



The Catholic Parish
of
Celbridge
and
Straffan



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PLANNED GIVING: (weekly envelope collection) €1,975 Thanks to all the collectors and contributors.

Parishioners: We are looking for a family to represent the parish at a Special Mass with the Archbishop in the Pro Cathedral, on Sunday June 26th, the feast of Corpus Christi at 11am, The special Mass is to launch the year of preparation for the Eucharist Congress 2012 in the diocese and in our parishes.

Please contact the Parish office if you are available to attend.

Congratulations to the children from the Ark programme who celebrated First Eucharist on Saturday 4th June.

"We pray that they may always know that "Jesus loves them to bits", and they will share in that love often in Holy Communion". Fr. Kevin.

Upcoming Events:

St Patrick's Primary School is holding a fund raising clothes collection. All bags can be dropped into the school between 9 am and 3 pm daily.

Saturday 11th June, A Bric a Brac Sale will be held in the Mill in aid of the Youth Café from 11 am to 2 pm.

Sunday 26th June instead of the share collection there will be a special collection to fund the International Eucharist Congress

**ARCHDIOCESE OF DUBLIN
OFFICIAL PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES**

The people of the Archdiocese may join the Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes, as Associates, by being enrolled and by making a voluntary offering. The money collected will be devoted to defraying the expenses of the Sick Pilgrims Section. They will receive in return, as Associates, an enrolment leaflet outlining the prayers for Associates. The enrolment sheets containing the names of the Associates will be placed at the Grotto during the Pilgrimage. Mass will be offered for all the Associate Members at the Grotto in Lourdes. You can enrol at the back of the Church.
The sick pilgrims thank you for your support.

St. Patrick's Church Celbridge: Vigil Sat 7pm, Sunday: 8.30am, 10am, 11.15am, 12.30 & 7pm.

Week day Mass 10am & 7pm

St Brigid's Church Straffan: Vigil Sat. 6pm, Sunday 11am.

Week day Mass 10am

Confessions: Celbridge: Saturday 10.30am. **Straffan** Saturday 5.30pm

Baptisms: St Patrick's Church – Sunday 2pm St Brigid's Church. Last Sunday of the month at 12.15pm

Pre- Baptism meetings Tuesday 8pm in St. Patrick's Church. To book contact Myles 01 6275942.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament : Every Friday morning after 10am Mass in St Patrick's and St. Brigid's Church until 11.30am.

No evening Mass Mon 6th June (Bank Holiday) Morning Mass 11am

St Vincent De Paul. This weekend the Society will be holding their usual monthly collection after all Masses. Your support, ever appreciated, helps us to alleviate to some extent the many needs of the less fortunate among us.

About the Mass

Having prepared the bread and wine for the Eucharist, the priest invites all present to pray that our sacrifice may be acceptable to God, the Almighty Father. Now of course the one saving death of Jesus Christ on the Cross is permanently acceptable to the Father. It is in our doing this, in remembrance of Christ, that we pray we may be found worthy by the Father.

This invitation was added to the Roman Liturgy by the Franks around 850 A.D. For many years the response was recited by the servers on behalf of the people. Today the response rises from the whole congregation. It captures eloquently the purpose of the Eucharist as directed towards "the praise and glory of His (The Lord's) name, for our good, and the good of all His Church". A spirit of joy and enthusiasm should emanate as the celebrant and people speak these words.
A dull monotonous utterance should never occur.

Fr. P. Taylor P.P.

**Parish Pilgrimage to the Holy Land
September 16th - 24th**

There are currently 19 parishioners going on the pilgrimage, and **there are still some vacancies available.** The trip offers an opportunity to see the places where Jesus was born, grew up and lived, and the sights associated with many great events of the gospel.

For more information contact the parish office.

Mass Intentions:

St Brigid's Church: Sunday 11am Rose Travers

St Patrick's Church: Saturday 7pm Michael Delaney, **Sunday** 8.30am Thomas Holmes, 10am John Gallagher, 11.15 Deceased O'Connor and Young family, 12.30 Anthony Fox, 7pm Michael and Nancy Farrell.

Please also pray for the Kenny and Slaughter deceased family, Albert Baker and Lily O'Connor who died recently.

6th 11am Bridget Reddy, **7th 10am** Deceased Reidy and Sheridan family, **7pm** Ellen Kavanagh, **8th 10am** Thomas and Mary Moore, **7pm** Rose and John Murray, **9th 10am** John McKenna and deceased family, **7pm** Martin and Mary McDonagh, **10th 10am** Timothy Moynihan, **7pm** Vera Hayes, **11th 10am** John and Mary Cleary.

Parish Census: Between now and the summer we are having a complete census of the Parish. This is very important as it will let us know those who wish to be considered members of the Church and it will help us plan for the future in terms of Masses, Sacraments, Education in Faith and Pastoral Care.

Would you be willing to help prepare the envelopes for distribution. If so, if you come into the sacristy after the 10am morning Mass or the 7pm evening Mass, for just 30 minutes we can get things underway, from Monday 6th June.

Stage 2: If we have 180 volunteers, each of whom would bring the census form to fifty houses, we would cover the whole parish. All you would be asked to do, is call to the house, hand in the sealed envelope and if the resident is not there, to leave the envelope in the letter box. If you are willing to help distribute the envelopes please pop your name / telephone no. on the sheets at the back of the Church.

Cemetery Sunday

Mass will be celebrated in **Donaghcumper Cemetery** on Sunday 12th June at 3.00pm. **Straffan Cemetery** 13th July 7.30pm

We welcome into our faith community, the children recently baptised Jaq Mutia, Abbie and John Walsh, Grace Whitlow, Ruby Woods, Johnny Connolly and Mairéad Gilchrist.

Recently deceased:

Lily O'Connor : We offer our sympathy to the family of Lily who died recently at the age of 95. Her five children, grandchildren, great grandchildren have great memories of a wonderful person, who always had a great sense of humour, and was very positive in her nature. She moved to Celbridge at the age of five and had a great attachment to the town. She also regaled people with funny stories and events that happened over the years in the town. She will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting held a special meeting on Monday the 30th May

The issues discussed

- ◆ Possible Mass time changes
- ◆ Eucharist adoration
- ◆ Feast of Corpus Christi / Procession 26th June
- ◆ Parish P.C. Induction Ceremony
- ◆ First Eucharist (First Holy Communion) review/ discussion and considerations going forward.
- ◆ Straffan Church: celebration of the 225th anniversary

Our next meeting will be held on the 13th June



ITS PENTECOST!!

All are Welcome to the 'Birthday Bash' next

Saturday (11th) @ 7 Footprints Gospel Mass

WORLD YOUTH DAY

Madrid

August 16-21, 2011



Six Young Adults from our Parish

will represent us at the WYD

gathering with Pope Benedict XVI

There will be a special blessing for them

next Saturday at this Mass (11th).

St. Patricks Senior Parish Choir, has a vacancy for a part-time organist. The organist would be required to accompany the choir for Sunday mass, for church ceremonies, weekly rehearsals on Thursday evenings and to accompany the choir to choral festivals and competitions. The ideal candidate would be energetic, dynamic and an enthusiastic musician. An ability to assist the Musical Director in rehearsals would be required and to fill in for the Musical Director on occasions'. This is a remunerated position. Please send applications to The Senior Choir Secretary, C/O The Celbridge Parish Office, Main Street, Celbridge, Co. Kildare or e-mail FAO Senior Choir Secretary, celbridgeparishoffice@gmail.com. Closing date for applications is Friday 10th of June 2011.