

The Catholic Parish of Celbridge and Straffan

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Proposed Parish Pilgrimage to the Holy Land will take place in September, departing Fri 16th and returning Sat 24th.

The all in price is €1,525. per person sharing—half board which includes flights, accommodation, dinner, bed and breakfast, guide, insurance, and accompanied by spiritual Director Fr. Paul Taylor P.P.

The trip offers an opportunity to see the places where Jesus was born, grew up and lived, and the sights associated with many great events of the gospel. For more information contact the parish office (as above).

The Stations of the Cross

On the **Fridays of Lent** the Stations of the Cross will be prayed every Friday evening after the 7pm Mass, and the Trocaire Stations of the Cross will be on Wednesday after 10am Mass **Trocaire** boxes are available at the back of the Church.

Well springs centre Holy faith Sisters.

Praying with the Lenten Readings continues in the wellsprings centre on **Tuesdays** 10.45am—12noon Evening 7.45pm—9pm See brochure at the back of the Church. All welcome.

A four week course on the Eucharist - "**The Eucharist in our Lives**" will take place in the Wellsprings Centre, Holy Faith Convent on March 24th 31st, April 7th, 14th. Cost €5 per session.

Parent coach Heather Kelly would like to invite all parents to a fun, supportive and inspiring event in Celbridge Library Thursday 24th. March 7.30-8.30pm. Free of charge.

She is a parenting group facilitator with years of experience working with children and parents.

Energising, inspirational & fun.

PLANNED GIVING: (weekly envelope collection):€2,870

Thanks to all who contribute and to the collectors.

About the Mass

The Liturgy of the Eucharist is the heart of the Mass. Here we do what Jesus Christ urged us to do at the Last Supper when he said, "Do this in memory of me." (1 Cor. 11:24 and Luke 22:19)

The word *Eucharist* is derived from the Greek word *to give thanks*. At the Last Supper Jesus, like all devout Jews, said the prayer of thanksgiving (in Hebrew: Berakah) over the bread and wine.

He then said that the bread and wine were His Body and Blood. So, in the Eucharist we are united with Him in a union of awesome intimacy. Our reception of Christ in Holy Communion is the apex or summit of that encounter with God which takes place in faith in Baptism and the other sacraments, and in prayer.

Fr. P. Taylor P.P.

Ecumenical Lenten Pilgrimage with Celbridge and Straffan Parish to Christ Church Cathedral Dublin.

will take place on **Saturday 26th March**. The day will commence in the Cathedral at 10.15 am for refreshments. Parishioners will meet at the bus stop outside Fr. Taylor's House at 0915.am. The programme will consist of a Guided historical tour and a Guided tour of the stained glass. There will also be a period of reflection lead by Rev Garth Bunting (Vicar). The cost is €10.00 (includes the refreshments on arrival but excludes lunch). A light lunch will be available for under €10.00 (which will require to be paid on the day). There are only 4 places left. It is an opportunity to strengthen the bonds between baptised Christians in our parish area.

To reserve your place contact Bernadette 01 6288827 (and pay):

Mass Intentions: St. Brigid's: Sat. Mary Travers (month's mind) **Sunday** 11am Christine Friel. Please also pray for Eileen Reynolds
St Patrick's Church: Sun 8.30 Esther and Frank Kenny, Gretta Brady, James and Margaret Brady and James Jnr., 10am Pro Populo, 11.15 Bill Lee, 12.30 Eric and Statia Sherlock, Pearce and Bridie Dempsey, 7pm. Charlotte and Patricia Collins.
Mon **21st** 10am Thomas and Margaret Hughes, 7pm Christy, Bridgie and Paddy Harte,
Tues **22nd** 10am Patrick Cummins 7pm Jan Canavan, Wed **23rd** 10am The Holy Souls 7pm. Miss Margaret McCabe,
Thur **24th** Deceased Brady family, Michael Brophy, **25th** 10am John Muldoon 7pm Margaret Kirwan, **26th** 10am Glen O'Reilly.

Recently Deceased. We offer our deep sympathy to the family of Carmel Timpson. Carmel was a life long active member of our parish community and a devoted wife and mother. She took part in the parish pilgrimages to Lourdes and for many years collected the envelopes for the planned giving in Thornhill Gardens. She will be greatly missed but we pray that she is now linked with her late husband Will and her little grand daughter Orla in the communion of saints.

We welcome into our faith community the children who were baptised recently **Lauren Whelan, Lily Bolger and Roisin Moloney**

Our Parish is now live to the World!

www.celstra.ie

Do this in Memory Mass: The preparation for First Holy Communion "Do this in Memory" will be held for
Saturday 19th March Scoil Na Mainistreach at 7pm.
Sunday 20th Scoil Brid 10am, Scoil Mochua 11.15am,
Sunday 20th St Brigid's Straffan 11am.

Justice, Peace, Integrity of Creation

A Parish JPIC Group

Pope Paul VI said: "If you want peace, work for justice. Pope Benedict said "An objective shared by all, an indispensable condition for peace, is that of overseeing the earth's natural resources with justice and wisdom".

If you would like to be part of a parish JPIC group to learn more about issues of justice, peace and care of the earth and be involved in promoting them, please give your name to Bernadette at the Parish Office: Tel. 6288827, email celbridgeparishoffice@gmail.com

Directory of Choirs, Clubs, Groups, ...

Celbridge4U.ie needs your help to create a comprehensive online directory of local clubs and groups. If you organise a local Club, Choir, Society, School or Group of any size please go to <http://www.Celbridge4U.ie> and submit the details. A directory entry will make it easier for people to find the group's website, blog, contact number, location etc. You can also send news of club events to info@celbridge4U.ie.

Footprints Young Adult Mass

Every Saturday 7pm.

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Maureen Abbott would like to thank, the members of the management committee of Celbridge Mill who helped sell "**The Story of Celbridge Mill**" outside St. Patrick's Church, all who bought the book and for the great support received. The book will be on sale in the local shops. The proceeds of the book go to the Celbridge Care for Aged and the Youth Café.

The new Celbridge Directory is being compiled at present. Anyone interested in being included can get a form in the post office, Celbridge library, or phoning Maureen at 01 6288894

My name is **Oluchi Porter from Celbridge**. I am a 22 year old final year student in DCU, and past pupil of Scoil Brid and St Wolstan's Community School. I appeal to you on behalf of 'Suas Educational Development', with whom I will be volunteering in Nairobi this summer. They are an Irish organisation promoting education in under-resourced communities in Ireland, India and Kenya. I am fundraising at the door of St Patricks Church this Sunday. On behalf of the underprivileged children of Nairobi, Kenya I sincerely ask your help. **Thank you.**

Straffan Gaelic Football Club will hold its annual awards night in The Geraldine Inn on 26th March 2011 at 8.30pm. Music by Baz. Admission is €10. Tickets available from any committee member or can be paid at door. All welcome

Straffan GAA Club would like to sincerely thank all those who supported the recent Race Night fund raiser!



Tidy Towns are holding their annual Inter Estate Table Quiz upstairs in The Kildrought Inn on Thursday 14th April at 8.30pm. All are welcome and if you can't make up a team come anyway and we will make extra teams on the night. Tables of 4 - 40 Euro per table. Enquiries to email ctt@celbridgetidytowns.com or phone 086-2200678

St. Patrick's Church Celbridge: Vigil Sat 7pm, Sunday: 8.30am, 10am, 11.15am, 12.30 & 7pm.

Week day Mass 10am & 7pm

St Brigid's Church Straffan: Vigil Sat. 6pm, Sunday 11am.

Week day Mass 10am

Confessions: Celbridge: Saturday 10.30am to 11.30am. **Straffan** Saturday 5pm to 5.30pm

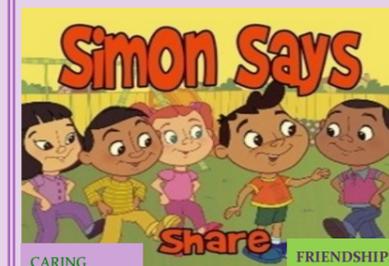
Baptisms: St Patrick's Church – Sunday 2pm St Brigid's Church. Last Sunday of the month at 12.15pm

Pre- Baptism meetings Tuesday 8pm in St. Patrick's Church. To book contact Myles 01 6275942.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament : Every Friday morning after 10am Mass in St Patrick's and St. Brigid's Church until 11.30am.

Children's Corner

Jesus always listens to us



I can share my most wonderful and deepest thoughts with Jesus. He listens to me all the time. When I'm sad or angry or hurt I can always talk to Jesus, my friend. Because he is my friend, he knows if I'm happy or sad, frightened or brave. When I'm happy I want to tell him because I know he will be happy for me too. When I'm in trouble or hurt and things are going wrong for me, I ask him to help me to be brave and to face the problem. He reminds me that he wants to help me, be there for me. My Mam and my Dad listen to me, and my friends listen to me sometimes too. My special friend Jesus is always there to listen. It's great to have a friend like Jesus who never gets tired of me.