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**PARISH CHRISTMAS CONCERT  
&  
CAROLS**

With  
**Dublin Concert Band  
& Parish Choirs**

**This Sunday at 3.30pm.**

- Favourite Carols
- Christmas Sing-a-long
- Wonderful Music
- Mince Pies
- Mulled Wine
- Soft Drinks

*Seriously Christmassy Fun  
...for all the family*



**No Charge but small donations welcome**

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**Weekly Envelope Collection:**  
 (Planned Giving): €3,276. Your continued support is very much appreciated. Thanks also to the collectors. The Planned Giving Envelopes for the New Year have now been circulated. If you have not yet received your box or, if you do not already have a box and would like to support your parish, please text your name & address to 085 7021882. A standing order may also be used. Receipts will be issued in Jan 2013 to all those who contributed more than €250 in the year to 30/11/2012.

**Visitation of the Sick:** If you or a family member are housebound, unable to come to Mass, and wish to receive Holy Communion, a Minister of the Eucharist will call to your home. Contact the parish office 01 6288827.

**Last chance to collect** your photographs and memorial cards. They are available to be collected in a basket 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.

**Weekend Mass Intentions**  
**St. Patrick's Church**  
**Saturday**  
**6.30pm** Maura Wardell (month's mind)  
**Sunday**  
**8.30am** Brendan Crawley  
**9.30** Dot Kavanagh  
**11am** Sean Doyle  
**12.30pm** Charles Callis  
**7pm** Bill & Paul Burke, Mary, Michael, Billy & Tommy Dunne & Hazel Cummins.

**We welcome into our faith community,** the children recently baptized  
 Aine O'Gara, Arabella Alvaro, Ava Campbell & Oliver Rubotham  
**Congratulations.**

**Straffan GAA Santa Grotto**  
 Come and see Santa in his grotto in the Straffan GAA grounds on Sunday 16th at 3pm.

**Weekday Mass Intentions St. Patrick's Church**  
**Mon 17th 10am** Alice & Michael Harte, Gaetana Carolina Macari,  
**7pm** Teresa McNamara, Claire O'Leary  
**Tues 18th 10am** Noeleen Bashford, **7pm** Donal O'Dwyer,  
**Wed 19th 10am** Jack Egan, Seamus Curran, **7pm** Margaret & Con Gaffney & deceased Gaffney & Donovan families,  
**Thur 20th 10am** Deceased McKenna & Brady families, **7pm** John & Maureen Hanan,  
**Fri 21st 10am** Agnes Brophy **7pm** John & Janie Burke.  
**Sat 22nd 10am** Dick Crofton.

**Christmas Mass Intentions**  
 A novena of Masses (9 Masses) will be offered on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day for the intention of those named on the special Christmas Mass cards. Each Mass card cost €5 and can be purchased in the parish office or in the sacristy after Mass.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to the three young people from our parish who received GOLD in the JOHN PAUL II AWARDS last Thursday evening in St. Paul's Church Dublin.  
**Rosette Idos - Katie Ni Donnchadha - Laura Meade**  
 Over the past 15months the girls have been involved in many different activities in the parish and in the wider community like Play & Pray, "You Shall be my Witness", helping out in the SVP shop ... They are the first girls that have received the Award for the parish of Celbridge and Straffan!  
 A big Thank you to Laura, Katie and Rosette as well as their parent(s) who supported them all the way. The girls have made the parish very proud ... For more information please contact Christina Malone 0858519110



*An early Christmas gift to get you in the Christmas spirit.*

**Liam Lawton Concert**  
 in St. Patrick's Church, Celbridge  
 Sunday December 23rd  
 Doors open 7.30pm Concert at 8pm  
 Special Guests Mary Flynn (Soprano) and Denise Kelly (Harpist)  
**Tickets €20 available in the parish office.**  
 In aid of Irish Hospice Foundation, Breast Cancer Ireland, & Celbridge & Straffan Parish

**Please take note:** 7pm Mass on Sunday 23rd will be at 4pm to facilitate the Liam Lawton's Concert later that evening.

**Prepare for Christmas by receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation**  
 on **Wednesday 19th December at 7.30pm** in St. Patrick's Church.

*Together is better*




**A new Mother (Father) & Toddler (Baby) group**  
 support – fun – helping – informative – sharing  
 Wednesdays 10.45am – 12.15pm in the St. Eustace Centre (parish centre)  
 If interested please contact  
 Christina Malone, Parish Pastoral Worker 085 8519110

**Christmas Fair in aid of the ACRE Project**  
 This Sunday 16th – Salesian College

We would like to start the "Play & Pray" during the 11am Mass in Straffan again but we need more volunteers. Play & Pray is for children between 4-7 years of age. If you are interested please contact Christina Malone, 085 85 19110.

The Christmas Mass Timetable is available at the back of the Church. Please feel free to take one home. Thank you.

Mass Times	Mass Times	Baptisms
<b>St. Patrick's Church, Celbridge</b> Saturday (Vigil) 6.30 pm Sunday 8.30am, 9.30am, 11am (Family Mass) 12.30pm & 7pm. <b>Weekday Mass:</b> 10am & 7pm <b>Holy Days:</b> 7pm (vigil), 8am, 10am, 7pm. <b>Bank Holidays:</b> 11am. <b>Confessions:</b> Saturday after 10am Mass	<b>St Brigid's Church, Straffan</b> Saturday (Vigil) 6pm. Sunday 11am. <b>Weekday Mass</b> 9.15am. <b>Holy Days</b> 10am. <b>Bank Holidays</b> 10am. <b>Confessions:</b> Saturday after 6pm Mass	<b>St Patrick's Church:</b> Sunday 2pm <b>St Brigid's Church:</b> Last Sunday of the month at 12pm <b>Pre- Baptism meetings:</b> To book contact the parish baptismal team 085 8519110. <b>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament :</b> <b>St Patrick's Church:</b> Friday morning before 10am Mass (9am - 9.50am). <b>St. Brigid's Church</b> Friday morning after 9.15am Mass.

**CHRISTMAS ON TRIAL**

'Has Christmas today anything at all to do with Christianity?'



**6.30 Mass**  
**22nd December**  
*Guilty ... or not!*

**Advent at Wellsprings**  
**Celebrating the O Antiphons**  
 An evening of music reflection and prayer  
 Tuesday 18th 8p.m.  
 Led by Sr Moira Bergin, rsm

**St Vincent De Paul**  
**The Christmas Appeal** took place last weekend. Just over €18000 was collected in Celbridge and Straffan. That is an all time record. How generous you are!!! This is the time when a lot of people could think "I am a little hard up and will give a little less this year" but, no, on the contrary you have thought that needy people are more needy and you gave more!  
**We are very grateful for your generosity and support.**