



# The Catholic Parish of Celbridge and Straffan



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### An Appeal for Help

Over the last few years the Parish spent a lot of money in redecorating our beautiful Church. We are now fixing up the Parochial House and redoing the St Eustace Centre, our parish pastoral centre, in the basement of the house. Rather than borrow money from the bank and pay high interest charges, I wish to appeal to parishioners, who are in a position to do so, to help the Parish. To complete this work, we need around €50,000. I am asking you to consider, if your circumstances allow it, to lend the parish €500 for two years. Your money will be repaid in full when the two years are completed. If you can help our parish by way of a special donation or the €500 loan I would be delighted to hear from you. I thank you for considering this request. If you can help, please contact Fr. Paul or the parish office. Fr. Paul Taylor P.P.

**PLANNED GIVING:** (weekly envelope collection) was €2,187. Thanks to all the collectors and contributors.

### The Anthem of the 50th International Eucharistic Congress Though We Are Many

Though we are many, we are one body,  
we who come to share this living bread,  
Cup of salvation, shared among all nations,  
nourishing us now and evermore.

1. We gather in this place  
round the table of the Lord.  
Christ's presence is revealed  
in our communion and his Living Word.
2. Now our communion recalls  
Christ's death and resurrection.  
This living sacrifice  
is our salvation now and evermore.

**Sunday 18th March**, third Sunday Exposition & Benediction of Blessed Sacrament from 4pm to 5.30pm, concluding with evening prayer of the Church and Benediction at 5.15pm.

**Wednesday 21st March** St Joseph's Young Priests Society meeting, directly after the 7.30pm evening Mass, in the meeting room beside the Sacristy, new members very welcome.

**St Vincent's Castleknock College** will hold an Open Night from 7pm -9.00pm on Thursday 15th March for parents and prospective students for all years.

All are welcome to attend.

## CELEBRATION

### 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, 10am, 12noon,  
7.30pm.  
**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 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.

### Weekend Mass Intentions

#### St Brigid's Church:

**Saturday** 6pm. May Keegan

#### St. Patrick's Church:

##### Saturday

6.30pm. Noel Kelly

##### Sunday

8.30am Will, Carmel, Jack and Mary Timpson

9.30am Lorna Kirwan

11am Carmel Timpson

12.30pm Eric and Stacia Sherlock, Bridie Dempsey

7pm Harry Smith

**Please pray** for Oliver Foley late of Ballyouster, who died recently in Birmingham. And also Liam Burke, (Straffan), and Kathleen Collins. We pray for the parents of baby Samuel Anderson who died this week.

### Weekday Mass Intentions

**Monday 12th 10am** Eamonn Gildea and deceased O'Connor and Gildea family, **7.30pm** Cathal Sheeran,  
**13th 10am** Mary Alexis **7.30pm** Clare Smith  
**14th 10am** Annie Cusack **7.30pm** Margaret and Paddy Leyne  
**15th 10am** Paddy Kennedy **7.30pm** Margaret Gill  
**16th 10am** Daria Robitski **7.30pm** Ellen and Jack Hunt  
**17th 10am** to be announced

### St Patrick's Day Parade

Monday 12th March. - Parade Meeting in Kate Walsh Room, The Mill, Celbridge.  
**7.30pm** Briefing for group leaders regarding assembly procedures and music.  
**8 pm.** There will be an information meeting for all who wish to enrol as a steward for the Celbridge Parade.  
We have 45 floats to date and 3 marching bands so help is needed.  
Come along, all are welcome.

**We welcome into our faith community** the children recently baptised: Hannah Byrne, Cian Mills, Aoibheann O'Neill, Saoirse Tinney, Lucy Brady and Ava Armstrong.

### The Marriage Creed

**COMFORT EACH OTHER** ... Provide a refuge and sanctuary for each other from the chill winds of the world. You marriage is a hearth, from whence comes the peace, harmony and warmth of soul and spirit.  
**CARESS AS YOU WOULD BE CARESSED** ... Warm your loved one's body with your healing touch. Remember that as babies can die with lack of touching, so can marriages wither from lack of closeness.  
**BE A FRIEND AND PARTNER** ... Friendship can be a peaceful island separate and apart, in a world of turmoil and strife. Reflect upon the tranquillity of the many future years you can share with a true friend and beware of becoming battling enemies under the same roof.  
**BE OPEN WITH EACH OTHER** ... Bind not yourselves in the secretness that causes suspicion and doubt. Trust and reveal yourself to each other even as the budding rose opens to reveal its fragrance and beauty.  
**LISTEN TO EACH OTHER** ... And hear not only words, but also the non-language of tone, mood, and expression. Learn to listen to understand rather than listening to argue.  
**RESPECT EACH OTHER'S RIGHTS**... Remember that each is a person of flesh and blood, entitled to his or her own choices and mistakes. Each owns himself, and has the right to equality.  
**ALLOW THE OTHER TO BE AN INDIVIDUAL** ... Seek not to create for each other a new mould that can only fit with much discomfort and pain. Accept the other as they are, as you would have yourself accepted  
**GIVE EACH OTHER APPROVAL** ... Remember criticism divides, while compliments encourage confidence in the other. Hasten not to point out the other's mistakes, for each will soon discover his own.  
**CHERISH YOUR UNION** ... Let no one come between your togetherness, not child not friend nor worldly goods. Yet maintain enough separateness to allow each other his or her own unique oneness  
**LOVE ONE ANOTHER** ... Love is your river of life---your eternal source of recreating yourselves. **Above all else - love one another.**

### Get ready for the Congress! - Young people.

Come and participate in a programme of interactive catechesis workshops, dramas, celebrations, concerts, social activities, games, art and fun and much more. You are invited to join in a spiritual journey especially prepared for young people. Want to participate? [www.iec2012.ie/youth](http://www.iec2012.ie/youth) or contact the youth officer 01 2349924 or [youth@iec2012.ie](mailto:youth@iec2012.ie)  
**The programme for the International Eucharistic Congress** and information about tickets is available at the back of the Church.

### Celbridge & Straffan Parish Pilgrimage to

**Lourdes 2012.** Five nights departing on the 7th August and returning on the 12th August. Staying at The Hotel Solitude. Cost is €699 per person sharing. Full board. Cost may be paid weekly from now until mid July. Deposit required when booking. Contact Liam White on 086 0487010

### This week in our Parish

**9.45am** Morning prayer each weekday morning.  
**Wednesday**  
\* **9 -10am** Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in St. Patrick's Church.  
\* Way of the Cross St. Brigid's Church after 9.15am Mass  
**Friday 9 - 10am**  
\* Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in St. Patrick's Church.  
\* Way of the Cross after 10am Mass.  
\* Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in St. Brigid's Church after the 9.15am Mass.