



**The Catholic Parish
of
Celbridge
and
Straffan**



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PLANNED GIVING: Weekly Envelope Collection €2352

We sincerely appreciate your generosity to the Planned Giving collection which is the only collection used for the care and maintenance of the Parish. If you would like to support the Parish through the standing order please contact the Parish Office.
Thanks also to the collectors.

Parish Office:

Parish secretary: Bernadette 01 6288827 /Parish Mobile 0858662255 **Office Hours: 9.30am - 1pm Monday - Friday** except Wednesday - Office is closed.

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Confirmation Programme

A reminder to the Candidates for Confirmation to put their completed Mass project forms in the red box at the top of the Church.

Important Advice: During the winter months especially with the flu and vomiting bugs around, it is better at the Sign of Peace not to shake hands, but to acknowledge the other person in a different way e.g. A little bow.

The 'Do This In Memory' Mass for the Children preparing for First Holy Communion will take place this weekend.

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 will keep them in our prayers as they continue on their journey.

Come to me, my God, come to me.

Just as a father bends down

To take into his arms his little son,

So do you, father of immense tenderness

Hold me in your two hands

And place your kiss on my forehead.

Catholic Schools Week:

The theme for Catholic School Week 2015 is Catholic Schools: A Call to Serve
January 25 – February 1, 2015

A Call to Serve, invites all involved in Catholic education to examine what we understand by service and how we live out the call to serve. We are called to self-reflect and remind all members of the school community of the founding values; in other words, education is never simply about transmitting simple facts. This year, school communities are encouraged to answer the Call to Serve; for example, by reaching out to those who are most in need in society. During CSW 2015, Catholic Schools are encouraged to celebrate their identity as Catholic Schools.

Candle Shrines: We now have two new candle shrine in St. Brigid's Church. They are smokeless and cleaner candles. We hope people will like them.

It is advisable that you use the lighter to light the candles instead of lighting off each other so that the wax does not drip on the shrine.

The suggestion donation is 50 cent.

To Note: The Church grounds at St Patrick's Church, Celbridge, will be locked from 11am Monday - Saturday. This is to ensure child safety at the nearby school.

Table Quiz: The ACRE Project Annual Table Quiz on Friday 23 January at 8.00pm in the Kildrought Lounge. Cost is €10 per person and teams of four for each table. To book a table: t./f. +353 1 627 1249 or ROI LoCall 1 890 25 33 70

Email: acre@infomarex.com For further information click on: www.acreproject.com

Our Parish Mission Statement:

"As Believers in Jesus Christ and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we seek to live and share the joy of His Gospel message".

Weekend Mass Intentions:

St Brigid's Church

Saturday 6pm: Marie O'Brien

Sunday 11am: Concepta O Sullivan

St. Patrick's Church:

Saturday

6.30pm: James Core (1st anniv)

Sunday

8.30am: Rosemary Tuite

9.30am: Leanie Noonan

11am: Carmel Miley

12.30pm: John Keegan

7pm: Kathleen Murphy

Weekday Mass Intentions

Mon 19th 10am Padraic & Kathleen McRann **7pm** Simon McNulty

Tues 20th 10am Willie Callaghan **7pm** William Meaney

Wed 21st 10am Alfie Lambe **7pm** Sean Butler

Thur 22nd 10am Mark Burchell, William Sherry, Johnny & Ruth Wallace & decease Wallace family **7pm** Michael (Mick) Reidy

Fri 23rd 10am Sr. M Teresina O.P. **7pm** Margaret & Patrick Brady

Sat 24th 10am Liam Courtney

The Straffan Toddler group is back and takes place every Friday from 9.45am to 11.45am in Straffan Community Hall.

This group is really taking shape with free play for the toddlers at the start, then arts and crafts and finally a sing song (grown ups welcome to join in too!) It is a great chance to meet people and to have a cuppa, biscuit and chat. Please tell a pal or neighbour that you think might like to go along.

ENROLMENT FOR SEPTEMBER 2015 will take place in the following schools on **Wednesday 4th and Thursday 5th February** from **10.00am – 1.00pm.**

Scoil Bríd, Scoil Ná Mainistreach, Scoil Mochua, St. Patrick's N.S.

Please bring the following documentation with you:

Child's Birth Certificate

Child's Baptismal Certificate

Child's P.P.S. No.

Current Utility Bill.

Baptismal Certs: If your child was baptised in our Parish and you require a Baptismal Certificate please **text parents' names, name of child and child's date of birth to 085-8662255.**

Certificates will be available for collection **3 working days** after text request from the Parish Office in the Parochial House on Main Street from **11.00am – 1.00pm Mon - Fri except Wednesday.**

Wisdom of the heart. Even when illness, loneliness and inability make it hard for us to reach out to others, the experience of suffering can become a privileged means of transmitting grace and a source for gaining and growing in sapientia cordis. We come to understand how Job, at the end of his experience, could say to God: 'I had heard of you by the hearing of the ear, but now my eye sees you' (42:5). People immersed in the mystery of suffering and pain, when they accept these in faith, can themselves become living witnesses of a faith capable of embracing suffering, even without being able to understand its full meaning.

- POPE FRANCIS. Message for the Twenty-third World Day of the Sick, 2015.

Recently Deceased: We remember in our prayers **David McCormack** whose funeral took place on Thursday in St. Patrick's Church. We offer our sympathy to his wife Amber, his young children, extended family and friends.

Celbridge Library Programme:

Beginners and Advanced Computer Classes for Adults are held in Celbridge Library every Wednesday morning. **Classes are free** and if you would like to add your name to the list please contact us at 01 6272207 or e-mail celbridgelib@kildarecoco.ie

The library will be holding a series of Parenting Talks throughout the year. Happy Families is the topic on Thursday 12th February at 7pm with guest speaker Sheila O'Malley. Booking is essential.

An introduction to Digital Photography and how to get the best results from your camera will be held on Thursday 26th February at 7.30pm This hour long class will be given by Oliver McCrossan. Booking essential.

Mass Times

St. Patrick's Church, Celbridge

Saturday (Vigil) 6.30 pm

Sunday 8.30am, 9.30am, 11am, 12.30pm

Weekday Mass: 10am & 7pm

Holy Days: 7pm (vigil), 8am, 10am, 7pm.

Bank Holidays: 11am.

Confessions: Saturday after 10am Mass

Mass Times

St Brigid's Church

Saturday (Vigil) 6pm.

Sunday 11am.

Weekday Mass 9.15am.

Holy Days 10am.

Confessions: Saturday after 6pm Mass

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament :

St Patrick's Church: Friday morning before 10am Mass (9am - 9.50am).

St. Brigid's Church Friday morning after 9.15am Mass.

Baptisms

St Patrick's Church: Sunday 2pm

St Brigid's Church: Last Sunday of the month at 12pm

Pre- Baptism meetings: To book contact the parish baptismal team 0858662255