



The Catholic Parish  
of  
Celbridge  
and  
Straffan



**PLANNED GIVING:** Weekly Envelope Collection: €2,144. Your continued support is appreciated. Thanks also to the collectors.

**Parish Retreat to Ballyvaloo**

Only 7 places left. If you would like to have a restful weekend of prayer, reflection and delightful walks on the beach at the Ballyvaloo retreat centre in Co. Wexford you can still join the 22 other people taking part and Fr. Brian as Spiritual director. The all in cost including 3 meals each day from Friday evening to Sunday afternoon in your ensuite room is just €170.

To reserve your place please leave your name and payment with Bernadette in the Sacristy.

**WELLSPRINGS CENTRE LENTEN/NEIGHBOURHOOD RETREAT**

Tuesday nights 7.30 – 9.15. Tuesday March 17th, 24th, 31st, 14th April. Retreatants meet once a week for the seven weeks of Lent. Cost €4 a night, concessions can be arranged. To book for the retreat at [wellspringscentre@gmail.com](mailto:wellspringscentre@gmail.com)

**The Apostles' Creed**

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of Heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, Our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into Hell; on the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into Heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God, the Father almighty; from there He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and life everlasting. Amen.

**The 'Do This In Memory' Mass** for the Children preparing for First Holy Communion will take place the weekend of the 21st/ 22nd Feb.

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 rejoice in the Celebration of the Sacrament of First Confession which the children due to make Holy Communion this year are celebrating in these days.

**The 'Joy of the Gospel'**

There will be a special meeting for the members of the Parish Pastoral Council and the Parish Finance Committee to hear about a new initiative by the Archdiocese of Dublin to promote the Joy of the Gospel for the parish. The meeting will take place on Monday the 23rd March at 7.45pm in the St. Eustace's Centre.

**'Percy Pig' - St. Brigid's Church Painting Fund**

We thank the parishioners who have generously contributed to the appeal. The amount raised over the two week-ends was €2,380.40

'Percy Pig' is outside Straffan Church this weekend for all who wish to contribute to it. For those who wish to make a donation to it later please place your donation in the envelope provided and place it in any of the collections bags.



Lord thank you for the special gift of mothers. We ask you to help Mothers everywhere, that they are appreciated for the goodness they show, and bless all mother's in the care of their families.

Lord, on this Mother's Day, give mothers the graces they most need and desire today.

**Happy Mother's Day**

**Advance Notice:**

There will be **NO evening** 7pm Mass on St. Patrick's Day and Easter Sunday.

**The Annual Lourdes Pilgrimage**

will take place from 6th August 2015 (6 nights, full board). Staying at the Hotel Solitude, the all in cost is €759 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 086 0487010.

**The Play and Pray** at 11am Sunday morning Mass urgently need a few more volunteers to help with the energetic team who are helping the children to know Jesus better. Would you be willing to give on hour a month to this delightful service to our younger parishioners? If so please leave your name in the sacristy or text 0858662255

**Weekend Mass Intentions:**

**St Brigid's Church**

**Saturday 6pm:** Annie (Nancy) O'Hagan, John Fenlon

**Sunday 11am:** The Kelly Family

**St. Patrick's Church:**

**Sunday**

**8.30am:** Michael Miller

**9.30am:** Special intention

**11am:** Brendan Byrne

**12.30pm:** Nel Young, Mary & John Young.

**7pm:** Eric, Stacia & John Sherlock. Pearl & Bridie Dempsey

We remember in our prayers **Mary Callaghan** and **Philomena (Phyllis) Collins** whose funeral took place on Wednesday. May they rest in peace

**Lent**

Trocaire boxes - available at the back of the Church. **Trocaire** - Working for a just world. "The Church is likewise conscious of the responsibility which all of us have for our world, for the whole creation, which we must love and protect." Pope Francis

**The Stations of the Cross.** will be prayed after the 10am and 7pm Masses on Friday, and in St. Brigid's Church, Straffan after the 9.15am Mass on Friday.

**St. Patrick's Day** is a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses are at 7pm (vigil 16th) 8.30am, 9.30am, 11am, 12.30pm, No evening Mass **St. Brigid's Straffan** 6pm (vigil 16th), 11am

**Lúireach Phádraig**

Críost liom,  
Críost romham,  
Críost i mo dhiaidh,  
Críost istigh ionam,

Críost fúm,  
Críost os mo chionn,  
Críost ar mo lámh dheas,  
Críost ar mo lámh chlé,

Críost i mo lúí dom,  
Críost i mo sheasamh dom,

Críost i gcróí gach duine atá ag cuimhneamh orm,  
Críost i mbéal gach duine a labhraíonn lom,  
Críost i ngach súil a fhéachann orm,

**Weekday Mass Intentions**

**Mon 16th 10am** Mary Kenny, Bridget & James Kelly, Christopher Lee, Breda Finn, Maura Kealy **7pm** Maureen & Tom Molloy

**Tues 17th 8.30am** Patricia Simkin **9.30am** John & Kathleen Bligh  
**11am** Jack & Ellen Hunt **12.30pm** Paddy Abbott **No evening Mass**

**Wed 18th 10am** Elizabeth Brilly **7pm** Patricia & Francis Lee

**Thur 19th 10am** Gretta Brady, Esther, Frank, & James Kenny, Cora Studley  
**7pm** Nancy & Cyril Healy

**Fri 20th 10am** PP. Augustine **7pm** Bill, James, Josephine Lee, Josie Lidgebird

**Sat 14th 10am** Michael Noonan

**The Feast of St. Joseph is the 19th March.**

**Prayer to St. Joseph**

Ever Glorious St. Joseph, good and faithful servant, God was pleased to place his own family in your care. We thank you for being such a wonderful example of humility and faith, of prayerfulness and courage, in your ordinary daily life. Through your intercession, may God grant us the blessing of living continually in his presence, and responding to his love in our daily lives. When we have lived our days on earth, may God give us the great joy he gave you - that of entering eternal life in the company of Jesus and Mary. Most loving St. Joseph, accept our Novena prayers and obtain for us through your powerful intercession, the favours and graces we ask for in this Novena.

The Bishop's Conference has produced a document to assist reflection on the Marriage Equality Referendum.

A link to the document is also available on the front page of the Diocesan website <http://dublindiocese.ie/2015/03/10/marriage-is-important/>

**Saint Patrick's Breastplate**

Christ with me,  
Christ before me,  
Christ behind me,  
Christ within me,

Christ below me,  
Christ above me,  
Christ on my right hand,  
Christ on my left hand,

Christ in my sleeping,  
Christ in my waking,

Christ in the heart of all who think of me,  
Christ in the mouth of all who speak of me,  
Christ in every eye that looks at me,



**Celbridge GAA Club Mass**

For deceased members and friends  
In GAA Centre, Hazelhatch Rd.

Tuesday 24th March at 8pm

Chief Celebrant: Bishop Eamon Walsh  
Refreshments afterwards. Everyone welcome.

**Easter Mass Intentions - Easter Cards**

All Masses of the Easter Triduum will 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.