



The Catholic Parish
of
Celbridge
and
Straffan



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PLANNED GIVING: Weekly Envelope Collection: €4,055. Your continued support is very much appreciated. Thanks also to the collectors. If you would like to support the parish through the standing order please contact the parish office 01 6288827/ 0858662255.

Visitation of the Sick: If you or a family member are housebound, unable to come to Mass, and wish to receive Holy Communion, a Minister of the Eucharist will call to your home.

Please contact: Parish office 01 6288827.

St Joseph's Young Priests Society Monthly meeting will take place on Wednesday 15th January at 7.30pm in the meeting room beside the Celbridge sacristy. New members from Straffan and Celbridge very welcome.

The ladies of the Altar Society wish to thank the parishioners for their kind donations towards the cost of the flowers for St. Patrick's Church over Christmas.

They also thank all the parishioners who gave poinsettias that adorned the altar and the windows.

Thank you.

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.

**National Catholic Schools Week:
January 26th - February 1st**

Theme for CSW 2014

Catholic Schools - places of faith and learning was chosen as the theme for 2014 to highlight that all learning takes place in a values context.

This means that all education involves an education in values; in other words, education is never simply about transmitting simple facts. During CSW Catholic schools will celebrate their identity as Catholic schools. There are five essential elements that give the Catholic school its particular characteristic spirit or ethos.

- 1 The belief that the human person is made in the image of God and is therefore worthy of respect and dignity.
- 2 The belief that we meet God in the 'bits and pieces' of everyday life.
- 3 The belief that we are saved as a community.
- 4 The fact that we belong to a tradition.
- 5 The fact that we value knowledge.

More information to follow over the coming weeks.



Weekend Mass Intentions:

St Brigid's Church:
Sunday 11am Desmond Hueston

St. Patrick's Church:

Saturday
6.30pm: Kevin O'Sullivan

Sunday
8.30am: Phyllis Branagan

9.30am: Patrick, Elizabeth, & Thomas Edward, & Peter Kelly

11am: Edmond Hughes

12.30pm: Bridie & Jack Smyth

7pm: PJ O'Sullivan

Weekday Mass Intentions

Mon 13th 10am Eileen Ferguson **7pm** Special Intention

Tues 14th 10am Bill O' Mahoney **7pm** Jim & Kitty Gorman

Wed 15th 10am Eugene Gillis **7pm** Noeleen Bashford

Thur 16th 10am Bridget Gallagher **7pm** William Bermingham

Fri 17th 10am Ted McElligott **7pm** Brendan Lyons

Sat 18th 10am Bridget Baker

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity will be observed from the 18th to the 25th January.

Pope Francis reminds us that 'commitment to ecumenism responds to the prayer of the Lord Jesus that 'they may all be one' (In 17: 21). The credibility of the Christian message would be much greater if Christians could overcome their divisions and the Church could realise "the fullness of catholicity proper to her in those of her children, who though joined to her by baptism, are yet separated from full communion with her". 'We must never forget that we are pilgrims journeying alongside one another.'

(Evangelii Gaudium *244).

The theme for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity "Is Christ Divided?" was chosen by the French Canadian Churches. They reflect on St. Paul's provocative question in 1 Corinthians. This text also points a way in which we can understand each other better as Churches learning from each other's traditions. As Pope Francis "If we concentrate on the convictions we share, and if we keep in mind the principle of the hierarchy of truths, we will be able to progress decidedly towards common expressions of proclamation, service and witness. (Evangelii Gaudium * 246)

Blessing for Babies Baptised in 2013

The special blessing ceremony for all the children, who have been baptized in 2013 will be celebrated

This Sunday 12th January @2.30pm

in St. Patrick's Church.

Christmas Dues :

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

THANK YOU.

ENROLMENT FOR SEPTEMBER 2014 will take place in the following schools on **Wednesday 5th and Thursday 6th 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 Certificate please **text parents' names, name of child and child's date of birth to 085-7021882**. Certificates will be available for collection **3 working days** after text request from the Parish Office in the Parochial House on Main Street from **11.30am - 3.30pm** each day **except Wednesdays**.

Researchers at Trinity College Dublin are currently recruiting participants for a study looking at how sharing meals can be good for our mental and physical health. We are looking for 100 adults aged over 60 who are living alone, and who would like to receive a visitor once weekly for 8 weeks during 2014. Your visitor will be fully trained, and Garda-vetted, and aged over 55. Your visitor will bring ingredients for a meal that you will both prepare and enjoy together. We will cover the costs of the meal, so there is no cost associated with participating! If you are interested in finding out more, please email mchughie@tcd.ie or call 01 896 8414.

Mass Times

St. Patrick's Church, Celbridge

Saturday (Vigil) 6.30 pm
Sunday 8.30am, 9.30am, 11am (Family Mass)
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, 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

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.