



The Catholic Parish of Celbridge and Straffan



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“Do this in Memory”

Today we welcome the Boys and Girls from our parish schools who are continuing the “Do This In Memory Programme” in preparation for the celebration of their First Holy Communion next year.

Human Trafficking

To mark Anti-Human Trafficking Day (18th October), our **FOOTPRINTS** Gospel Mass on 22nd October (6.30, Saturday) will be reflecting on and praying for the victims of this exploitation, especially in Ireland.

Sunday 23rd of October the induction of Christina our parish pastoral worker and Sr. Sile and Charlie Hayes our parish pastoral council representatives for Straffan will take place at the 11am in St Brigid's Church.

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting October

Issues discussed:

- 1) Deanery assembly for the council members 22nd Oct.
- 2) Church Gate Collections enforce conditions of permit
- 3) Feedback on the retreat- Very positive
- 4) Radio Masses arranged for January
- 5) November Services dates organised
- 6) Meeting for ministers of the Eucharist / Word 5th Oct
- 7) Social Evening for volunteers arranged 11th Nov
- 8) Justice peace integrity of creation group
- 9) Noticeboard at church gate to be updated.
- 10) Eucharistic Congress preparation, Desmond Bell parish representative to attend diocesan meeting 10th October.
- 11) Straffan Church Anniversary Celebration taking place on 8th December.

PLANNED GIVING: (weekly envelope collection) was €€1,880. Thanks to all the collectors and contributors.

Children's liturgy group “Play & Pray”

Would you be interested in getting involved in the children's liturgy group as a helper, where the young children go into the other room during Mass, where they have a more suitable liturgy of the word and prayer. If so you are welcome to join for a first info meeting on Wednesday 19th October @8pm in Parochial House, Eustace Centre (Downstairs). Christina Malone, Parish Pastoral Worker 085 - 8519110 or christina.malone@dublindiocese.ie

Are you baptized? If you are, then we need you!

We are looking for parishioners, who would like to get involved in the baptism preparation course. This involvement doesn't require any special knowledge - all it is needed is your open mind, your life experience to attend two training sessions and afterwards the commitment to share at least two hours a month of your time. The two sessions will be held on Saturday 12th Nov 11am – 4.30pm and Saturday 26th Nov 11 am – 4.30pm in Sacristy of St. Patricks Church. (Lunch will be provided for both sessions) Christina Malone, Parish Pastoral Worker 085 - 8519110 or christina.malone@dublindiocese.ie

New Readers for Mass

We're very thankful to all those read at Mass in our parish. We would, however, like to add to our list of readers. If you feel called to this special ministry, please leave your name into the box in the sacristy. There will be a period of discernment and a preparation course for all new readers.

Baptism Programme: A special programme of preparation for Children over 4 years who have not been baptised and whose family wish them to be baptised will begin in November. Contact Christina, Parish Pastoral Worker 085 8519110

Weekend Mass Intentions:

St Brigid's Church: Saturday: Margaret Forbes (months mind)

Sunday: Christina Jimmy and Eugene Rowley

St. Patrick's Church: Saturday (vigil) 6.30pm Tony Farrell,

Sunday 8.30am Joseph and Roseanne Ready, **9.30am** Pro Populo,

11am Annie and Anthony Dunne,

12.30pm Michael and Maureen Donohue, Margaret and Frank Browne,

7pm Tom, Teresa and Bridie Beirne, John Redmond.

Weekday Mass Intentions:

Mon 17th 10am Ellen Fitzgerald, **7.30pm** Carmel Brophy,

Tue 18th 10am Thomas Ferguson, **7.30pm** Eileen Cooney,

Wed 19th 10am Special intention **7.30pm** Joseph Dominic

Mahon, Paddy Cotter, **20th 10am** Kitty Carton,

7.30pm Daniel Quinn, **21st 10am** Kitty Fitzsimons,

7.30pm Veda and Jim King, **22nd 10am** Jacinta Cotter, Fr.

Tommy Mannion.

May she rest in peace

On Saturday 8th October the funeral took place of Mrs Kitty Fitzsimons who died at the age of 95. Kitty was born here in Celbridge and married Christy in St. Patrick's Church.

Kitty enjoyed good health and maintained a keen interest in life right up to the time of her death.

She is survived by her three children Paddy, Mary, and Breda and five grand children. She was a woman of strong faith and prayed the rosary every day.

We offer our prayers and sympathy to her family.

Message from Fr. Taylor P.P.

I know many parishioners value the presence of the Altar Servers at our celebration of the Mass. In order to conform with Child Protection Policy we need volunteers, at least four in Celbridge, and four in Straffan who would be willing to work with the Altar servers. Obviously such persons will have to be Garda Vetted and receive some training. If we cannot find people willing to undertake this form of service we will have to discontinue the altar server's presence. If you are willing to help please leave your number with Bernadette at the parish office 01 6288827.

Church gate collections

The Parish has expressed concern about the frequency of Church Gate Collections, over which the parish has no say or control. Parishioners are reminded that such collections are required by the Law to be at least 25m (40 feet) away from the gates of the Church. Such collectors are not allowed to collect in the Convent Avenue or at the school car park. The St Vincent De Paul collection will continue to take place in the Church grounds on the 1st Sunday of the month. Your help in enforcing these rules is requested.

During the month of October the Rosary will be recited at the Grotto in Celbridge at 8pm after the 7.30pm. All welcome.

November Altar List of the Dead envelopes will be available this week at the back of the Church.

During the year all Masses on the first Friday are offered for all those who are named on the altar list of the dead.

We welcome into our faith community the children recently baptised: Cayla Geoghegan Westwood, Maximilian Farrell, Millie O'Hare, Aoibhí Connell and Ciaran Kennedy.

Confirmation 2012

We would like to thank all who volunteered to join the confirmation team, but we need a few more volunteers in helping to prepare the children of the parish for confirmation. The programme “You Shall Be My Witness” is very user friendly, and offers adults an opportunity to journey with the young people of the parish towards the celebration of their Confirmation. The time commitment will be no more than 10 hours over the whole year.

Welcome to all new Volunteers -

A little bit of your precious time can make all the difference.

St. John of God Kildare Services would like to welcome members of the public to a Volunteer Open Information Day and Evening on Wednesday 19th October from 9am to 9pm in Oakley Park House, St. Raphael's, Celbridge. Interested applicants are invited to drop in anytime during the day to discuss volunteering and see what options are available to them.

For further information contact Volunteer Co-ordinator at 01-6012451 or email admin.kildare@sjog.ie

Sunday 16th October Exposition & Benediction of Blessed Sacrament, third Sunday from 4pm to 5.30pm, concluding with evening prayer of the Church and Benediction at 5.15pm,

Wednesday 19th October St Joseph's Young Priests Society meeting, directly after the 7.30pm evening Mass. in the meeting room beside the Sacristy, **new members very welcome**

Month of November

During November we will have in our church a **‘Wall of Remembrance’**.

You are invited to bring in memorial cards, or a (small) photograph of your loved ones who have died (include their name and when they died), and they will be placed on the wall. There will be a special collection box for these in the sacristy, and at each Mass. This box will be in available from the last week in October. The wall will be placed in the Church (St Patricks) for the month of November, after which you are asked to collect your card or photo.

“Service of Light” Mass for the parishioners who died in the last year, will be held on the Friday 4th November in Celbridge and Monday 7th November in Straffan.

Blessing of the graves ceremony will take place on Sunday 6th November at 12 noon in Straffan and at 3.30pm in Donaghcumper Cemetery, Celbridge.

The cemetery committee requests that we inform you of the following:

“When tidying up graves we request that you do not put stones, clay or any heavy material in the bins as it makes the job of moving the bins too difficult. We would ask everyone to please adhere to this request.”



Morning Prayer

God, in whom we live and move, awaken us to your presence that we may walk in your world as your children.

Grant us respect for your creation, that we may treat our brothers and sisters with courtesy,

and all things living with gentleness,

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.



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 Tuesday 8pm in St. Patrick's Church. To book contact Myles 01 6275942.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament : Every Friday morning before 10am Mass (9am - 9.50am) in St Patrick's Church St. Brigid's Church after Mass.