



**The Catholic Parish
of
Celbridge
and
Straffan**



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PLANNED GIVING: Weekly Envelope Collection €2,094. Last week's figure should have been €2,132. Thank you for your generosity to the Planned Giving Collection. Thanks also to the collectors.

The Play and Pray at 11am Sunday morning Mass is increasingly helpful to young children and their families. We urgently need a few more volunteers to help with the energetic team who are helping the children to know Jesus better. Would you be willing to give an hour a month to this delightful service to our younger parishioners? If so please ring the parish office on 0858662255.

St Vincent de Paul Society

This weekend 31st January /1st February the St Vincent de Paul Society will be holding their usual monthly collection after all Masses. Your support, helps us to alleviate to some extent the needs of the less fortunate among us. We appreciate your support.

Confirmation Programme 2015/2016

The Candidates from Scoil Bríd, Scoil Ná Mainistreach, St Patrick's N.S. and Scoil Naomh Bríd Straffan who are journeying towards the Sacrament of Confirmation will celebrate their Enrolment Service on Monday 2nd February @ 8pm in St. Patrick's Church, Celbridge. All who wish to be confirmed in their faith must present themselves at this service.

The Enrolment date for Scoil Mochua is the 2nd March.

We pray for great blessings in their preparation for the Sacrament and that we will endeavour as a Parish Community to pray and support them.

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".

'Together is Better'

The Mother (Father) & Toddler (Baby) group will resume on Wednesday 4th February at the new time of 10am in the St. Eustace's Centre. Fun and supportive group.

WELLSPRINGS CENTRE
LENTEN/NEIGHBOURHOOD RETREAT
Tuesday nights 7.30 – 9.15
17th, 24th Feb; 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st March: 14th April
This retreat is based on scripture; each retreatant receives, a book containing scripture suggestions and reflections, a copy of the New Testament and a note book.
Retreatants meet once a week for the seven weeks of Lent.
Cost 30€ for the eight weeks or 4€ a night, concessions can be arranged. Led by Lucy Higgins and Sr. Olive.
Please book for the Retreat.

Advanced Notice: The parish will have a special Memorial Mass for Fr. Patrick Carmody who was Parish Priest here for 23 years. The date will be advised next week. This will give an opportunity for parishioners to gather together to give thanks to God for his Priestly service and to pray for him.

 **St Brigid of Kildare** also known as Muire na nGael or Mary of the Gael which means Our Lady of the Irish. Her feast day is 1st February, celebrated as St Brigid's Day which is the first day of Spring in Ireland. She was born in Co. Louth. She spend her life working for God by looking after poor, sick and elderly people. She entered the convent at eighteen. Brigid founded many convents all over Ireland; the most famous one was in Co. Kildare. It is said that this convent was built beside an oak tree where the town of Kildare now stands. St. Brigid died in AD 525 at the age of 75 and was buried in a tomb before the High Altar of her Abbey Church. After some time, her remains were exhumed and transferred to Downpatrick Making a St. Brigid's cross is one of the traditional rituals in Ireland to celebrate the beginning of early spring,

Weekend Mass Intentions:

St Brigid's Church

Saturday 6pm: Patrick Morrissey

Sunday 11am: Tom & Maureen Donovan

St. Patrick's Church:

Saturday 6.30pm: Sean Baird (1st anniv), Kathleen Gaffney, Sarah Thomas (1st anniv)

Sunday

8.30am: Mollie & Andrew Clarke

9.30am: Thomas Osborne

11am: Mary Stamper, pray for Frances Fitzharris

12.30pm: Frank Burke

7pm: John & Josephine Swift, Lucy & Christy Keogh

Weekday Mass Intentions

Mon 2nd 10am Special intention **7pm** Thomas Osborne

Tues 3rd 10am Elizabeth Margaret Bolger **7pm** Peter Kelly, Aidan Dalton

Wed 4th 10am Patrick Cummins **7pm** Pat Duffy, Maura Doyle

Thur 5th 10am Patrick & Catherine Campion **7pm** Nancy O'Donnell, Mrs Walsh

Fri 6th 10am Altar List of the dead **7pm** Altar list of the dead

Sat 7th 10am Annie & Dick Bolger, Paddy & Peggie Bolger.

"Remembering a Loved One at Christmas". The organisers would like to sincerely thank all who supported the annual fundraising event in aid of ARC Cancer Support Centre. A total of €4853.30 was raised for ARC. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. Please see below acknowledgement from ARC:

Thank you so much on behalf of ARC Cancer Support Centres. We are delighted and very grateful for the monies raised. We would like to thank everyone who supported the event and assure you that the €4553.30 will provide much needed funding for our many programmes. Mairead Mangan, Head of Fundraising, ARC.

Celbridge ICA

Want to have fun, make friends, learn a craft and much more? Then why not join Celbridge ICA? We meet every Tuesday evening in the Slip Hall, Castletown Gates at 8pm and we aim to enjoy ourselves. Forthcoming classes include ballroom dancing, candlewick embroidery and chess. We have talks/workshops and nights out. Join us any Tuesday evening and see what ICA has to offer you!



Ballyvaloo Retreat

Fr. Brian will lead a retreat, open to all parishioners. The retreat will take place in

Ballyvaloo, Retreat House, Co. Wexford beginning Friday the 20 March and finishing Sunday afternoon the 22 March. The cost is €170. Limited to 20 places.

A golden opportunity for reflection and inspiration during Lent in a tranquil setting along the sea shore in Co. Wexford. Please leave your name and deposit of €50 in the Sacristy and sign the relevant sheet. For information contact Parish Office.

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.**

Straffan GAA Club,

If you wish to find out about GAA Club Development progress and plans for 2015, an information day will take place on Sunday 8th Feb, in the K. Club, Legacy Suite, Smurfit Club House at 3pm. Refreshments & entertainment for children.

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.

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