



The Catholic Parish
of
Celbridge
and
Straffan



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PLANNED GIVING: Weekly Envelope Collection: €1799

If you would like to support the parish through the standing order please contact the parish office. Thank you for your support

APPEAL OF POPE FRANCIS FOR PEACE AND REQUEST FOR PRAYER AND FASTING IN THE WHOLE CHURCH

Today, dear brothers and sisters, I wish to add my voice to the cry which rises up with increasing anguish from every part of the world, from all people, from the heart of each person, from the one great family which is humanity: it is the cry for peace! There are so many conflicts in this world which cause me great suffering and worry, but in these days my heart is deeply wounded in particular by what is happening in Syria and anguished by the dramatic developments which are looming.

I appeal strongly for peace, an appeal which arises from deep within me. How much suffering, how much devastation, how much pain has the use of arms carried in its wake in that martyred country, especially among civilians and the unarmed! I think of many children who will not see the light of the future! With utmost firmness I condemn the use of chemical weapons: I tell you that those terrible images from recent days are burned into my mind and heart. There is a judgment of God and of history upon our actions which are inescapable! Never has the use of violence brought peace in its wake. War begets war, violence begets violence.

I repeat forcefully: it is neither a culture of confrontation nor a culture of conflict which builds harmony within and between peoples, but rather a culture of encounter and a culture of dialogue; this is the only way to peace.

To this end, brothers and sisters, I have decided to proclaim for the whole Church on 7 September next, the vigil of the birth of Mary, Queen of Peace, a day of fasting and prayer for peace in Syria, the Middle East, and throughout the world, and I also invite each person, including our fellow Christians, followers of other religions and all men of good will, to participate, in whatever way they can, in this initiative. On 7 September, in Saint Peter's Square, here, from 19:00 until 24:00, we will gather in prayer and in a spirit of penance, invoking God's great gift of peace upon the beloved nation of Syria and upon each situation of conflict and violence around the world. Humanity needs to see these gestures of peace and to hear words of hope and peace! I ask all the local churches, in addition to fasting, that they gather to pray for this intention. Let us ask Mary to help us to respond to violence, to conflict and to war, with the power of dialogue, reconciliation and love. She is our mother: may she help us to find peace; all of us are her children! **Help us, Mary, to overcome this most difficult moment and to dedicate ourselves each day to building in every situation an authentic culture of encounter and peace. Mary, Queen of Peace, pray for us!**

For full content of the Pope's message go to 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 & 7pm.
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

Baptism:

St Patrick's Church: Sunday 2pm
St Brigid's Church: Last Sunday of the month at 12pm
To organise your baptism 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 Mass.

Weekend Mass Intentions

St Brigid's Church

Saturday 6pm John & Hannah O'Hagan

Sunday 11am Dorothy Knight

St. Patrick's Church

Saturday

6.30 pm Kathleen Brosnan, Dolores Guildea

Sunday

8.30am Deceased members of the O'Neill family

9.30am Annie, Patrick, Michael & Patrick jnr Heaney

11am Michael, Elizabeth & baby Jane Farrell

12.30pm Alice Young, Marie Byrne (m.m.) & Gerry Byrne

7pm Kieran Newman

Weekday Mass Intentions St. Patrick's Church

Monday 9th 10am Theresa Gleeson **7pm** Joan Larkin

Tuesday 10th 10am Richard Lawlor **7pm** William Greene

Wednesday 11th 10am Joe Nestor **7pm** Special intention

Thursday 12th 10am John Campbell **7pm** Ciss Kavanagh

Friday 13th 10am Francis & Elizabeth McGarr, Joan Larkin

7pm Phylliss & Anne Greene

Saturday 14th 10am Noreen Reilly-Killilea

We welcome the recently baptised into our faith community

Isabelle Bolger and Frankie Kelly



Congratulations to all the families.

Recently Deceased:

We remember in our prayers **Peggy Bolger** aged 83 years who lived on the main street in Celbridge near the Church in her earlier life. We offer our sympathy to her family and friend.

Kieran Meagher: We remember in our prayers Kieran and offer our sympathy to his wife Sheelagh, father Richard and his brothers and sisters and all his family. Kieran died after a short illness and his funeral took place this Saturday. Kieran and Sheelagh lived in Abbey Farm and he had a great gift and passion for art.

Celbridge & Straffan Gospel Choir

The Celbridge & Straffan Gospel Choir are looking for new members. We practise every Tuesday evening at 7:30 in the Salesian College in Celbridge. We sing at 6:30 Mass on Saturday evenings in Celbridge Church and the first Sunday of the month in Straffan Church.

If you love to sing or play an instrument, are aged 13yrs+ and are interested in meeting new people too, then come along.

Phone: 0858240912

Website: www.celbridgestraffangospelchoir.com

Copies of Pope Francis first Encyclical letter to the faithful on the subject of faith are available on the bookstand where the Catholic newspapers are sold. There are a small number of copies left. It cost €4.

Celbridge John Main Christian Meditation Group

Meet Wednesdays

Time : 7.30 –8.30p.m.

Where: Celbridge Abbey, Clane Rd.

All are welcome

For queries contact Lucy at 0872394734. or Lucylhiggins@gmail.com

We have a webcam installed in St Patrick's Church which will allow anybody who has broadband to view and hear all Masses celebrated in the Church. www.celstra.ie

A new internet TV service is now available for all parishioners especially those who are house-bound. This device allows people to view directly Mass from the parish church on their own TV. The cost of the small device will be approximately €100. All enquiries about the new internet TV system and the ordering of the device can be made by contacting Bernadette in the parish office 016288827/0858662255

Holy Faith Sisters - Mission to Riwoto, Southern Sudan

In January of this year three Holy Faith Sisters went to Riwoto, Southern Sudan to start a primary school. Pope Benedict in his document for the Year of Faith talks about those "who have first claim on our attention." As Sisters we asked the question, "who now has first claim on Holy Faith?" One answer is the people of Southern Sudan. Southern Sudan is one of the newest and poorest countries in the world, only 2% of the population has completed primary school education. We were invited by the Kiltegan Fathers, the need is great, and the local authorities want us.

As an ageing congregation the words of Margaret Aylward, are especially apt. "We can do but little but that little we do trusting in God"

WELLSPRINGS CENTRE (CONVENT, TOP OF THE AVENUE)
OPEN DAY - 22ND SEPTEMBER, 2013
CARD AND CAKE SALE

We ask your support for this Mission in a number of ways:

- By volunteering to make cakes or cards
- By supporting this Fund Raising Event
- By your prayers
- By making a donation to Holy Faith Sisters, Aylward House, Glasnevin, Dublin 11