

# Palm Sunday



Palm Sunday, often referred to as "Passion Sunday," marks the beginning of Holy Week, which concludes on Easter Sunday. On Palm Sunday we celebrate the triumphal entry of Jesus Christ into Jerusalem, the week before his death and resurrection. The Bible reveals that when Jesus entered Jerusalem, the crowds greeted him by waving palm branches and covering his path with palm branches. Immediately following this great time of celebration in the ministry of Jesus, he begins his journey to the cross.

The biblical account of Palm Sunday can be found in Matthew 21:1-11; Mark 11:1-11; Luke 19:28-44; and John 12:12-19.

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**The Easter timetable is available on the Yellow Sheet at the back of the Church.**

## Watch & Pray

*Come and Watch*

*One hour with Me*

*Music and reflection led by  
Celbridge Folk Choir*

*Holy Thursday 17th April*

*10pm - 11pm*

*St. Patrick's Church*

*All are welcome*



## Good Friday - Prayer Around The Cross



*Music and Reflection led by the Celbridge Folk Choir*

*Good Friday 18th April*

*at 9pm for one hour*

*in St. Patrick's Church*

*Quiet time to pray and reflect.*

## Sacrament of Reconciliation Rite 2

**Monday 14th April 2014**

**7.30pm**

Lent is the season of conversion and return to God. It is a time also in which we can rediscover the joy of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. In the words of Pope Francis:

The forgiveness we receive is not the result of our own efforts, but is the gift of the Holy Spirit reconciling us to God and to each other. While the celebration of the Sacrament is personal, it is rooted in the community of the Church, in which the Holy Spirit is present, uniting us all in Jesus Christ. When confessing our sins then, we confess to the priest who represents not only God but also the community of the Church that accompanies us on the path of conversion. Though this Sacrament is a great treasure, we may be tempted to dismiss it, perhaps due to laziness or embarrassment, or because of a diminishing sense of sin and its effects. Too often, we see ourselves as the centre and measure of all things, and our lives can go adrift.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation calls us back to God, and embraces us with his infinite mercy and joy. May we allow his love to renew us as his children and to reconcile us with him, with ourselves, and with one another.



## Weekend Mass Intentions:

**St Brigid's Church: Saturday 6pm:** Terence Morrissey

**Sunday 11am:** Francis Duffy

## St. Patrick's Church:

**Saturday**

**6.30pm:** Margaret Leyton

**Sunday**

**8.30am:** Barbara Moriarty

**9.30am:** Liam O'Sullivan

**11am:** Ann Quill

**12.30pm:** Johnny & Theresa Johnston, Betty Heffernan

**7pm:** Myles Brazil, Josie & Darragh Brazil

**PLANNED GIVING:** Weekly Envelope Collection: €1938.

Your continued support is very much appreciated.

Thanks also to the collectors.

**Easter Mass Intentions** - Easter Cards: All Masses will of the Easter Triduum be offered for the intention of those named on the special Mass cards. Each Mass card cost €5 and can be purchased in the parish office or in the sacristy after all Masses.

**St. Patrick's Choir Celbridge**, seeks a talented organist, and Choir Director. The church has a long tradition of fine music, featuring the classical repertoire but extending well beyond. The choir has currently about 32 active members.

Inquiries and expressions of interest should be sent to martin.wickham@gmail.com. Interested candidates are also encouraged to visit the church, Main St. Celbridge, at Sunday Mass (12:30 a.m.) to hear the choir.

**School Enrolments:** To meet demand the Boards of Management of Scoil Naomh Brid and Scoil Ná Mainstreach are establishing a third Junior Infant class in each school this year. Both schools have some places left in these classes, so Parents/Guardians, should contact these school if they wish to enrol a child for Junior Infants for September 2014. Scoil Naomh Brid 01 6272922. Scoil Ná Mainstreach 01 6271149

## A Family Mass

*If your child thinks Mass is boring or you just like to get involved in creating a family mass - this is definitely for you!*

We are happy to announce that we will set up a **Family Mass Committee!** First meeting for everyone interested is on **Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> of April at 7.30pm in the Eustace Centre.** If you feel called to get involved or like more information please ring Christina 0858519110.

## Weekday Mass Intentions

**Mon 14th 10am** Peter & Kathleen Sherry **7pm** Greg McDonald

**Tues 15th 10am** James Kirby **7pm** Peg Lenihan

**Wed 16th 10am** Jane Moynihan **7pm** Paddy Murray

Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday - No Morning Mass.

The Easter Timetable available at the back of the Church.

**Recently deceased:** We remember in our prayers **Maureen Greene** whose funeral took place on Wednesday. Maureen was a very active member of our parish community. She travelled approximately 39 times to Lourdes on the Parish pilgrimage, and was renowned for her devotion to St. Anthony. She will be fondly remembered by us all. We offer our sympathy to her family and friends. May they rest in peace.

## The Annual Lourdes Pilgrimage



will take place from 22nd July 2014 (6 nights, full board). Staying at the Hotel Solitude, the all in cost is €719 per person sharing. The fare includes full board, travel insurance and coach links from/to the airport in Lourdes. Accompanied by one of the priest of the parish as spiritual director.

Further details from Liam at 087 3868959.

## Divine Mercy Sunday

A special Divine Mercy Sunday Mass (27th April) will start at 2.30pm in St Patrick's Church, with veneration of the Divine Mercy image and recitation of the Chaplet followed by Mass and a blessing with St Faustina's relic. The Novena Prayer leaflets are available at the back of the Church and the Novena should begin on Good Friday.



Lectio Divina (Latin for *divine reading*) is a traditional Benedictine practise of scriptural reading, meditation and prayer intended to promote communion with God and to increase the knowledge of God's Word. It does not treat Scripture as texts to be studied, but as the Living Word.

With new Easter energy we start on **Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> of April after the 9.15am** (approx. 9.45am) in Straffan Church. Everyone is welcomed! For more information please ring Christina 085 8519110

A special collection for the **Saint Vincent de Paul 'Sunshine Fund'** will take place this weekend 12/13 April in the Church grounds. The Sunshine Fund is a unique part of the Saint Vincent de Paul Society which provides summer holidays in SVP Sunshine House, Balbriggan for children aged 7 - 11. These children typically come from disadvantaged areas and children from Celbridge and Straffan have attended in the past. The collection is the only way the sunshine fund can support these holidays. Please give generously.