



The Catholic Parish  
of  
Celbridge  
and  
Straffan



**Funeral Ministry Team**

Funerals are a way of expressing our beliefs, thoughts and feelings about the death of someone we love. Over the last few months twelve members of the Parish have been preparing to become part of a Funeral Ministry Team to work with families, to help and support them at this difficult time.

It is now accepted in many parishes for a Funeral Ministry Team to work in collaboration with the priests to assist at Funerals. The role of the Team usually entails: after an initial visit from the priest, two members visiting the home to help prepare the Liturgy, to liaise with the priest and then assist at the Funeral Services.

We are aware that this pastoral service to the Parish requires sensitivity and commitment and we thank the team for accepting this role.

**ADVANCE NOTICE --- Crosscare Youth Services**

PLEASE GIVE US YOUR SUPPORT AT ALL MASSES NEXT WEEKEND

The Annual Collection for CROSSCARE Youth Services - Social Support Agency of the Catholic Archdiocese of Dublin will take place at all masses NEXT weekend (23rd & 24th MAY) It will replace the normal SHARE Collection

My Dear People,

Next weekend I am asking you to support the work of *Crosscare*, the Diocesan Social Care Service, with marginalised and vulnerable children and young people across our Archdiocese by giving as generously as you can in the second collection next weekend. All our young people are growing up in a fast moving world that is difficult for us to keep up with. For children who are fortunate to be part of a loving and stable home, getting through adolescence can be a very challenging process. For the children *Crosscare* work with the challenges are huge.

These children have to deal with a whole range of other problems. They are dealing with poor housing and homelessness, domestic violence, prejudice and racism, drug and alcohol abuse and high levels of criminality and violence in their communities.

The services *Crosscare* are providing are targeted at those children who are most in need. They include: drop in centres, youth cafes, outdoor learning (adventure sports), counselling, developmental programmes, leadership training and a range of projects delivered through the mediums of sports, art, drama and music.

The community of the followers of Jesus Christ have a special responsibility to reach out and bring Christian care to those who are burdened and marginalised, especially children .. I would like to thank you for your support for *Crosscare* over the years. I know that its staff take the trust and responsibility given to them very seriously and I urge you to support them once again in this appeal.

+ Diarmuid Martin,

Archbishop of Dublin

**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 **Fr. Brian McKittrick** as spiritual director. Further details from Liam at 0873868959



**PLANNED GIVING: Weekly Envelope Collection:**

The amount this week €1,675. Thank you for your generosity to the Planned Giving Collection. Thanks also to the collectors.

**I'm Back Again**

**'Percy Pig'**

**Our Parish Piggy Bank**

**"I like to be fed !!!!!**

I eat - all loose change, coins & notes

I eat from 1cent to 2euro coins and more.

My source of food can be found in your drawers, in the cups, in glasses, in your handbag and even in your trousers pocket.

The bigger the bundle of coins the happier I am. C'mon feed me I need fattening up! I will be outside both Parish Churches at all Masses this weekend



**Weekend Mass Intentions:**

**St Brigid's Church**

**Saturday 6pm:** John Cully

**Sunday 11am:**

**St. Patrick's Church:**

**Saturday**

**6.30pm:** Ita O'Dowd

**Sunday**

**8.30am:** Mary Nelson

**9.30am:** John King

**11am:** Sheila & Oliver Noonan

**12.30pm:** Patrick & Mary Core, & members of Core family, Elizabeth Dignam, Thomas & Rose O'Hea

**7pm:** Jim & Emmett Brady, Eugene Craig

**Traditional Hymn for May**

Bring flow'rs of the fairest,  
Bring flow'rs of the rarest,  
From garden and woodland  
And hillside and vale;  
Our full hearts are swelling,  
Our Glad voices telling  
The praise of the loveliest Rose of the vale.  
Chorus:  
O Mary! we crown thee with blossoms today,  
Queen of the Angels, Queen of the May,  
O Mary! we crown thee with blossoms today,  
Queen of the Angels, Queen of the May  
Their lady they name thee,  
their mistress proclaim thee.  
O, grant that thy children on earth be as true,  
as long as the bowers  
are radiant with flowers  
as long as the azure shall keep its bright hue.  
Chorus:

**Regina Coeli**

**(Recited instead of the Angelus from Easter to Pentecost)**

Queen of Heaven, rejoice. Alleluia.  
For He Whom Thou was worthy to bear. Alleluia.  
Has risen as He promised. Alleluia.  
Pray for us to our God. Alleluia.  
Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary. Alleluia.  
For the Lord has risen indeed. Alleluia.

Let us pray: O God, Who gave joy to the world through the resurrection of Thy Son Our Lord Jesus Christ, grant, we beseech Thee, that, through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, His Mother, we may attain the joys of eternal salvation. Through the same Christ Our Lord. Amen.

**Weekday Mass Intentions**

**Mon 18th 10am** Brendan Hannigan **7pm** Special intention

**Tues 19th 10am** Frank Smith **7pm** Evelyn & Patrick McDermott  
Sean, Peter Michael & Bill

**Wed 20th 10am** Martha Mulligan **7pm** Martin Kelly

**Thur 21st 10am** Mamie White **7pm** Kathleen Murphy

**Fri 22nd 10am** Edward, Bríd, & Celine Flynn **7pm** Gerard Peppard (1st anniv)

**Sat 23rd 10am** Pauline Cusack

We pray for the children from St. Patrick's, Scoil Naomh Bhríde Straffan and The Ark Programme who received their First Holy Communion on Saturday and for the children from Scoil Bríd, Celbridge who will be receiving their First Holy Communion in St. Patrick's Church on the 23rd May.

Do you want to learn more about the possibility of overseas volunteering and/or training in Overseas Development & Mission? Viatores Christi (VC) will hold an Information & Recruitment Session on Saturday 23rd May 2015 at 12.00 at VC HQ, 8 New Cabra Road, Phibsboro, Dublin 7. Telephone 868 9986 info@viatoreschristi.com www.viatoreschristi.com

The Blessington Millennium Choir will hold a fund raising concert in Straffan Church of Ireland next Sunday 17th May at 7.30pm **in aid of the Building Restoration Fund of the Celbridge Parish Hall.**

The choir will be singing Charles Gounod - Messe Solennelle de Sainte Cecile, several Bach Cantatas including a tribute to Ruarc Gahan. Charles Pearson on Organ and Paul Linehan (Tenor) are invited soloists.

There will be a glass of wine beforehand at 7:00pm. Tickets are €10 and will be available on the night. Details are on the Straffan Church of Ireland parish website.

**Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage**

To help send sick people to Lourdes whose financial circumstances are limited you are invited to become an associate member of the Dublin Diocesan Pilgrimage by placing an offering in the box provided at the top of the Church and placing your name on the sheet provided. Thank you.

**The Rosary at the Grotto.** The Rosary will be recited at Our Lady's Grotto, Celbridge on the Fridays of May at 7.30 pm. Legion Of Mary

**The ACRE Project** will hold its  
4th Annual Summer Plant sale

at the Salesian College, Maynooth Road, Celbridge  
on Saturday /Sunday, 23rd and 24th May  
from 11 am to 5 pm  
with  
quality plants inc; summer bedding, hanging baskets,  
shrubs, and window boxes on offer.

The new polytunnels will be open for inspection, refreshments served and a garden-related raffle held. The ACRE Project hosts and/or runs an average of eight courses every quarter.