



**The Catholic Parish  
of  
Celbridge  
and  
Straffan**



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**PLANNED GIVING:**

Our financial year ended on 30th Nov and new boxes are been distributed. We sincerely appreciate your generosity to the Planned Giving collection which is the only collection used for the care and maintenance of the parish. 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. If you are willing to support our faith community through the weekly envelopes or by way of direct debit please contact 085 7021882.

The amount contributed was

**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.

**Christmas Card Mass Intentions**

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 please 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:** Christina Cully

**Sunday 11am:** Deceased members of  
Straffan GAA

**St. Patrick's Church**

**Saturday 6.30pm:** Patrick Daffy(m.m.)

**Sunday 8.30am:** Bridget & Peter Kavanagh

**9.30am:** Michael Cotter

**11am:** Basil Geraghty

**12.30pm:** Kathleen Ward

Pray for Michael & Maureen Donohoe

Peggy & Frank Browne

**7pm** Elizabeth Maher

**Weekday Mass Intentions St. Patrick's Church**

**Monday 8th 8.30am** Billy Devaney **10am:** Paddy & Peggy Bolger, Brendan Hannigan, Dick & Annie Bolger. **7pm** Sean, Mary Dillon, James, Alice Flynn, Eddie, Phyllis Hughes

**Tuesday 9th 10am:** Jimmy Moran **7pm:** James Adams

**Wednesday 10th 10am:** Tom & Peg Lernihan **7pm:** James Kavanagh

**Thursday 11th 10am:** Rose Fitzgerald **7pm:** Chris Donovan

**Friday 12th 10am:** William Mckittrick, Michael Tywford, Mary Galvin & families

**7pm:** Margaret, Terence, John Graydon, & Kathleen Doyle.

**Saturday 13th 10am:** Elizabeth Logan

**Recently deceased:**

**Dolly Condell:** A brief crowd of family, friend and parishioners attended the funeral Mass of Tessa (Dolly) Condell who died the after a short illness. She was a devout mother, grandmother, great grandmother, and a true neighbour to the people in St. Patrick's Park. For many years Dolly gave of her time and energy on a voluntary basis keeping the Church clean and decorated with flowers. She was a true example of a person whose faith in Jesus shone through in the care of others. We offer our sympathy to her family at this sad time.

**Niall Creed:** We remember in our prayers Niall whose funeral took place on Wednesday. Niall aged only 60 years died very suddenly at his home in Beatty Park. He was a very quiet man with a keen interest in economics and politics. He had a great interest in the history of Celbridge and had recently returned to University to study History. He had a very close relationship with his sister and brothers, and their children.

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

**Annual St Vincent De Paul**

**Christmas Appeal**

The Society of St Vincent de Paul will hold their annual Christmas Appeal next week-end 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.

**Celbridge and Straffan Mother's Prayer Group**

The next meeting of the parish mother's prayer group takes place on Tuesday December 9th at 8pm-9pm in St Brigid's Church, Straffan. Mothers of all ages are very welcome. We hope to pray the Rosary, reflect on Spiritual Reading and discuss the lives of different Saints. Our focus is to pray for our children, the children of the parish and children worldwide who are in difficulty. We hope to see you there! Organised by the Legion of Mary. For further information: 085 7777122

**Advent Wreath Candle —2nd Sunday**

In this season of hustle and bustle we are tempted to get frantic and join the panic to shop our way into the Christmas spirit. In this moment, we resist that temptation and choose instead to be at peace.



On this second Sunday of Advent we light the second candle as an act of preparation for Christmas and call it ... 'PEACE'.

Parishioners who wish to make a donation towards the cost of flowers in St. Brigid's Church and St. Patrick's Church for the Church over the Christmas period and beyond 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.

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

**"Remembering a loved one at Christmas" in aid of ARC Cancer Support Centres.**

A Lighting of the Tree Remembrance Service & Carol singing will take place in St. Patrick's Church this Sunday the 7th of December at 5pm.

Please support this fundraising event by sponsoring a light on the Christmas Tree of Remembrance in memory of a deceased loved one. Pick up a special envelope in the booklet area of the Church. Envelopes can be placed in the church collection baskets at all masses up to and including Sunday the 7th of December; or in the special drop-box in Celbridge Credit Union.

Your support is greatly appreciated. You can also donate online at: <http://www.mycharity.ie/event/rememberingalovedone2014>

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 place in the Church without the permission of the Parish Priest. Please keep the area with Catholic newspapers and booklets tidy.