



The Catholic Parish
of
Celbridge
and
Straffan



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PLANNED GIVING: Weekly Envelope Collection:

€2,150.40. Your continued support is very much appreciated. Thanks also to the collectors.

TAX RELIEF 2013: Thanks to all parishioners who have already returned the CHY forms. All others who donated €250 or more are asked to return the forms immediately. Receipts will be issued to all parishioners who have donated €200 or more in the year ended 30 Nov 2013.

If you would like to support the parish through the standing order please contact the parish office: 01 6288827/ 0858662255.

Wellsprings Centre

in the Holy Faith Convent behind the Church

Taize Prayer

Friday 24th January,
8.00 - 9.00 p.m.

Sacred Dance

Tuesday 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th February, and 4th March. Newcomers welcome.

The ladies of the Altar Society wish to express their thanks to all who contributed to the flowers for the Altar at Christmas.

We especially would like to thank Mr Jerry Dooley from the Orchard Garden Centre who donated all the flowers for the High Altar. For many years Mr Dooley has presented the Church with poinsettias - a very generous gift.

Our thanks to people who left plants in the Church. Thanks too, to parishioners who donated cash - the amount received was €92. Due to everyone's generosity peoples' comments were how Christmassy the Church looked.

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity will be observed from the 18th to the 25th January. We join in prayer with Christians around the world for greater Christian Unity.

Each of the days begins with the word "Together ...". This is to emphasise that the Body of Christ is not divided, even if we, as Christians, are. Together reminds us that in Christ we are one and that in all aspects of our Christian living we should seek to discover that unity which is God's gift to us.

DAY 1 - TOGETHER ...WE ARE CALLED TO BE SAINTS (1 COR 1: 2) We reflect on how God calls us to be 'a chosen race, a royal priesthood' and consider our attitudes, and behaviour and action as saints.

DAY 2 - TOGETHER ... WE GIVE THANKS FOR GOD'S GRACE IN ONE ANOTHER (1 COR 1: 4) We celebrate God's grace and the many ways in which it is manifest in our diverse Christian communities.

DAY 3 - TOGETHER. ..WE ARE NOT LACKING IN ANY SPIRITUAL GIFTS (1 COR 1: 7) We recognise we have been given abundant gifts and that together we have everything necessary to do God's work.

DAY 4 - TOGETHER. ..WE AFFIRM THAT GOD IS FAITHFUL (1 COR 1: 9A) God's faith and love for us calls and inspires us to strive for justice and unity.

DAY 5 - TOGETHER. ..WE ARE CALLED INTO FELLOWSHIP (I COR 1: 9B) We consider our need for friendship and togetherness, with each other and with Christ.

DAY 6 - TOGETHER. ..WE SEEK TO BE IN AGREEMENT (1 COR 1: 10) We acknowledge that disagreements are painful and divisive but that, with God's guidance, we can reach out to each other in peace and unity.

DAY 7 - TOGETHER ...WE BELONG TO CHRIST (1 COR 1: 12-13) Recognising and rejoicing in the gifts of different church traditions is a step towards Christian unity.

DAY 8 - TOGETHER ...WE PROCLAIM THE GOSPEL (1 COR 1: 17) We have journeyed through the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity reflecting on and celebrating how we are bound together as Christians through God's abundant gifts to us. Our response to his outpouring of endless love is to unite in sharing the Good News.

Weekend Mass Intentions:

St Brigid's Church:

Saturday 6pm Patrick Morrissey

Sunday 11am Thomas Cribbin and his daughter Gertie

St. Patrick's Church:

Saturday

6.30pm: Sr. Maeve McDevitt

Sunday

8.30am: Bridget Baker

9.30am: Lenie Noonan

11am: Juliana Brady, Carmel Miley, Frank Burke

12.30pm: Simon McNulty

7pm: Jimmy Burchall

National Catholic Schools Week:

January 26th - February 1st

'Catholic Schools - places of faith and learning' was chosen as the theme for 2014 to highlight that all learning takes place in a values context.



We keep in our prayers the Reverent Sandra Hales the Church of Ireland Minister who has had to resign on grounds of ill health from her position. We will miss her and we pray her health improves.

There is a farewell service on Friday next the 24th January in Christchurch, Celbridge at 7.30pm. All are welcome.

ENROLMENT FOR SEPTEMBER 2014 will take place in the following schools on **Wed 5th Thurs 6th February 10.00am – 1.00pm. Scoil Bríd, Scoil Na Mainistreach, Scoil Mochua, St. Patrick's.**

Please bring the following documentation with you:

Birth Certificate

Baptismal Certificate

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 **085-7021882**. Certificates will be available for collection **3 working days** after text request from the **Parish Office in the Parochial House on Main Street** from **11.30am - 3.30pm** each day **except Wednesdays**.

Weekday Mass Intentions

Mon 20th 10am Jack, Betty & Luke Herbert **7pm** Sean Butler

Tues 21st 10am Michael & Mary McDonagh **7pm** William Meaney

Wed 22nd 10am Alfie Lambe **7pm** David Joyce

Thur 23rd 10am Margaret & Patrick Brady **7pm** Patrick Keogh

Fri 24th 10am Special intention **7pm** Margaret & Patrick Brady

Sat 25th 10am Aaron Moore

World Migrant Sunday 19th January 2014

Don't Call me a Stranger

Don't call me a stranger;
I need to feel at home;
Especially when loneliness cools my heart.

Don't call me a stranger;
The colour of my passport is different;
But the colour of our blood is the same.

Don't call me a stranger;
The language I speak sounds different;
But the feelings it expresses are the same.

Don't call me a stranger;
I toil and struggle in your land;
And the sweat on our brows is the same.

Don't call me a stranger;
Borders, we created them;
And the separation that results is the same.

Don't call me a stranger;
I am just your friend;
But you do not know me yet.

Don't call me a stranger;
We cry for justice and peace in different ways;
But our God is the same.

Comboni Missionaries of the Heart of Jesus, 1995
(Abridged version)

