



The Catholic Parish
of
Celbridge
and
Straffan



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PLANNED GIVING:

Our financial year ended on 30th Nov and new boxes have been distributed. The envelope known as the planned giving is the only way in which the running of the Church and parish facilities is funded. Your support is important and appreciated. You can contribute through the boxes of envelopes or direct debit. Contributions of €250 and over during a 12 month period qualify for a tax refund, which makes an important contribution to reducing the parish debt. Please consider supporting our parish. For further information please contact by texting your name and address to 085 7021882. Receipts showing the total amount donated in the year to 30/11/2014 will be issued in Jan 2015. **The amount contributed last week was €1,334.**

Diocesan food appeal: Archbishop Diarmuid Martin is appealing to parishioners to donate food to assist those most in need throughout the Diocese this Christmas. The appeal is necessary again this winter to provide essential food and household products to many Dublin families struggling to cope. Demand for basic food items has increased so much in 2014 that another significant effort is needed to keep the food banks adequately stocked.

Types of food urgently needed include pasta/rice, fruit juice, tea/coffee, soup, sugar, powdered milk, tinned meat/fish, tinned veg/fruit, packaged dessert, biscuits, and hygiene products. Crosscare will distribute the donated items which can be placed in the baskets near the statue of St. Anthony.

Sacrament Of Reconciliation

*Come back to me
with all your heart
(Hosea 14:1)*



A Thought

'Jesus in the confessional is not a dry cleaner. Confession is an encounter with Jesus, with this Jesus who waits for us, who waits for us just as we are.'

(Pope Francis)

Rite 2 : Tuesday 23rd at 7.30pm & Christmas Eve 10.30am.

Individual Confessions: Saturdays at 10.30am &
Christmas Eve 11am - 12.30pm

Parish Carol Service with Parish Choirs



Monday 22nd December @ 8pm



Everyone Welcome

The evening will consist of our traditional Carols which we can all join in and a repertoire chosen from all of our parish choirs.

Let this evening get us into the Christmas spirit as we come to prepare to celebrate the birth of Christ in harmony with each other.

Christmas Mass Cards

Christmas Cards: All Masses (12 Masses) will be offered on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day for the intention of those named on the special Mass cards. Each Mass card cost €5 and can be purchased in the parish office or in the sacristy after all Masses. When purchasing the card give the name of the person for whom the Masses will be said.

Our Parish Mission Statement:

"As Believers in Jesus Christ and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we seek to live and share the joy of His Gospel message".

Weekend Mass Intentions

St. Brigid's Church

Saturday 6pm: Nora McSweeney

Sunday 11am: Patrick Ashe

St. Patrick's Church

Saturday 6.30pm: Bridget Baker

Sunday 8.30am: Fred & Mary Griffin

9.30am: Teresa McNamara

11am: Michael, Mary, Billy and Tommy Dunne.

Please pray for Philip Wright

12.30pm: Charles Callen

7pm Dick Richard

We remember in our prayers **Margaret Humphreys** whose funeral took place on Friday. May she rest in peace.

Weekday Mass Intentions St. Patrick's Church

Monday 15th 10am: Thomas & Eileen Ferguson **7pm** Margaret & Con Gaffney & Donovan family

Tuesday 16th 10am: Brendan Crawley **7pm:** Sean Doyle

Wednesday 17th 10am: Sean Healy **7pm:** Claire O'Leary

Thursday 18th 10am: Noeleen Bashford **7pm:** Brady & McKenna families

Friday 19th 10am: Moynihan & Doyle families. **7pm:** Tommy, Janie, Bill & Paul Burke Please pray for Ellen Kelly

Saturday 20th 10am: Dick Crofton

Annual St Vincent De Paul

Christmas Appeal

The Society of St Vincent de Paul will hold their annual Christmas Appeal this weekend 13th and 14th Dec. This collection will take place inside the Church at all Masses instead of the Share Collection. All proceeds will be used locally to help people who are experiences hardship at this time. Please give generously.

The Christmas Timetable is available at the back of the Church.

Christmas Dues

The Christmas Dues envelopes are available at the back of the Church. The contributions made you, for the support of the priests of the parish is deeply appreciated. THANK YOU.

Special Collection for St. Brigid's Church, Straffan

towards the cost of the flowers for the Christmas period and beyond will take place after Mass this weekend in St. Brigid's Church.

Parishioners who wish to make a donation towards the cost of flowers in St. Patrick's Church can do so by leaving it in the sacristy or writing flower donation on an envelope and placing it in the basket during Mass.

Your contribution is appreciated. Thank you.

Advent Wreath Candle—3rd Sunday

We rejoice in the Anointed One who came and will come again in glory. With Christ, we, too, will bring good news to the oppressed, bind up the broken-hearted, proclaim liberty to the captives and proclaim the year of the Lord's favour.

For us, God has replaced our mourning with the oil of gladness, so we light this third candle which is pink and name it ... "JOY".



All booklets and literature are available in the area to the right hand side of the Church as you enter.

Tables are not to be placed behind the seat of the main aisle. People are reminded that no literature or notices are to be placed in the Church without the permission of the Parish Priest.

Please keep the area with Catholic newspapers and booklets tidy.

A Pastoral statement of the Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference on The Meaning Of Marriage is available from the booklet area.

Ideas for Individuals

Friendship Prayer: Think of one friend who needs a special prayer and make an effort to pray for them every day.

E-mail Prayer: If you communicate with friends and family through texts, emails, chat or social websites consider using these methods to write specific prayers for someone or ask for prayers for any concerns you might have.

Spontaneous Prayer: The best time to pray is right now! Stop what you are doing and say a prayer of thanks, ask for God's help, wisdom or guidance. Useful if you are feeling angry, sad or just want to jump for joy!

Hand Prayer: Use your hand as a reminder of those we need to pray for. **Thumb** - those closest to you, family, & close friends. **Pointer** - those who lead and guide you, teachers, pastors, coaches, **Middle** - the tall finger reminds us of those in authority, presidents, government officials, **Ring** - this weak finger is for those in our life who are ill, disabled, lonely. **Pinky** - the smallest and last finger is a reminder to pray for ourselves!

Memorised Prayer: Sometimes our most cherished prayers are those from our childhood.