



The Catholic Parish
of
Celbridge
and
Straffan



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PLANNED GIVING: Weekly Envelope €1,309.90.
Your support is very much appreciated.
Thanks also to the collectors.

Pope Francis speaks:
Yes and no. The problem of drug use is not solved with drugs!
Drug addiction is an evil, and with evil there can be no yielding or compromise. To think that harm can be reduced by permitting drug addicts to use narcotic in no way resolves the problem. Attempts, however limited, to legalise so-called 'recreational drugs', are not only highly questionable from a legislative standpoint, but they fail to produce the desired effects. Substitute drugs are not an adequate therapy but rather a veiled means of surrendering to the phenomenon. Here I would reaffirm what I have stated on another occasion: No to every type of drug use. It is as simple as that. No to any kind of drug use. But to say this 'no', one has to say 'yes' to life, 'yes' to love, 'yes' to others, 'yes' to education, 'yes' to greater job opportunities. If we say 'yes' to all these things, there will be no room for illicit drugs, for alcohol abuse, for other forms of addiction.
- POPE FRANCIS.

Youth 2000 Summer Festival, Cistercian College, Roscrea, Co. Tipperary from Thursday 14th – Sunday 17th August 2014. For young people aged 16-35, an opportunity not to be missed to experience the Catholic faith and meet many new people. This Festival has been nicknamed the "Holy Oxygen" with over 1000 young people from all corners of Ireland attending last year. The festival is donation only. Free buses available from towns throughout Ireland. For more information and to book online see www.youth2000.ie or phone 01 6753690 or from NI 07598 876399, or join us on facebook (youthtwothousandireland).

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.

Parish Office: Parish secretary: Bernadette 01 6288827 / 0858662255
11am - 3.30pm Mon - Fri except Wednesday - Office is closed.
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Understanding the Mass
Water and Life: In Australia they recognise the link between water and life. In Ireland too, a dry spell and we soon have water restrictions.
At the Easter Vigil ceremonies the Priest blessed the water used in Baptism during which he dramatically immersed the great Easter candle into the water. Baptism immerses us into Christ and we are cleansed of sin and filled with the gift of the Holy Spirit.
You have heard the saying "familiarity breeds contempt." This may not be quite true, but it can breed apathy! As Catholics we bless ourselves with the baptism water each time we enter the Church. This gesture should be our personal *Amen* to what took place at our baptism and our recognition that our prayer is always "in Christ."
Fr. Paul Taylor P.P.

Start by doing what is necessary, then what's possible and suddenly you are doing the impossible.
St. Francis Of Assisi

Despite the weather the parent/minder and baby/toddler group "together is better" had a good turnout for the Family Fun Morning in aid of Barnardos and Down Syndrome Ireland in Castletown House & Parklands. We nearly raised 200 euro. Big Thank you to everyone that came along and to all the staff that work in in Castletown.
The parent/minder and baby/toddler group "together is better" meet every Wednesday from 10.30am – 12noon in the St. Eustace Centre. Everyone is welcomed. For more information please Christina Malone 0858519110

Weekend Mass Intentions
St Brigid's Church:
Saturday 6pm: Anthony Morrissey
Sunday 11am: Francis Burke
St. Patrick's Church:
Saturday
6.30pm: Maureen Furey (m.m.)
Sunday
8.30am: Billy Kavanagh
9.30am: Arthur, Mary, Chris Walsh
11am: Patrick, Johanna Hughes
Peter & Mary Byrne
12.30pm: Lorraine Flynn
7pm: Joseph & Josephine McNeill

Pilgrimage to Lourdes
We wish all those travelling on the parish pilgrimage to Lourdes with Fr. John Dunphy a safe trip. While in Lourdes they will be remembering in the Masses and prayers all who are sick in our parish.

Celbridge Street Festival will take place Monday the 4th August. The street will be closed from 2pm to 10pm on that Monday.
If you wish to participate in the events please contact Frank O'Rourke 087 2555257 or Mike Lothian 0876266402.

Weekday Mass Intentions St. Patrick's Church
Monday 7th 10am: Mrs O'Donnell **7pm:** Hugh Campion
Tuesday 8th 10am: Special intention **7pm:** Special intention
Wednesday 9th 10am: The Holy Souls **7pm:** Michael, Edward, Margaret Concannon
Thursday 10th 10am: Mari - Paul O'Brien **7pm:** Patricia Masterson
Friday 11th 10am: Pat, Sean, Tadgh Doyle **7pm:** Jim Campion
Saturday 12th 10am: David & Josephine O'Sullivan

Recently Deceased:
One of our daily 10am Mass parishioner **Mrs Carmel Mangan** was called home to the Lord this week. A mother of twelve children, twenty nine grandchildren, twenty seven great grandchildren, she will be greatly missed. She was a wonderful example of faith and love to her family and in our faith community. May she rest in peace.
We offer our sympathy to Cliona & Tom Fagan and their family on the premature death of their little daughter **Ruby**. She was laid to rest in the Holy Angels area in Donacomper Cemetery on Thursday.
We remember in our prayers **Christian Van Cauwenberge** who has died after a long period of ill health at the young age of 39 years. We pray that he is now at peace and united with his mother who predeceased him.

Glenstal Abbey
A Parish Day of Reflection is organised for the 11th October to Glenstal Abbey joining with the Benedictine Monks to experience their way of living following the rule of St Benedict. A monastery is a place apart, where all may find peace, quiet, recollection and ultimately God. Visitors to the Abbey are welcome to join the monks for all Liturgies that take place in the Abbey Church. Mass at 12.10pm. Confessions take place on Saturdays from 3pm -4pm. A tour of the Icon Chapel is included.
Lunch is provided and the evening meal at the Castle Oaks Hotel is included in the cost. The bus will leave at 7.30am from Celbridge Church. The all in cost is €60.
Please give your name in the sacristy if you are interested in going.
Only a few places are left.

Advance Notice.
The Parish is setting out to plan a programme of preparing some suitable parishioners to help in the care of the bereaved and to assist at funerals in appropriate circumstances. As baptised members of the Church the people of God can undertake a variety of services. For example it is not inappropriate that a lay person could lead prayers in the home of a deceased parishioner or in the funeral home and perhaps even in the cemetery. A brochure will be available at the back of the Church in the next few weeks outlining how we are going to develop this ministry in our parish.

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

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 0858662255
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.