



**The Catholic Parish
of
Celbridge
and
Straffan**



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PLANNED GIVING: Weekly Envelope Collection: €1,280.

A big thank you to all the parishioners who have supported the parish by taking a box of envelopes or have signed up to the direct debit. Our financial year will end on 30th Nov and new boxes will be distributed to you over the coming week. In these difficult times there is a lot of demands and we appreciate the generosity and sacrifice so many parishioners make to keep both churches open clean and welcoming. If you would like to support the parish through the standing order please contact the parish office 01 6288827.

Tax Repayment Scheme 2013 has been changed. The main changes are

- PAYE and Self Employed taxpayers are treated in the same way.
 - The Parish can claim a repayment equal to 45% of donations if they equal or exceeds €250 in the year. Our accounts year starts on 1st Dec and ends on 30th Nov each year.
 - To qualify for a tax repayment parishioners are asked to complete a form CHY3.
- A letter is being issued to all parishioners who contribute to the Planned Giving collection. If you wish to confirm the amount paid by you to date please text your Name and Box No to 085 7021882.

Message from Fr. Paul P.P.

Many of the parishioners may have noticed that I have been losing weight recently, it was not due to dieting but due to some health issues which I am having investigated. It is recommended that I take some leave and rest. While resting I am unable to receive visitors.

However I would ask you to keep me in your prayers and I am very grateful for your support.

"Remembering a loved one at Christmas" in aid of St. Brigid's Hospice, Kildare.

Please support our fundraising event by sponsoring a Light in Memory of a deceased loved one this Christmas. Pick up a special envelope at the back of the church. Envelopes can be placed in the church collection baskets at all masses up to and including Sunday the 1st of December; or in the special drop-box in Celbridge Credit Union. Your support is greatly appreciated.

A *Lighting of the Tree Remembrance Service & Carol singing takes place in St. Patrick's Church, Sunday the 8th of December at 5pm.*

You can also donate online at <http://www.mycharity.ie/event/rememberingalovedone2013>

Message from Archbishop Diarmuid Martin

The Share Collection this Sunday was to be replaced by a special collection, asked for by the Irish Bishops, for the relief effort in Syria. Following the devastating typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines, urgent requests are coming from the Church there, for prayers and for help to provide immediate relief for hundreds of thousands of people who are struggling simply to stay alive.

In the light of these developments, I have therefore decided that in the Archdiocese of Dublin: The collection at all Masses on Saturday evening and Sunday next (16th-17th November), will be for **both disasters: 50% going to relief in Syria and 50% for immediate relief in the Philippines.** I would ask you to appeal to Mass goers to be particularly generous in the face of these two disasters.

On Sunday evening next at 18.30 I will celebrate Mass in the Pro-Cathedral for the situation in the Philippines and I would ask you remember members of the Philippine community in your parish – many of whom are anxiously awaiting news of loved ones as the scale of the damage caused by the natural disaster continues to unfold - to this event, which is open also to all who wish join with us in prayer. I am conscious of the fact that many people here in Ireland are under great financial pressure at this moment, but I have no doubt that those who can will be willing to support the people Filipino and the Syrian people.

With prayerful good wishes.
Diarmuid Martin

Weekend Mass Intentions

St Brigid's Church

Saturday

6pm Willie Kane

Sunday

11am Maureen Donovan

St. Patrick's Church

Saturday

6.30 pm Gerry McDermott

Sunday

8.30am Rose Fitzgerald

9.30am Carl Burchell

11am Hugh Leonard

12.30pm Sally Ann Lotz

7pm Betty Murphy, John & Marcella Tynon

Weekday Mass Intentions St. Patrick's Church

Monday 18th 10am Special intention 7pm Jenny Condell

Tuesday 19th 10am Gerry Kenny 7pm Special intention

Wednesday 20th 10am John & Mary Lawlor

7pm Ned & Greta Murphy, Jim & Brigid Murphy, Betty Murphy & Rita Twomey

Thursday 21st 10am Deceased members of the Legion of Mary 7pm Pat King

Friday 22nd 10am Special intention 7pm Eric Dunne

Saturday 23rd 10am Paul O'Brien

St. Joseph's Young Priests Society monthly meeting will take place Wednesday 20th November in the meeting room beside the Sacristy, directly after the 7pm evening Mass. New members very welcome.

A Mass of Thanksgiving for the Gift of the Priesthood, concelebrated by priests from parishes in the diocese, will take place on Sunday 24th November next, the Feast of Christ the King, the closing day of the Year of Faith. Parishioners are cordially invited to attend this mass at 3.30 pm in St Andrew's Church, Westland Row. The chief celebrant will be Fr. John Gilligan, Chaplain to the Society and Msgr. Dan O'Connor, P.P. Dun Laoghaire will give the homily."

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.

We welcome the recently baptised into our faith community



Dara Winters, Dervla Curry,
Martin Haier, Aoife McPhee,
Daniel Bernard,
Samuel Murphy, &
Naoise Grendon.

Congratulations to all the families.

Parish Child Protection Representative

In accordance with the child protection guidelines it is best practise that the parish has two child protection representatives. So we are now looking for one person who would be interest in fulfilling that role. Training will be available. If you are interested please contact the parish office on 01 6288827/ 0858662255 email: celbridgeparishoffice@gmail.com

'Do This in Memory Mass' for the children who are

journeying towards the Sacrament of First Holy Communion will take place next weekend on Saturday 23rd November, vigil Mass at 6.30pm and Sunday 24th November at 9.30am and 11am in St Patrick's Church, and in St. Brigid's Straffan at 11am.

It is important that all the children attend as it is part of their journey in preparing for their First Holy Communion Day.



Is Irish Catholicism Dying?

Monday 8 pm

Wellsprings (Convent)

This week ...

AND WHAT A FALL IT WAS

Bishop Eamon Casey, Brendan Smyth, the Magdalene Laundries ... and far too many more. It seemed to be a never ending litany of scandal, cruelty and criminality. Are these the main reason why so many of our churches are emptying? Or, are there other reasons (as well) why the Catholic Church in Ireland is seen as irrelevant by so many?

Many are saying that Irish Catholicism is dying out. How does the hope and the joy of our Christian Story remind us that this is not so?

Leixlip History Club

Our next presentation is on Thursday 21st November in Leixlip Library at 7.15 pm. Beverley and John Power will speak on the Grand Canal Company House in Stacumney (near Celbridge) giving an insight into the history of this building, known locally as the "Hulk" They will cover its importance, uses and subsequent demise and also the life of the people connected with Stacumney and decisions made regarding the Grand Canal. All welcome.