



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 and make the cheque payable to St. Patrick's Parish, Celbridge.

I would like to thank the 22 parishioners who have already responded to the appeal for help and already €13,000 has been advanced.

Fr. Paul Taylor P.P.

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.

PLANNED GIVING: (weekly envelope collection) €1,452.
Standing Orders for February were €4,112 (167 paying by Standing Order). Thanks to those who recently completed Standing Order forms. Your continued support is very much appreciated.
Thanks also to the collectors.

This week in our Parish

15 minutes before Mass: Morning prayer each weekday morning.
Wed 9 - 10am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in St. Patrick's
Way of the Cross St. Brigid's Church after 9.15am Mass
Friday 9 - 10am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in St. Patrick's
Way of the Cross after 10am and 7.30pm Mass.
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in St. Brigid's
after the 9.15am Mass.

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. Anne, May, Patrick, and Paddy Cooney

Sunday 11am Babs and Paddy Morris

St. Patrick's Church:

Saturday

6.30pm. Evelyn Farrell,

Sunday

8.30am Seamus and May Walsh

9.30am Margaret Kirwan,

11am James Rubotham

12.30pm Sara Callis

4pm Filipino Community,

7pm Charlotte and Patrick Collins.

Please pray for Rosemary Durham (1st Anniversary)

Weekday Mass Intentions

Monday 26th 10am Kathleen Nolan, **7.30pm** Christy, Paddy and Brigie Harte,

Tuesday 27th 10am Jack Byrne **7.30pm** Bridie Cunniffe,

Wednesday 28th 10am Margaret, Edward, Michael Concannon,

7.30pm Eileen Giblin,

Thursday 29th 10am Paddy Murray, **7.30pm** James, Josephine Lee, Josie Lidgebird,

Friday 30th 10am Simon McNulty **7.30pm** Thomas and Mary Moore,

Saturday 31st 10am Ita O'Connor.

Ballymakeally Youth Club

We are a group of young people, age 9yrs and 16yrs with a fantastic club, but at present we are in urgent need of leaders / volunteers. If you feel you have any skills or talents that you could bring to our group we would love to hear from you. All training and vetting will be supplied and supported by **Catholic Youth Care** free of charge. For further information please contact Jacqueline on 087 6344593.

It is the 1st year anniversary of our **parish website**, launched 17th March 2011

www.celstra.ie, and in this first year we had 30.959 hits.

CELEBRATION

Any chance YOU
would
celebrate yourself?

The Patricians/Legion of Mary. A discussion will take place on Friday 30th. March at 8 p.m. in the meeting room of St. Patrick's Church, Celbridge. The topic to be discussed is "What is Easter Sunday all about"? Please come along and learn more about your catholic faith.

We welcome into our faith community Ethan Barletta, Cillian O'Connor,
Ryan Hanlon and Donna McDonagh. Congratulations.



Holy Week Timetable available at the back of the Church

Ministers of the Eucharist

Training for

Ministers of the Eucharist,

Tuesday 27th March 2012 at 8pm in St. Patrick's Church

We would request that all the Eucharistic Ministers attend to go through some practicalities.



A Broken Heart ...

Is it really about "bad words"
and "bad thoughts"?



**Sacrament of
Reconciliation**

Holy Saturday 10am

Only for those seeking
healing and peace

Prayer

*O God, Transforming Presence,
Your light can dazzle the darkest moments of doubt and
open our hearts to a reality
far greater than we could imagine.
Pour your transforming light into our searching souls.
Flood our hearts with the desire to live
as your beloved sons and daughters
proclaiming the light of your truth in the world today.*

*May we learn to listen to your Son, the 'Beloved One,
who offers us hope and possibility,
who transforms our darkness into light.*

*We pray in the name of Jesus, the 'Light of the 'world,
and in the power of your Enlightening Spirit -
One God, forever and ever .
Amen.*

Living in the Light

On the mountain of transfiguration, Peter, James and John were lost for words when they felt themselves in the presence of the Sacred ...

This week, find ways to open yourself to the Sacred Presence in nature, in the eyes of a child, in another person, in everyday life, in Holy Communion or within yourself. At the end of each day, ask yourself where you met Sacred Presence and how you were changed by this encounter.

Make a note of this and give thanks.