



The Catholic Parish
of
Celbridge
and
Straffan



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PLANNED GIVING: (weekly envelope collection) €1,870

Thanks to all the collectors and contributors.

**Fed up with Junk Food'
Are You Hungry for Something Better!**

Our Parish on the Bread of Life

"The Eucharist".

24th to 30th September 2011 for one week in St Brigid's, Straffan and St Patrick's Church, Celbridge.

Led by Frances Hogan. Frances will speak at all Masses on Saturday (vigil) and Sunday on that weekend 24th / 25th September. On Monday to Friday she will speak after the 9.15am Mass in Straffan, and the 7.30pm Mass in Celbridge.

The talks will be 30 minutes and no longer.

The Eucharist
is the
Heart of the Church
in the
Heart of the World



Is PRIESTHOOD for you? The Emmaus Vocation Journey

Who? It is for any young man, (18-35 or so) who wants to reflect on the calling to priesthood.

What? You are invited to set aside four mornings, (beginning at 11am and ending around 2.30pm), and one weekend, between October 2011 and February 2012, to take part in a journey of discernment (decision making which is rooted in faith).

How to Apply ? If you would like to take part in this course Fr. Eamonn at 0868346071 or vocations@dublindiocese.ie

St. Patrick's Church Celbridge: Vigil Saturday 6.30 pm, Sunday: 8.30am, 9.30am, 11am, 12.30pm & 7pm.

Week day Mass 10am & 7.30pm **Holy Days:** 8am, 10am, 12am, 7.30pm. **Bank Holidays:** 11am

St Brigid's Church Straffan: Vigil Sat. 6pm, Sunday 11am. **Week day Mass** 9.15am. **Holy Days and Bank Holidays:** 10am

Confessions: Celbridge: Saturday 10.30am. **Straffan** Saturday 5.30pm

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 - 10am) in St Patrick's Church St. Brigid's Church after Mass.

The Roman Missal:

Last Sunday marked a significant step in the journey towards full use of the new edition of the Roman Missal on the First Sunday of Advent. From now on we will be using the new translations of the following texts:

The people's response to the greeting "The Lord be with you" by the priest will be answered with "and with your spirit".
The Gloria and the Apostles' Creed can be read from the missalettes

Fr. Brian wishes to thank all the Parishioners for their very kind welcome to Celbridge and Straffan.

"I look forward to working with ye on different occasions in your lives, through the sacramental programmes and just the day to day experiences of life. If I can be of assistance to you or your family please do not hesitate to ask".

Hello, **My name is Christina Malone** and I am the new Parish Pastoral Worker in your Parish. I am originally from Germany but I have been living in Portlaoise for over two years. During the training at Mater Dei College to become a Parish Pastoral Worker for the Archdiocese of Dublin I have worked in the parishes of Darndale/Belcamp and Inchicore/Bluebell before I was appointed by Archbishop Diarmuid Martin to Celbridge and Straffan in June this year.

I am delighted to be part of an enthusiastic and energized Pastoral Team and looking forward to meeting you throughout all of our events, gatherings and meetings.

St. Patrick's Senior Choir

New members to the Choir welcome.

The senior choir meets every Thursday night in Scoil Brid at 7.45pm. The choir sings at the 12.30 Mass every Sunday as well as at major celebrations throughout the liturgical year. We are looking for male and female singers. If interested please contact Joe on 087 9087506

Mass Intentions:

St Brigid's Church Saturday 6pm: Sunday 11am:

St. Patrick's Church: Saturday 6.30pm: Philomena Cassoni (month's mind) and Margaret O'Reilly, **Sunday 8.30am:** Ellen and Jack Hunt, **9.30am:** Kieran Joyce (month's mind), **11.00am:** Nicholas and Catherine O'Hanlon, **12.30pm:** Alice Young, **7pm:** Michael McConnell.

Mon 19th 10am: Joan Enright, **7.30pm:** Anna and Thomas Kennedy, **Tue 20th 10am:** Edward Kelly, **7.30pm:** Francis and Patricia Lee and deceased family, **Wed 21st 10am:** John Lee, **7.30pm:** Fiona Binchy, **Thurs 22nd 10am:** Rosie Nolan, **7.30pm:** John Fitzsimons Jnr. and Snr. **Fri 23rd 10am:** Jimmy O'Donnell, **7.30pm:** Maureen Holmes, **Sat 24th 10am:** Phyllis Greene.

We welcome into our faith community the children recently baptised: Lara O'Hanlon, Bonnie Lee Reilly, Stephen Reilly, Eabha Hickey, Nathan Kelly, Sam Claffey, Alicia Gilmartin and Leann Flood.

To Young Adults in Celbridge & Straffan

If not you, who? If not now, when?

INVITATION

to swim against the tide

Monday 19th September, @ 8pm, in the parish Centre

Check it out at www.celstra.ie/youngadultgroup

Celbridge and Straffan Gospel Choir

Do you like to sing or are you able to play an instrument? (especially guitar or keyboard).

Would you like to be part of a

Gospel Choir community

If so, we would love for you to join us.

Age from 14 upwards and we meet for practice every Tuesday night from 7.30 – 9.30 pm. We sing at a "Young Adults Mass every Saturday night in Celbridge @ 6.30pm.

Do come and meet us!

For further information contact Aisling on 085-8240912

The Board of Management of **Scoil Mochua** cordially invites you to the launch of a new version of **A History of Celbridge** by Tony Doohan. The launch, by Dr Patrick Walsh, will take place at the school on Thursday, 29th September 2011, at 8.00 pm. Proceeds from sale of book will go towards the provision of educational resources in the school. Book has 148 pages, 210 illustrations and retails at €12.

St John's Ambulance Adult (17yrs +) First Aid Course Scoil Na Mainistreach, Fully Qualified instructors and demonstrators Information and enrolment 22nd Sept 2011 8pm-9pm Cost €100 which includes free first aid manual. Course starts 29th Sept 8pm-10pm Contact Member in Charge: Mr Timothy Tate email: stjohnnorthkildare@gmail.com Tel: 086 051 6283

Children's Corner.

Three sons left home, went out on their own and prospered.

They discussed the gifts they were able to give their elderly mother. The first said: "I built a big house for our mother."

The second said: "I sent her a Mercedes with a driver."

The third said: "You remember how our mother enjoys reading the Bible. Now she can't see very well. So I sent her a remarkable parrot that recites the entire Bible. It took elders in the church 12 years to teach him. Mama just has to name the chapter and verse and the parrot recites it."

Soon thereafter, their mother sent out her letters of thanks

"Milton," she said, "the house you built is so huge. I live only in one room, but I have to clean the whole house.

"Gerald," she said, "I am too old to travel. I stay most of the time at home so I rarely use the Mercedes. And that driver is so rude! He's a pain!"

"But Donald," she said, "the little chicken you sent was delicious!"

Altar Servers: Children who have made their Communion are very welcome to join the group. We need Parents who would like to be involved both in Celbridge and in Straffan if you are interested please contact the Parish office.

Clothing Collection: Fr Nicholas Maanzo - Diocese of Kitui, Kenya: Collection of all types of clean dry, Ladies, Gents, and children's clothing, bed linen, curtains, towels & shoes. Collection on Saturday 24th September before 12 noon on the day at St Patrick's Church, Celbridge All clothes contributions will help to raise much-needed funds for: The Education Fund For Orphans Many Thanks : Fr Maanzo

Sunday 18th September: Exposition & Benediction of Blessed Sacrament from 4pm to 5.30pm, concluding with evening prayer of the Church and Benediction at 5.15pm.

Wednesday 21st September: St Joseph's Young Priests Society meeting, directly after the 7pm evening Mass. in the meeting room beside the Sacristy. New members very welcome

St. Patrick's Church Folk Choir.

Practise resumes on Wednesday at 8pm in the Sacristy.

Mass 7pm Sundays.

New members welcome. Contact Karen 086 7933557

'Happy in the Presence Children's Choir'

The Children's choir is now forming to sing at 11am Sunday Masses in St. Patrick's Celbridge. New members from all 1st and 2nd level Parish schools, male and female, having made their Communion, are invited to join. Practice will take place on Thursdays from 6pm - 7pm. Adults also required to help supervising - please consider volunteering.

Details on Parish website: www.celstra.ie or contact Grainne on 0876206845.