



The Catholic Parish
of
Celbridge
and
Straffan



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We welcome our Archbishop Dr. Diarmuid Martin to our parish this weekend. He is the main Celebrant of the 6pm Mass in Straffan to mark the 225th Anniversary of the opening of St. Brigid's Church.

It is wonderful to reflect that 40 years before Catholic Emancipation in 1829, relations between Christians in this area were so good, that Mr Henry (after whom Henry St. in Dublin is named), a protestant, helped Catholics to build this little Church.

PLANNED GIVING: PLANNED GIVING

Weekly Envelope Collection: €1,500. Your continued support is very much appreciated. Thanks also to the collectors.

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.

Advance notice: On Sunday January 1st and January 8th the 9.30am Mass will be celebrated at **10am**, to allow live broadcasting of Mass from Celbridge on RTE radio.

"Do This in Memory of Me" Masses for the children preparing for first Eucharist take place next week end the 17th & 18th December

St. Patrick's Church

Saturday 17th 6.30pm - Scoil Na Mainistreach
Sunday 18th 9.30am - Scoil Brid
Sunday 18th 11am - Scoil Mochua
Sunday 18th 7pm - St Patrick's and the Children's Ark

St. Brigid's Church

Sunday 18th 11am St. Brigid's School Straffan and the Glebe

The Senior Choir launched its new Christmas carol CD, O Holy night.

The CD features many of our favourite Christmas carols including adeste fidelis, joy to the world, silent night and hark the herald. The CD will be available locally at a cost of €10.

Advance notice: On Sunday 18th December Exposition & Benediction of Blessed Sacrament, **will not take place** in St. Patrick's Church due to the Christmas Carol Concert taking place at that time.

Christmas Carol Concert

DUBLIN CONCERT BAND
& Parish Choirs

Sunday 18th December 3.30 - 4.30 pm

a Christmas Festival of

Favourite Carols
Concert Pieces
Christmas Sing-a-long

AND

Mince Pies & Refreshments



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 12.15pm

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 10am Mass.

Weekend Mass Intentions:

St Brigid's Church
Sunday 11am Anne Doran

St. Patrick's Church:

Saturday

6.30pm Claire O'Leary

Sunday

8.30am Chris Donovan

9.30am Rose Fitzgerald

11am Val Farrell

12.30am James Kavanagh

7pm Basil Geraghty

We remember in our prayers

those who died in our parish recently: Nancy Murray, Bill Blake, Paddy Byrne, Mick (Michael) Cotter. We offer our sympathy to their families.

We welcome into our faith community the children

recently baptised: Caoimhe Kennedy, Charlie Cooke, Aidan Lernihan, Lily Daniels, Sophie McEvoy and Abbie Stamper.

Congratulations.



Santa is coming to Straffan GAA this Sunday 11th December at 3pm. There will be fun for all the children.

Play & Pray. This Sunday 11th December the children's liturgy group will be offered for all the boys & girls between 4-7years of age @ 11am Eucharist in Celbridge & Straffan. At the moment, due to the number of volunteers we have, we can only invite 25 children for the play & pray. If we have more volunteers we could offer the play & pray for more children. If you wish get involved please contact Christina Malone, Parish Pastoral Worker 085 – 8519110 or/and come along for the next planning meeting on 14th December @ 8pm in St. Patrick's Church in Celbridge.

"Welcoming Service" for all the boys and girls who will be baptised in the next few weeks will be celebrated on Sunday 11th and 18th December during the 11am mass. This Welcoming Service is one of the main elements in our new programme we offer for the parent(s)/ guardian(s) to journey towards the Sacrament of baptism. For more info's about Dates for the Welcoming Service please see the info at the Noticeboard at the entrance of the Church. For parent(s)/ guardian(s) who wish that their child be baptized into our Catholic Community please notice that due to the demand it might take six weeks to book a date for the Sacrament of Baptism. If you have any questions and/or enquires please contact Christina Malone, Parish Pastoral Worker, 085 85191104.

Parochial House

To prevent damage from the leaking roof and erosion of the chimney, repairs are been undertaken on the house. We are intending to restore this heritage house and important parts of our parish history so that the house and Eustace centre will be safe and beautiful.

Weekday Mass Intentions

12th 10am Margaret and Susan Teague, 7.30pm Margaret Gillis,

13th 10am Brendan Crawley, 7.30pm Michael Quinlan,

14th 10am Deceased members of the Crowe, Lee and Nolan families, 7.30pm Noreen Carney,

15th 10am Sean Doyle, 7.30pm Elizabeth Logan,

16th 10am Alice and Michael Harte, 7.30pm Mary Browne and deceased family,

17th 10am Teresa McNamara, 5pm Gerry McDermott (month's mind).

St Vincent De Paul

The Annual Christmas Appeal takes place this week- end.

I would firstly like to thank you for your support and co-operation over the past number of years. The success of our continuing appeal is in no small measure due to your assistance and support. The Share Collection will be replaced by the annual collection for the St Vincent De Paul Society this week- end.

It is probably unnecessary to reiterate that a successful Christmas Church Collection is vital in enabling us to expand our programmes of assistance to those in need throughout the Diocese during 2012. On behalf of the members of the Society in Dublin, I offer you our sincere thanks for your continue support.

Christmas Mass Intentions

Christmas Cards: A novena of Masses (9 Masses) will be offered on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day for the intention of those named on the special Mass cards. Each Mass card cost €5 and can be purchased in the sacristy, or at the back of the Church after Sunday Masses.

When purchasing the card please give the name of the person for the intention.

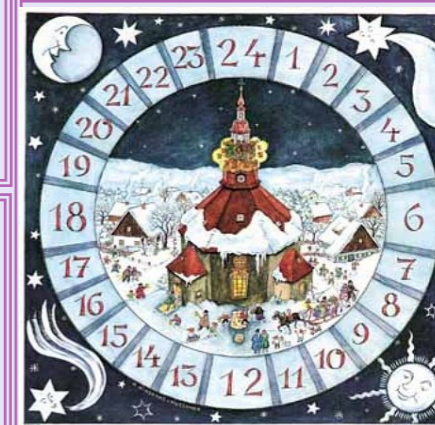
The Halo Project

Out Reach Support in Celbridge

The Halo project will be providing outreach support for parents/ carers who may be concerned about a young adolescent who may be experiencing difficulties around substance misuse. If you or someone you know feels that you may need some help or advice and are confused as where to go or who to talk to about your worries. The Halo project will be available to talk with you in this new drop-in service in a caring confidential way with advice, help and support around your concerns.

This service is free and available on Mondays 10am-1pm No appointment necessary 'Old Stone House' Main Street, Celbridge, Co. Kildare. If you have any queries or would like more information please contact me

Linda Cooney 087-6747571/ 045-872500 Halo Project worker / counselling psychologist



Children's Corner

Just as the light of the Advent wreath grows brighter, we pray that the light of Jesus will grow brighter in our lives too.

Amen.