



Planned Giving - weekly envelope collection was €1346.92. Thanks to all who contributed to the standing orders and the P.G

Advent makes us see that salvation has been given to us through the grace of the coming of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Let us open our hearts afresh so that the grace of this year's Advent may work in us with the fullness of its riches and depth.

Advent is the period of waiting: of Christian waiting and perseverance in faith and in struggle, by virtue of Christ's grace in us. Advent opens a new chapter every year in that book of salvation which God writes in the Church through the story of the human person. It is necessary to be humble to receive the divine teachings; there is need to be humble so that divine grace may operate in us, transform our lives and bring out fruits of goodness. SAINT POPE JOHN PAUL 11

### The Annual SVP Christmas Appeal

A sincere word of thanks to you all for supporting the annual appeal by our local conference of St. Vincent De Paul. The great generosity of our Church going people demonstrates how deeply their love of Christ and the poor are connected.

### Receiving the forgiving love of Christ for Christmas

On Saturday the 22nd at 10.30am we will gather as a faith community to celebrate and receive the sacrament of Christ's mercy and forgiveness. This short service enables us to bring to the Lord areas in our lives where there is still room to grow in goodness and holiness. We support each other in prayer and receive absolution for our sins. In this way we clear a space in our hearts and lives for the advent of Christ.

### Please Support our Weekly Parish Lotto

The profit from our Parish Lotto goes to developing our Parish. The prize fund is now at **€1600**. The lotto envelopes can be placed in the safe at the back of the Church in St. Patrick's & St. Brigid's and the collection bags at the week-end Masses.

**You pick four numbers between 1 -30**

**One line at just €2, 3 lines cost €5.**

**This weeks numbers are First Jackpot: 12,27,24,18**

**Second Jackpot: 18, 29, 11, 26.**

No winners of 2nd Jackpot but our 3 consolation prize winners:

**Pat Hennessy, Mary Dennella, Siobhan Whelan**

**Prizes can be collected in the Sacristy during weekend Mass times.**

**Prizes have to be collected within 30 days of the draw.**

Our next draw will take place on Monday evening.

Please have your lotto envelopes submitted before 10.30am on Mondays

### The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of Heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, Our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into Hell; on the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into Heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God, the Father almighty; from there He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and life everlasting. Amen.

### Advent Wreath Candle

#### Gaudete Sunday - 3rd Sunday of Advent

We rejoice in the Anointed One, which is the meaning of the word Christ, who came and will come again in glory. With Christ, we too are called to 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 through our actions.

For us, through Jesus, God has replaced our mourning with the expectation of new life, so we light this third candle which is pink and name it ... "JOY".



### Remembering a loved one at Christmas in aid of The Abbey Community Project.

This service is run on a voluntary basis from the Eustace Centre, offering support to individuals and their families seeking assistance with issues pertaining to substance abuse, homelessness and other areas of mental health. We engage with people as they present and have a six day drop - in centre in operation.

Please help support our fund raising event by sponsoring a star in memory of a loved one this Christmas. Pick up a special envelope in St. Patrick's Church. The lighting of the tree will take place on Saturday 15th December St. Patrick's Church after 6.30pm Mass. Carols will be sung.

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

**Mon 17th 10am:** Noeleen Bashford, Sean Healy, Special Intentions

**Tue 18th 10am:** Brendan Crawley, Andy Kruczkowski, Elizabeth Ignatius Chukwunenye, Regina & Gabriel Nwosu

**Wed 19th 10am:** Moya Moore, Jeremiah O' Dwyer, Fiona McCluskey, special intention

**Thur 20th 10am:** James, Bridget & Helen Doyle, Margaret Terence, John Craydon, Kathleen Doyle, Emily & Andrew O' Neill

**Fri 21st 10am:** Brady & McKenna family, Agnes Brophy, Noel Lucey

**Sat 22nd: 10am:** Patrick, Elizabeth, Thomas, Peter, Paddy & Edward Kelly

**Christmas Dues** The Christmas Dues (Offerings for the Priests of the Diocese) envelopes are available at the back of the Church. The contributions made by you, include the support of the priests of the parish and is deeply appreciated. Thank you.

**The Christmas timetable for Masses and other services in Celbridge and Straffan is available at the back of the Church.**

### Parish Carol Service with Parish Choir

Monday 17th December @ 7.30pm  
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 together.

### Christmas Flowers

There will be a collection in the offertory box located in the middle of St. Patrick's Church, Celbridge towards the cost of the flowers for the Christmas period this weekend. Your contribution is appreciated.



### Mass Times St. Patrick's Church, Celbridge

**Saturday (Vigil) 6.30 pm,**  
**Sunday: 8.30am, 9.30am, 11am,**  
**12.30pm & 7pm.**  
**Weekday Mass: 10am**

**St Brigid's Church, Straffan**  
**Saturday (Vigil) 6pm**

**Sunday 11am**  
**Weekday 9.15AM**

Parish Office: Office hours Mon - Fri  
9am - 1pm. (Closed Wednesday)

Parish office 01 6288827 0858662255  
(use mobile for emergencies only after hours).

Email: celbridgeparishoffice@gmail.com  
Parish website: www.celstra.ie  
Information about Baptisms please ring Parish Office.

### Weekend Mass Intentions

#### St. Brigid's Church

**Saturday 6pm:** Patrick, Bridget & Patrick Campbell

**Sunday 11am:** The Buckley family

#### St. Patrick's Church

**Sat: 6.30pm:** Patrick & Teresa McNamara, Mary Gorman (m.m)

**Sunday: 8.30am:** Noel Galvin

**9.30am:** Liz & Dan Logan, Bridget Baker

**11am:** Sean Doyle, Brigid, John, Thomas Devine, Belinda Arbuthnot

**12.30pm:** Charles & Sarah Callis, Paul & Bill Burke, Janie & Tommy Burke, Mary & Michael Dunne, Sarah Clarke.

**7pm:** Brendan O'Toole, Claire O' Leary

### Christmas Miscellany of music & readings.

The Christmas story told through carols.

Straffan Church of Ireland

Friday 21st December at 8pm

Proceeds in aid of St. Brigid's Catholic Church Renovation Appeal  
Tickets Limited- Contact 0872328172

The **Christmas Mass Cards** are on sale in the Sacristy and from the Parish Office. They cost €5 each. The intentions for both the living and the deceased will be remembered at all the Masses on Christmas eve and Christmas day (12 Masses).



**Weekly Hour of Prayer for Life** every Thurs 7pm-8pm. This weekly hour of prayer in front of the Blessed Sacrament invites us to pray for an end to all violence, injustice and neglect which threaten human flourishing. After 45mins of silent prayer we will pray the Night Prayer of the Church and finish with Benediction.

**NO Shaking of Hands:** During Mass at the Sign Of Peace for the winter months we will bow to each other rather than a hand shake for health reasons in order not to spread infection.

**Carol Service in Straffan Church:** There will be a Carol Service in Straffan Church on Sunday 16th December at 5pm. Featuring St Brigid's Church Choir and the Children's Choir from St Brigid's National School, Straffan. Some local guests will also be participating on the night. All are welcome.

**CAKE SALE :** Some of the young people preparing for Confirmation have a cake sale after some of the Masses in our parish this weekend. This is a service project by the young people and the money raised is going to three charities.

### Ever Present - A Prayer for Now

- You are light, enfold me.
- You are there in my darkness, embrace me.
- You are there in my pain, strengthen me.
- You are love, engulf me.
- You are in the storms of change and the peace of tranquil water.
- You are ever present to me.