



The Catholic Parish of Celbridge and Straffan



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PLANNED GIVING: Weekly Envelope Collection:

€1,882. Your continued support is very much appreciated. Thanks also to the collectors.

Easter Dues

The Easter Dues (offerings) envelopes are an important way in which parishioners support financially the Priests of the Parish and the diocese. The Priests of this Parish are deeply grateful for the generosity of those who contribute.
Thank You.

Divine Mercy Sunday

Divine Mercy Sunday Celebration - 27th April will start at 2.30pm in St Patrick's Church, with veneration of the Divine Mercy image and recitation of the Chaplet followed by Mass and a blessing with St Faustina's relic.

The Priests of the Parish, together with the Parish Pastoral Council and Parish Staff, wish you the abundance of Easter blessings.

Our thanks to all the parishioners for your support and encouragement.

A Big Thank You to ...

The ladies who decorate and clean the Church, and those who do the flowers and the Altar.

The Choirs, Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, Altar Servers, the leaders of the Play & Pray group, and The Baptism Team who enriched our services.

A particular thanks to all those who contributed to the Easter Offering envelopes, and the team of dedicated people who count and lodge the offerings made by the people of the parish week in, week out.

Thanks to those who have worked to keep the Church grounds clean and beautiful. The children who participated in the ceremonies and all those Parishioners who assist in any way at Easter time.

Living The Gospel

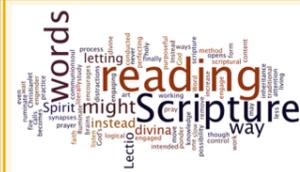
At the end of Mass we are urged to "Go and announce the Gospel of the Lord." or to "Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life." This invitation is to go and take what God has given us i.e., the Eucharist; our experience of communion with Christ and with one another and share it in our workplaces, with our neighbour, and with our families!" We are sent out on mission—to announce the Gospel, to be Christ's witnesses, to build up the kingdom of God. Over the Easter period we encourage parishioners to note the ways in which they have responded to the call to bring the love of Christ to others, and in small acts of care and kindness give glory to the Lord!

Green Paper slips are available at the back of the church, which can be completed, and placed in the special box provided in the Church. On the little sheet we note any actions we have done during the past week which show God's care.

Weekday Mass Intentions St. Patrick's Church

Easter vigil and Easter Sunday : Mass intentions per Easter List.

Monday 21st	11am	James Kearney. Please pray for Patrick Gilligan of Primrose Hill whose funeral is Monday at 10am.	
Tuesday 22nd	10am	Billy Farrell	7pm Jackie Callanan
Wednesday 23rd	10am	Thomas, Brigid, & George Myles	7pm Gerard Collins
Thursday 24th	10am	McHugh family	7pm Patrick Kennedy
Friday 25th	10am	Mary & Sean Gavin	7pm Elizabeth Brilly
Saturday 26th	10am	Thomas Henry	



Lectio Divina (Latin for divine reading) is a traditional Benedictine practice of scriptural reading, meditation and prayer intended to promote communion with God and to increase the knowledge of God's Word. It does not treat Scripture as texts to be studied, but as the Living Word. With new Easter energy we start on Wednesday 23rd of April after the 9.15am (approx. 9.45am) in Straffan Church. Everyone is welcomed! For more information please ring Christina 0858519110.

Regina Coeli (Recited instead of the Angelus from Easter to Pentecost)

Queen of Heaven, rejoice. Alleluia.

For He Whom Thou was worthy to bear. Alleluia.

Has risen as He promised. Alleluia.

Pray for us to our God. Alleluia.

Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary. Alleluia.

For the Lord has risen indeed. Alleluia.

Let us pray: O God, Who gave joy to the world through the resurrection of Thy Son Our Lord Jesus Christ, grant, we beseech Thee, that, through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, His Mother, we may attain the joys of eternal salvation. Through the same Christ Our Lord. Amen.

Regina coeli, laetare, Alleluia (Can be Sung)

Quia quem meruisti portare, Alleluia.

Resurrexit sicut dixit, Alleluia.

Ora pro nobis Deum, Alleluia.

Easter Bank Holiday

Mass on Monday

11am in **St. Patrick's Church.** (No evening Mass)

10 am in **St. Brigid's Church Straffan.**

Salesian College Parents Association invite parents/guardians to attend a free HSE Family Focus programme from Community Awareness of Drugs, to be held over six sessions. Commencing on Wednesday 30th April from 7-9pm. If interested email the Parents Association at salesianparentsassociation@gmail.com or text 0876638482. Alternatively leave a note with your contact details into the Salesian College office for the attention of Secretary, Parents Association.

Extract from CHRISM MASS 2014 Homily Notes of Most Rev. Diarmuid Martin Archbishop of Dublin Pro Cathedral, 17th April 2014

Pope Francis has called for a renewal of the Sacrament of Reconciliation in the life of the Church. In the past there was so much emphasis on the Sacrament of Penance as representing Christ the judge. The Sacrament was even spoken of as the tribunal of penance. Catechesis at times tended towards trivialization of the reality of sin and a mechanical notion of forgiveness. The Sacrament of Penance is a privileged encounter with the mercy of God and the place where the mercy of God lifts us up above our anxieties and reminds us that Christianity is a faith of new beginnings for those who honestly face the darker realities of their lives.

Jesus knows us as we are and he loves us as we are. God never created anyone whom he did not love and that love is never obliterated by our infidelity and sinfulness. Pope Francis describes the Church as a "battlefield hospital", where immediate healing and restoration of wounded humanity should be the first mark of every encounter with the Church of Jesus Christ. In our ministry as priests and as lay men and women – as missionary witnesses of Jesus Christ – we must rediscover that sense of faith in Jesus Christ as a faith in the one who revealed to us that God loves us. A heightened awareness of how every encounter with the Church of Jesus should be an encounter with a God who loves us, should also lead us to a necessary and ever more sensitive understanding of the horrendous sense of betrayal felt by those who were abused or wounded within the Church of Jesus Christ. Holy Thursday and this Chrism Mass are special moments when we renew our commitment to ministry. The Lord will give us the strength if we recognise our weakness and place our trust in him. This is not simply to sit back and leave everything passively to the Lord. Renewal can be painful and means moving out of the comfort zones that each of us create for ourselves or allow ourselves to slip into. Cynicism or scepticism are never the responses of the genuinely committed. Cynicism is not smart. Cynicism is not noble. Cynicism robs creative energy. The challenges we face within this diocese requires new energy and new enthusiasm and new realism.

Over these past months I have been encountering the beginnings of a renewed energy in parishes. I have been inspired by liturgies and encounters, with the enthusiastic collaboration of priests and laity which are indicating the path towards a different way. To read all of the Homily check the link on our website. <http://www.dublindiocese.ie/content/chrism-mass-homily-0>

Mass Times

St. Patrick's Church, Celbridge

Saturday (Vigil) 6.30 pm,

Sunday: 8.30am, 9.30am, 11am (Family Mass) 12.30pm & 7pm.

Weekday Mass: 10am & 7pm

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

Bank Holidays: 11am.

Confessions: Saturday after 10am Mass

Mass Times

St Brigid's Church, Straffan

Saturday (Vigil) 6pm.

Sunday 11am.

Weekday Mass 9.15am.

Holy Days 10am.

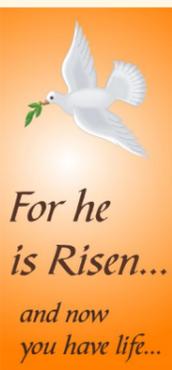
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Small Easter Gift

You are most welcome to take home the little prayer card with the picture of the Resurrection of Christ as shown in the stained glass window of St. Patrick's Church.

The prayer on the card is written by Pope Francis.



AN EASTER PRAYER

Lord Jesus,
we greet You, risen from the dead, and we offer You our thanks and our praise, our prayers and our worship, our devotion and our service.

Amen.

*For he
is Risen...
and now
you have life...*