



**The Catholic Parish
of
Celbridge
and
Straffan**



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PLANNED GIVING: Weekly Envelope Collection for the recent weeks are as follows: 21.12.2014 - €2,801
28.12.2014 - €2,086
04.01.2015 - €1,841

We sincerely appreciate your generosity to the Planned Giving collection which is the only collection used for the care and maintenance of the Parish.
If you would like to support the Parish through the standing order please contact the Parish Office.
Thanks also to the collectors.

Important Advice: During the winter months especially with the flu and vomiting bugs around, it is better at the Sign of Peace not to shake hands, but to acknowledge the other person in a different way e.g. A little bow.

Advance notice

The next 'Do This In Memory' Mass for the Children preparing for First Holy Communion will take place on the weekend of the 17th / 18th January. The Masses in **St. Patrick's Church** are the 6.30pm, 9.30am, 11am.
The Mass in **St. Brigid's Church, Straffan** is the Sunday 11am.
We will keep them in our prayers as they continue on their journey.

Farewell to Christina

Our Parish Pastoral Worker Christina is being transferred to another parish in the diocese. We wish her well and thank her for the work she did in our faith community during the time she was here.

Blessing for Babies Baptised in 2014

The special blessing ceremony for all the children, who have been baptized in 2014 in our parish, will be celebrated this Sunday the 11th January @ 2.30pm in St. Patrick's Church, Celbridge.

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

Table Quiz: The ACRE Project Annual Table Quiz on Friday 23 January at 8.00pm in the Kildrought Lounge. Cost is €10 per person and teams of four for each table. To book a table: t./f. +353 1 627 1249 or RoI LoCall 1 890 25 33 70
Email: acre@infomarex.com For further information click on: www.acreproject.com

Parish Office:

Parish secretary: Bernadette 01 6288827 /Parish Mobile 0858662255 **Office Hours: 9.30am - 1pm Monday - Friday** except Wednesday - Office is closed.

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Confirmation Programme

A reminder to the Candidates for Confirmation to put their completed Mass project forms in the red box beside the Christmas Advent Wreath at the top of the Church.
The deadline for this project is this Sunday 11th January the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord Jesus.

We welcome into our faith community the children recently baptised:

Julia Rose Shaw

Congratulations to her family



New Years Resolution

Are you interested in meeting new friends, have a chat and a cuppa?

Our over 50's Club [Silver Thread] resumes on Wednesday 14th January in Room 1 Mill Centre from 10 30am.

We would love to see you there.

For more information please contact us on Mobile 0857201191 or 6271639.

Weekend Mass Intentions:

St Brigid's Church

Saturday 6pm: Patrick & Brigid Campbell, & son Patrick

Sunday 11am: Teresa McGarr

St. Patrick's Church:

Saturday

6.30pm: Martha McAllister (1st Anniversary)

Sunday

8.30am: Jacinta Wright

9.30am: Bridie & Jack Smyth

11am: Juliana Brady & Devine Family

12.30pm: The Clyne & Corrigan deceased family

7pm: Brendan Mahon

Weekday Mass Intentions

Mon 12th 10am Tommy Queenan **7pm** Birdie Hickey

Tues 13th 10am Dolly Condell **7pm** Dolly Condell

Wed 14th 10am Tony Lawlor **7pm** Noeleen Brashford

Thur 15th 10am Willian Connolly **7pm** Special intention

Fri 16th 10am Sheila Gyver **7pm** William Bermingham

Sat 17th 10am Brendan Lyons

We remember in our prayers **Alice Feeley** and **Maura Kealy** whose funeral took place on Saturday in St. Patrick's Church. We offer our sympathy to their families.

Alzheimer Café – South County Dublin : Wednesday January 14th at 7.00pm
Topic: **The stages of caring - meeting the challenge of changing roles and needs**
Speaker: Dr Andrea Higgins, Senior Neuropsychologist, Bloomfield Services.
Location: Bloomfield Hospital
Admission is FREE & Refreshments are served
www.bloomfield.ie / Alzheimercafe.aspx

The Deep End • Water of Life

Water, water everywhere! For a natural resource, water can be very controversial, even a political issue, as we have discovered in Ireland in recent years. After all, we need water to stay alive. And as we know, sadly there are people in many parts of the world for whom clean drinking water is a struggle.

Water is a powerful symbol throughout the Old and New Testament, from the story of creation and the crossing of the Red Sea, to the wedding feast at Cana and Jesus' encounter with the woman at the well. It is a symbol of life, an opportunity for God to teach us something, as well as a means of cleansing or purification.

Today, we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord, when Jesus was baptised by John in the Jordan. This immersion in water marks the beginning of Jesus' public ministry. Water is a powerful symbol in Baptism; when the priest pours water over the child or adult being baptised, it is a sign that our sins' are being washed away and that we are entering a new spiritual life. This gift is freely available to us throughout our lives.

In today's First Reading we are invited: 'Come to the water all you who are thirsty'.

For those interested in overseas volunteering and/or joining the VC Training Course on Overseas Development & Mission, Viatores Christi (VC) will hold an Information & Recruitment Session on Saturday 17th January 2015 at 12.00 at VC HQ, 8 New Cabra Road, Phibsboro, Dublin 7 Tel. 01-868 9986 info@viatoreschristi.com www.viatoreschristi.com

Mass Times

St. Patrick's Church, Celbridge

Saturday (Vigil) 6.30 pm
Sunday 8.30am, 9.30am, 11am, 12.30pm
Weekday Mass: 10am & 7pm
Holy Days: 7pm (vigil), 8am, 10am, 7pm.
Bank Holidays: 11am.
Confessions: Saturday after 10am Mass

Mass Times

St Brigid's Church

Saturday (Vigil) 6pm.
Sunday 11am.
Weekday Mass 9.15am.
Holy Days 10am.
Confessions: Saturday after 6pm Mass

**101st World Day of Migrants & Refugees 18th January
Prayer for Migrants**

Dear Lord,

Be with the displaced and the migrant.
Be with those who have lost contact with their families.
Be with those who long for a friendly face.
Be with those who long for a loving touch. Be with those who are weary and find it hard to keep going. Be with those who are cold and long for a warm fire and a cosy chair. Be with those who sleep on hard ground and long for a comfortable bed. Be with those who have no home. Be with those who long to feel safe from wars and hatred. Be with those who are in hiding from violent people. Be with those who have lost hope.
Be with those today who have to leave their homes to look for a better or a safer life. Grant them a safe journey and welcome wherever they go.
Be with those who have been trafficked. Grant that they might meet a compassionate person who will release them and give them back their freedom.
Be with those who are vulnerable and alone, especially children. Grant them protection from those who would exploit their vulnerability.

Be with those today who are separated from loved ones at the time of death. Grant them a safe home in heaven and eternal life in your presence.

Be with me today and with those I love. Help us to recognise you in all the people we meet, in the homeless, in the sick, in the needy, and in the stranger. Help us to extend a caring hand to all your people so that we can build a better, just and caring world where all will be one. In the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Our Parish Mission Statement:

"As Believers in Jesus Christ and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we seek to live and share the joy of His Gospel message".