



The Catholic Parish of Celbridge and Straffan



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Lent.

Next week is Ash Wednesday and it marks the beginning of Lent. Masses for Ash Wednesday will be:

St. Patrick's Church: Wednesday 8am. 10am. 7.30pm.

St. Brigid's Church: Wednesday 10am. (Change from 9.15am)
Ashes will be distributed at these Masses.

Remember that Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fasting and abstinence. We should not eat meat or any meat products and only have one main meal on these days.

Lent is a time to prepare for the great joy of Easter. We are encouraged to prepare through a deeper commitment to prayer, and through acts of Charity and acts of self denial, and so with the help of the Holy Spirit become more Christ like.

Parish Prayer for Lent

Every weekday morning during Lent, the Prayer of the Church will be said before Mass in St Patrick's (at 9.40 am). Sometimes it's thought that this prayer is only for priests and religious to say, but it belongs to all of us. The Prayer (also known as the Divine Office) is a communal prayer, and is made up of a hymn, prayers, psalms and scripture. It has existed from the earliest times, to fulfil the Lord's command to pray without ceasing. So, everyone is welcome to come along and join in, morning or evening, or both! It also links us with everyone throughout the world who is joining with us in the Prayer of the Church.

On Wednesday mornings during Lent 9am -10am there will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament St. Patrick's Church, praying for spiritual blessings, on all, from the forthcoming Eucharistic Congress.

The Stations of the Cross.

On the Fridays of Lent the Stations of the Cross will be prayed every Friday morning and evening after the Mass.

Trocaire boxes are available at the back of the Church.

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

PLANNED GIVING: (weekly envelope collection) was €2,120.

Thanks to all the collectors and contributors.

This **Sunday 19th February** Exposition & Benediction of Blessed Sacrament, third Sunday from 4pm to 5.30pm, concluding with evening prayer of the Church and Benediction at 5.15pm.

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.

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.

Weekend Mass Intentions

St Brigid's Church:

Sunday

11am Bridget Maloney.

St. Patrick's Church:

Saturday

6.30pm. Willie Bermingham (month's mind)

Sunday

8.30am Seamus and May Walsh

9.30am Rosemary and Matthew Tuite,

11am Mary Gannon,

12.30pm Sean O'Connor, Aislinn Wickham.

5.30pm Frances Douglas (month's mind).

7pm Eamonn McNally.

Weekday Mass Intentions

Monday 20th 10am David and Josephine O'Sullivan, 7.30pm Aidan O'Callaghan,
Tuesday 21st 10am Alfie Byrne, 7.30pm Annie and Frank Gough,
Wednesday 22nd 10am Donal Murphy, 7.30 Patricia Lee,
Thursday 23rd 10am Pauline Farrell, 7.30pm Olive and Thomas Mulreid,
Friday 24th 10am Lena Young, 7.30pm David O'Doherty,
Saturday 25th 10am Sheila McDonald and deceased family members.

The family of the late Michael Cotter (Mick the barber) wish to sincerely thank all who sympathised and supported us on our recent sad loss. Thanks to all who attended the removal, Mass and funeral, all who travelled long distances to be with us. To Fr. PJ, Kilcock, for his exceptional support and his wonderful inspiring homily.

Fr. Des, Fr. Paul P.P. Celbridge and all the priests who concelebrated the beautiful funeral Mass. To his and our many friends who turned out to support us. To the parish choir and the gospel choir for their beautiful singing. To Paul O'Reilly undertaker for all his help. Thank you for all the Mass cards, letters of sympathy and flowers. Thanks for your kind donations for Pieta House, €1066. As it would be impossible to thank everyone individually, please accept this acknowledgement as a token of our appreciation. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered for your intentions.

We welcome into our faith community the children recently baptised: Alison Dempsey, Adam Mullen, Thomas Murphy, Caoilin Caffrey, Ellie McCormack, Reck and Sean Darcy. **Congratulations.**

Table Quiz being organised by local students Adam Connolly and Matthew Foran to raise funds for charity work in Zambia, Friday 24th, 8pm, Upstairs, the Kildrought. All welcome! Cash prize + Raffle on the night. Team of 4 : €30 (Call Adam : 01-6270557 Matthew 01-6274345 for tickets).

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, **open to all Ministers** of the various parish groups. The retreat will take place 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 will be on a first come first served basis.

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

Legion of Mary/Patricians. A discussion will take place in the meeting room at the back of St. Patrick's Church, Celbridge on Friday 24th. Feb. @ 8p.m. Topic for discussion: Why was Mary at the foot of the Cross? Refreshments served. All welcome.

Children's Corner

Good Morning God, in Heaven above.
Bless me now with all Your love.
Be by my side throughout the day,
at work, at school, at home, and play.
Help me do the things I'm told
so my parents won't have to scold.
Help me be a cheerful friend,
whose always ready to lend and bend.
Good morning, God. Help me to see
the beautiful world you've made for me!



CHORAL CONCERT The Joy of Music



- **Codetta Chamber Choir (Director Dónal Doherty)**
- **Sharon Carty (mezzo-soprano)**
- **St Patrick's Parish Choir**

St Patrick's Church

Saturday 10th March @ 8 pm

Tickets: €10

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

A reflection day for all our **Ministers of the Word** is taking place in **Wellsprings** (Convent) on Saturday **25th 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.

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting February

Topic's discussed:

1. Novena of Grace
 2. Lenten Programme
 3. Parish Pastoral Council deanery formation day
 4. Parish Cell prayer groups
 5. The Eucharistic Congress
 6. Child protection policies and procedures
 7. A.O.B. Training for the Eucharistic ministers
- More readers required in Straffan
Liturgy sub groups