



# The Catholic Parish of Celbridge and Straffan



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**PLANNED GIVING:** Weekly Envelope Collection: €3,068. Standing Orders for November was €4,086 (170 paying by Standing Order).  
Your support is very much appreciated. Thanks also to the collectors.  
TAX RELIEF 2011: Thanks to all who have replied so far. If you have not yet replied, please do so immediately.

The **ANNUAL COLLECTION of ACCORD**, The Diocesan Agency for Marriage and the Family, will be made at all Masses THIS WEEKEND. The Collection for ACCORD will replace the usual Share Collection. ACCORD Dublin throughout the diocese offers:  
Marriage Preparation Courses, Counselling for couples and individuals experiencing difficulties in their relationships, Marital Sexual Therapy.  
A Relationship and Sexuality Programme in Schools. ACCORD Dublin needs your support. Please give generously.

### Adult Faith Development MINISTERS OF THE WORD

A reflection day for all our *Ministers of the Word* is taking place in **Wellsprings** (Convent) on Saturday **25<sup>th</sup> February**, from 10.30- 1pm. It is important that all who wish to proclaim the Word in our parish attend if at all possible. The day will look at aspects central to the Ministry of the Word:

- A look at how some of the Scriptures were put together.
- An introduction to the Lectionary.

(This is the Book containing the sacred texts of Scripture which are to be proclaimed at Mass)

- The dignity and role of the Lector (Minister of the Word)
- Practical elements

This seminar was run over three nights before Christmas. As such, this day is for:

1. All our lectors who didn't manage to come the first time.
2. New readers
3. Those who read at weekday Mass.
4. Any of our lectors who have already attended, but who might wish to come again.

We ask all our lectors to please inform Gerry Fogarty (coordinator of the Ministry of the Word) whether or not you can attend. Email: [gfoqarty@esatclear.ie](mailto:gfoqarty@esatclear.ie) Text: 087 6815290

### 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.

3. And through this shared Eucharist we are the living Church. We witness to Christ's love His living body active in our world.

**Wellsprings Centre:** Prayer around the Cross ( Taize Prayer) will take place in Wellsprings Centre 8pm -9pm on Friday 24th February.

### Weekend Mass Intentions

#### St Brigid's Church:

##### Saturday

6.30pm Maurice, Tom, Kathleen Power.

##### Sunday

11am Bertie and Mary Travers

#### St. Patrick's Church:

##### Saturday

6.30pm. Sean O'Connor, Noeleen Bashford (Month's Mind).

##### Sunday

8.30am Ronnie Wills.

9.30am Fidelma Concannon.

11am For those who sympathised on death of Kitty Fitzsimons.

12.30 Marie Feehan, Special intention.

7pm Michael Foley, Joseph Thornton.

Pray for Daria Robitski and Jack Houlihan who died recently.

### Weekday Mass Intentions

**Monday 13th 10am** Patrick, Bridget and John White. **7.30pm** Bernard, James and Bridget Kealy.  
**Tuesday 14th 10am** Willie Bermingham. **7.30pm** Nancy Murray.  
**Wednesday 15th 10am** Special intention. **7.30pm** Annie Cummins.  
**Thursday 16th 10am** Tom and Nora Cullen. **7.30pm** Ellen Kelly.  
**Friday 17th 10am** Brendan Farrell. **7.30pm** Pat Leech.  
**Saturday 18th 10am** Kitty Carton, Abraham Joseph.

**We welcome into our faith community** the children recently baptised Sadhbh McLaughlin, Eoin Brady, Nia Cullen, Lucy Lanigan and Ethan Shanley. **Congratulations.**

### Ministers of the Eucharist

Training for **All Ministers of the Eucharist**,  
Saturday 25th February 2012  
in Scoil Na Mainistreach at 10.30am - 1pm.



Fr. Brian will lead a retreat for all the Eucharist Ministers in Ballyvaloo, Retreat House Co. Wexford beginning Friday the 9th March and finishing Sunday afternoon the 11th. The cost is €150. A golden opportunity for refreshment and inspiration in a tranquil setting. Please leave your name and deposit of €50 in the Sacristy and sign the relevant sheet. Places are limited, so it is on a first come first served basis.

It is very important that names are given by Wednesday the 15th February.

For further information contact Fr. Brian or the parish office.

The **Diocesan Guidebook 2012** is available from Myles in the Sacristy at a cost of €10.

We express our **gratitude** for the great work done by the outgoing Chairperson of the Parish Pastoral Council, Kevin Denner.

The Parish Pastoral Council has elected Desmond Bell as Chairperson. Fr. Paul Taylor as Parish Priest has confirmed his appointment.

## CHORAL CONCERT The Joy of Music



- Codetta Chamber Choir (Director Dónal Doherty)
- Sharon Carty (mezzo-soprano)
- St Patrick's Parish Choir
- Dr John O'Keefe (organ)

**St Patrick's Church**

**Saturday 10th March @ 8 pm**

**Tickets: €10**

### Codetta

Codetta is an internationally acclaimed chamber choir based in Derry. They have successfully competed in a range of international choral festivals, most notably reaching the final of the Grand Prix in Maribor in 2008 and winning awards at the Sligo and Cork International Choral Festivals in 2008/2009. In 2010 Codetta visited Tuscany performing in Florence, Reggello and Siena and most recently competed in the 2011 Montreux Choral Festival in Switzerland. Recent concerts have included a performance of the Bach Mass in B Minor. Codetta makes regular appearances on both radio and television. They will be joined in concert by organist John O'Keefe, Director of Choral Music in NUI Maynooth (and Celbridge resident).

### Sharon Carty

Special guest at the concert is mezzo-soprano, Sharon Carty. Now based in Germany, Sharon is a native of Celbridge. Enjoying a busy schedule as a concert soloist, Sharon has performed with orchestras such as the RTÉ Concert Orchestra, and the European Union Chamber Orchestra under the batons of conductors such as Martin Haselboeck, Karl Jenkins and Andrea Marcon among others, and has been broadcast on radio in both Ireland and Germany. It is truly a joy to welcome her amongst 'her own' in Celbridge.

### St Patrick's Parish Choir

Tracing their history in the parish back to the 19<sup>th</sup> century, today, under the directorship of Ciarán Duffy (since 2007), the choir has attained a consistently high level of performance in choral and sacred music. They bring a high degree of musicianship and dignity to the celebration of liturgy. Under Ciarán's guidance the choir have participated on two occasions in the North Wales Choral Competition, in addition to performing in concert locally on a number of occasions. In December 2011 they launched their new Christmas carol CD, "O Holy Night".

### 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.