



The Catholic Parish  
of  
Celbridge  
and  
Straffan



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We wish all our  
Parishioners a

Happy  
New Year.



**PLANNED GIVING**

Weekly Envelope Collection: €3,411. Your continued support is very much appreciated. Thanks also to the collectors.

Thanks to those who recently completed Standing Order forms. Your continued support is very much appreciated.

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 2012 to all those who contributed more than €250 in the year to 30/11/2011.

Pope's Message for 2012 - World Day of Peace Jan 1st

**It is urgent to educate young people  
in justice and peace**

Young people today, "can offer new hope" for the "sense of frustration at the crisis looming over society, the world of labour and the economy." This conviction of the Pope forms the background of the message for the 45th World Day of Peace

Benedict XVI is attentive to the "concerns expressed in recent times by many young people around the world," and sees in them above all, "the desire to look to the future with solid hope." Thus, the Pope has chosen to devote his message to "the theme of education," with the title, "Educating Young People in Justice and Peace."

The Pontiff speaks with concern about the apprehensions of young people - especially "how difficult it is to form a family and find stable employment," - and recalls the centrality of the question of education. "Parents are the first educators," he underscores, because "family is the first school in which we are trained in justice and peace."

As to the content of education, the Pontiff says that it, "is concerned with the integral formation of the person, including the moral and spiritual dimension." Thus, "the person cannot be sacrificed for the sake of attaining a particular good, whether this be economic or social, individual or collective." The papal message warns especially against the, "widespread tendency to have recourse exclusively to the criteria of utility, profit and material possessions." And recalls that, "we must educate ourselves in compassion, solidarity, working together, fraternity, in being active within the community and concerned to raise awareness about national and international issues and the importance of seeking adequate mechanisms for the redistribution of wealth, the promotion of growth, cooperation for development and conflict resolution."

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**St. Patrick's Church Celbridge:** Saturday (Vigil) 6.30 pm, Sunday: 8.30am, 9.30am, 11am, 12.30pm & 7pm.

**Weekday Mass:** 10am & 7.30pm **Holy Days:** 8am, 10am, 12am, 7.30pm. **Bank Holidays:** 11am

**St Brigid's Church Straffan:** Saturday (Vigil) 6pm, Sunday 11am. **Week day Mass** 9.15am. **Holy Days and Bank Holidays:** 10am

**Confessions: Celbridge:** Saturday 10.30am. **Straffan** 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 Christina 085 8519110.

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament :** Every Friday morning before 10am Mass (9am - 9.50am) in St Patrick's Church St. Brigid's Church Friday morning after 9.15am Mass.

**Weekend Mass Intentions:**

**St. Patrick's Church:**

**Saturday**

**6.30pm** Bill Blake (Month's Mind)

**Sunday**

**8.30am:** Deceased members the Young family

**9.30am** James Mangan, Nora Garrett

**11am** Joe and Kathleen Young

**12.30pm** Daniel Meehan

**7pm** Christina and William Brennan and deceased family members, Sue and Joe Moran and deceased family members, Michael and Mary Savage and deceased family members.

**Weekday Mass Intentions**

**Mon 2nd 11am** John Doyle

**Tuesday 3rd 10am** Laurence and Bridget Bolger **7pm** Bridget Doyle

**Wed 4th 10am** Brendan, Kathleen, Rory, and Cathy McDevitt, **7pm** Kitty Core

**Thursday 5th 10am** Betty White **7pm** John and Bridget Croke, Mary and Luke Higgins James Adams.

**Friday 6th 8am** Fran Douglas **10am** Paddy Byrne (month's mind) **12noon** Dick Crofton.

**Saturday 7th** Poppie Guinan.

**Important Notice**

Next Sunday the **8th January** RTE are broadcasting the radio Mass from Celbridge.

Mass will be at 10am **No 9.30am Mass**

The 11am Mass will be at **11.15am** to allow the car park to clear.

We welcome into our faith  
community the children  
recently baptised:



Fiadh O'Dea, Aidan and Ellie Farrelly, Keita Prokobčenko, Rebeka Komleva, Marlana Quigley, Cadhla O'Connor, Brody Masterson and Charlotte Kelly.

**Feast of the Epiphany January 6th Holy Day of Obligation**

Vigil Mass 7.30pm, Friday - 8am, 10am, 12noon 7.30pm.

The feast of the Epiphany is also known as ' Little Christmas'. It commemorates the revelation of Jesus as the Saviour of the whole world, not just by the people of Israel. The Magi represent human being's search for sign's of God's presence.

**The special blessing ceremony** for all the children, who have been baptized in 2011, will be celebrated on 8th January @3pm.

**Christmas Dues :** Thanks to all parishioners who have returned the Christmas Dues envelopes. The contributions made you, for the support of the priests of the parish is deeply appreciated. **THANK YOU.**

**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. Please contact: Parish office 01 6288827.

**Message from Fr. Paul Taylor P.P.**

As parish priest I write on behalf of our parish team to wish you many blessings as we embark on a new year 2012.

The new year is both a challenge and an opportunity. The challenge, in the words of John Paul II is "to contemplate the face of Christ".

We are called to attend to the presence of Christ in ourselves, our neighbours, our families, schools, and parishioners and especially in those who are suffering in any way.

There are many signs of hope around us but it takes the vision of faith to see them.

As we try to live in deeper communion with one another and Jesus Christ, we will see new opportunities for mission. This invites us to seek ways of allowing the gospel of Jesus to influence our lives.

Already, in the parish we have started with our new Pre- Baptism programme and 'Play and Pray' group. If you have suggestions please share them.

Let us together pursue the 3C's

- 1) Contemplation of Christ's Presence.
- 2) Communion with him and one another.
- 3) Creating connections with others in the name of the Gospel.

The Eucharistic Congress in June is an opportunity for celebrating and embracing discipleship of Christ in a fresh way.

As President Obama said during his visit to Ireland

**"Is Feidir Linn".**

The special programme of preparation for candidates making their confirmation in February begins the week, January 9th. The **'You Shall be my Witness'** programme consists of 5 one hour sessions in small groups guided by leaders.

Please pray for the candidates preparing for their Confirmation.

**Confirmation 2012**

Candidates for confirmation who missed out on the enrolment ceremony recently are reminded that they can enrol at the ceremony on January 5th at 6.30pm in St Patrick's Church.

**Children's Corner**



May your dreams blossom  
and make you happy in many ways...

Have a wonderful  
**New Year!**