



The Catholic Parish of Celbridge and Straffan



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PLANNED GIVING

Weekly Envelope Collection: €2,102. Your continued support is very much appreciated. Thanks also to the collectors. Please note that this collection is the only collection used for the purpose of funding parish expenditure.

TAX RELIEF 2011: Letters will be issues to all parishioners who made qualifying contributions of €250 in 2011 before 31st Jan. If you received a letter, please reply immediately.

Feast of our Lady Of Lourdes Saturday 11th February 2012

The Sacrament of the sick will be celebrated at 12 noon in St Patrick's Church.

MESSAGE OF THE HOLY FATHER ON THE OCCASION OF THE TWENTIETH WORLD DAY OF THE SICK. (11 FEBRUARY 2012)

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

On the occasion of the World Day of the Sick, which we will celebrate on 11 February 2012, the Memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes, I wish to renew my spiritual closeness to all sick people who are in places of care or are looked after in their families, expressing to each one of them the affection of the whole Church. I would like to place emphasis upon the "sacraments of healing" that is to say upon the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation and that of the Anointing of the Sick, which have their natural completion in Eucharistic Communion.

The encounter of Jesus with the ten lepers, narrated by the Gospel of Saint Luke (cf. Lk 17:11-19), and in particular the words that the Lord addresses to one of them, "Stand up and go; your faith has saved you" (v. 19), help us to become aware of the importance of faith for those who, burdened by suffering and illness, draw near to the Lord. In their encounter with him they can truly experience that *he who believes is never alone!* God, "rich in mercy" (Eph 2:4), like the father in the Gospel parable (cf. Lk 15:11-32), does not close his heart to any of his children, but waits for them, looks for them, and calls them to gather around his table, in the joy of the feast of forgiveness and reconciliation.

A time of suffering, in which one could be tempted to abandon oneself to discouragement and hopelessness, can thus be transformed into a time of grace, and like the prodigal son of the parable, to think anew about one's life, recognizing its errors and failures, longing for the embrace of the Father, and following the pathway to his home. He, in his great love, always and everywhere watches over our lives

I would also like to emphasize the importance of the Eucharist and receiving it at a time of illness, The parish communities in particular, should pay attention to guaranteeing the possibility of frequently receiving Holy Communion, to those people who, for reasons of health or age, cannot go to a place of worship. In this way, these brothers and sisters are offered the possibility of strengthening their relationship with Christ, crucified and risen, participating, through their lives offered up for love of Christ, in the very mission of the Church.

The theme of this Message for the Twentieth World Day of the Sick, "Stand up and go; your faith has saved you".

BENEDICTUS PP. XVI For the full message check our webpage

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 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.

Weekend Mass Intentions

St Brigid's Church:

Saturday

6pm: Edward, Mary, Bernadette Coyne

Sunday

11am Thomas Cribbin, Gerti Farrell

St. Patrick's Church:

Saturday

6.30pm. Paddy Cummins, William Grattan
(Month's Mind).

Sunday

8.30am Andrew and Mollie Clarke.

9.30am Kathleen Murphy.

11am Frances Fitzharris, Annie Carberry
(Month's Mind).

12.30 Mary Stamper, Hilary Shannon
(Month's Mind).

7pm Joseph Foley.

The Anthem of the 50th International Eucharistic Congress Though We Are Many - (Bernard Sexton)

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.

Weekday Mass Intentions

Monday 30th 10am Patrick Everard, 7.30pm Elizabeth Darlington,

Tuesday 31st 10am Special intention, 7.30pm Francis and Patricia Lee and deceased family,

Wednesday 1st 10am Mark Burchill, William, Kay and Peter Sherry, 7.30pm John Sheeran,

Thursday 2nd 10am Martin O'Grady, 7.30pm Peter Kelly,

Friday 3rd 10am Altar List, 7.30pm Altar List, Aaron Moore (Month's Mind),

Saturday 4th 10am Margaret and Elizabeth Bolger

Ministers of the Eucharist

Meeting for **All Ministers of the Eucharist**, Tuesday 31st January at 8pm in St. Patrick's Church. It is important that all ministers attend **or** contact Fr. Brian.



We welcome into our faith community the children recently baptised:
Niall Power and Annabell O'Connor King. **Congratulations.**

ENROLMENT FOR SEPT 2012 will take place in the following schools on 1st & 2nd FEBRUARY from 10.00am - 1.00pm. Scoil Bríd Scoil na Mainistreach Scoil Mochua St. Patrick's. Please bring the following Documentation with you: Birth Certificate, Baptismal Certificate, Child's PPS No., Current Utility Bill

Baptismal Certs: If your child was baptised in our parish and you require a baptismal cert **please text (Do not call)** the name and address of the child, date of birth to 0857021882. The Baptismal cert can then be collected from the Sacristy from Myles the Sacristan.

Message from our Parish Pastoral Worker Christina,

Dear parishioners

The last few months have been an amazing journey for me in this parish. I have met so many people who have welcomed me with open arms (hearts) and I got involved in different activities which hopefully made a difference in this parish. I guess one of the main events has been to format a new baptism team which was commissioned two weeks ago as well as get volunteers interested in the idea of the children's liturgy group, so called play & pray. I have to admit I will miss the business of the parish and hope that I will not miss out on too much while on my maternity leave. The baby is due in three weeks time and I hope to be able to be around now and again to keep in contact with all of you. I will keep you all in my prayers and hope to see all of you in good health soon again. May God bless us all of our journey through life. Take care, Christina.

St. Brigid's Church, Straffan

The distribution of Holy Communion will take place as follows: Ministers will distribute to the side aisles first. The Priest will distribute to the centre aisle, starting with the right hand side beginning at the back and working forward. On completion of the right hand side, then the left hand side will come forward, also beginning from the back. For those parishioners unable to come forward, please remain in your seat and a minister will come to you in your seat.

Story of St. Brigid

Saint Bridget of Kildare, or Brigit of Ireland. She is also known as Muire na nGael or Mary of the Gael which means Our Lady of the Irish. Her feast day is 1 February, celebrated as St Brigid's Day which is the first day of Spring in Ireland. She was born in Co. Louth. Her father, was a pagan chieftain of Leinster and her mother, Broicsech, was a Christian. He kept Brigid and her mother as slaves even though he was a wealthy man. Brigid spent her earlier life cooking, washing and feeding the animals on her father's farm. When Brigid turned eighteen, she had decided that she would spend her life working for God by looking after poor, sick and elderly people.. Brigid's charity angered her father because he thought she was being too generous to the poor. When she finally gave away his jewel-encrusted sword to a leper, her father realized that she would be best suited to the religious life. Brigid got her wish and entered the convent. News of Brigid's good works spread and soon many young girls from all over the country joined her in the convent. Brigid founded many convents all over Ireland; the most famous one was in Co. Kildare. It is said that this convent was built beside an oak tree where the town of Kildare now stands. The Abbey of Kildare became one of the most prestigious monasteries in Ireland, and was famous throughout Christian Europe.

St. Brigid died in AD 525 at the age of 75 and was buried in a tomb before the High Altar of her Abbey church. After some time, her remains were exhumed and transferred to Downpatrick to rest with the two other patron saints of Ireland, St. Patrick and St. Columcille. St. Brigid is the female patron saint of Ireland. Making a St. Brigid's cross is one of the traditional rituals in Ireland to celebrate the beginning of early spring, St. Brigid and her cross are linked together by the story that she wove this form of cross at the death bed of either her father or a pagan lord, who upon hearing what the cross meant, asked to be baptized.

