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Planned Giving (Weekly Envelope Collection): €1957. Your continued support is very much appreciated. Thanks to the collectors.

We congratulate the 248 young people of the parish who made their Confirmation in the last two weeks. Special word of thanks to the teachers, parents, school choirs, and all who led the "You Shall Be My Witness" programme. We thank Bishop Ray Field for leading us in a memorable celebration

We pray for the Cardinals that the Holy Spirit will guide them in their decision making over the coming days as they discuss the issues facing the Church, the qualities needed in a new Pope, and as they prepare to elect the leader of the Church.

Our Lenten Programme for this week

St. Patrick's Church

Every weekday morning the Prayer of the Church at 9.40 am.

Wednesday: 9am -10am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. The Stations of the Cross will be prayed after the Mass.

7.30pm - 8.30pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament concluding with Benediction.

Friday: 9am -10am there will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. The Stations of the Cross will be prayed after the Mass.

7.30pm The Stations of the Cross will be prayed after Mass.

The grace of hope, this consciousness that there is in every person, that which is of God, comes and goes, in a rhythm like that of the sea. The Spirit blows where it wills, and we travel through deserts and much darkness and doubt. We can only make that act of faith, "Lord I believe, because I want to believe." We must remember that faith, like love, is an act of the will, an act of preference. God speaks, he answers these cries in the darkness as he always did. He is incarnate today in the poor, in the bread we break together. We know him and each other in the breaking of bread.

Dorothy Day in *Dorothy Day: selected writings*



Fr. Brian will lead a retreat, open to all parishioners. The retreat will take place in Ballyvaloo, Retreat House, Co. Wexford beginning Friday the **8th March** and finishing Sunday afternoon the **10th March**.

The cost is €150. Final day for booking Wednesday 6th March
 A golden opportunity for reflection and inspiration during Lent in a tranquil setting along the sea shore in Co. Wexford. Please leave your name and deposit of €50 in the Sacristy.
 For further information contact Helen 087 4175 182 or the parish office 01 6288827.

This weekend the St Vincent de Paul Society will be holding their usual monthly collection after all Masses.

Your support, ever appreciated, helps us to alleviate to some extent the needs of the less fortunate among us.

We welcome into our faith community the children recently baptised:
 Orlaith Burke, Rioghan Brennan, Jim Crowley, Edward Fitzgerald & Zachary Clarke. Congratulations.



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 & 7.30pm
 Holy Days: 7.30pm (vigil), 8am, 12noon, 7.30pm.
 Bank Holidays: 11am
 Confessions: Saturday 10.30am.

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 team 085 8519110.
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.

Mass Intentions

St. Brigid's Straffan. Saturday 6pm Mary Keegan

Sunday 11am Paddy McCluskey, and pray also for Declan Kearney. (Anniversary)

St. Patrick's Church:
Saturday 6.30pm Kathleen Collins, Tommy Brennan

Sunday

8.30am Roseanne & Joseph Ready,

9.30am Maura Doyle (Month's mind)

11am Anne Swayne, Josephine Adams,

12.30pm Michael & Anne Murphy, Eamon McNally

7pm Frank Gough

Pottery Classes for Adults.

Explore the benefits of working with clay.

Wed 6th March in the Acre Celbridge 7pm -9pm
 Course duration 4 weeks . Cost including clay €20.

To register phone 0877050011 or
 creativeexplosion 10@gmail.com

The organisers would like to sincerely thank all who supported the annual "Remembering a Loved One at Christmas" fundraising event in aid of St. Brigid's Hospice Kildare.

A total of €3,809 was raised for St. Brigid's Hospice. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Visitation of the Sick: If you know of someone, a neighbour, a family member or someone in your estate who is housebound, and wishes to receive Holy Communion, or may like a visit. One of the Pastoral Care Team or Priest will make a home visit and bring Holy Communion.

Contact the parish office 01 6288827.

Weekday Mass Intentions St. Patrick's Church

Monday 4th 10am Kitty Early **7pm** Michael McHugh

Tuesday 5th 10am Teresa Maher **7pm** Peter & Pat Fox

Wednesday 6th 10am Greta Murphy **7pm** Michael Waters

Thursday 7th 10am John & Kathleen Bligh **7pm** Allan O' Riordan

Friday 8th 10am Margaret, Thomas & Michael Hughes,
7pm Kathleen Boothman

Saturday 9th 10am Sally-Ann Lotz, Glen O'Reilly.



CELEBRATION OF CULTURE

6.30 Mass on 16th March

To mark St Patrick's Day our 6.30 Mass on 16th March will celebrate the different cultures and nationalities who come to Mass in our parish.

If your nationality would like to be included please contact our parish office 01 6288827 by next Thursday (7th March).

The nationalities already included are Germany, India, Ireland, Nigeria, Philippines, Poland.



Volunteers Required

Jumping Jellybeans and JJ's are integrated after school clubs which bring young people with special needs and their peers together each week.

We have been requested by parents to set up a club in the Celbridge area and we are currently looking for young people to volunteer in the club each week.

Please do not hesitate to contact me on 0851264811 and please check out our website on www.jumpingjellybeans-jjs.com

Email: jumpingjellybeans.jjs@gmail.com

Entertainment !!!

Harmonise Strings

Doc Savage- Comedian and compère for the night

Mary Flynn -Soprano accompanied by

Denise Kelly harpist

Uisce Beatha - Traditional band

Honor Heffernan and her Jazz band

Decade's Band - to get us on the dance floor



Spring Ball

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Barberstown Castle

Friday 12th April

7pm till ... late

Tickets €50

In aid of : Celbridge & Straffan Parish.

St. Brigid's Hospice, Kildare

Care for the Aged

Tickets available from Monday 5th March. It is possible to pay for your ticket over a few weeks in instalments.
 Contact the parish office 01 6288827/ 0858662255

Punch reception
 4 Course Meal
 with complimentary glass of wine
 Lots of Fun!!!