Holy Days: 7pm (vigil), 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

Pre- Baptism meetings: To book contact the
parish baptismal team 085 8519110.

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.