



The Catholic Parish
of
Celbridge
and
Straffan



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PLANNED GIVING: (weekly envelope collection) was **€2,400**. Thanks to all the collectors and contributors. Your continued support is very much appreciated.

The Tax Refund for 2010 was over €26,000. Please ensure that all 2011 envelopes are returned by 27th Nov as they qualify for tax relief for 2011. Donations of €250 and over qualify for relief. If you wish to check the amount donated by you to date text name & box no. to 085 7021882.

The Archbishop of Dublin Dr. Diarmuid Martin will celebrate the 6pm Mass on Saturday the 10th December in St. Brigid's Church, Straffan

to mark the 225th Anniversary of the opening of the Church.

"Do this in Memory" Masses for the Children preparing for First Eucharist will take place this week end.

St. Patrick's Church

Saturday 19th 6.30pm - Scoil Na Mainistreach

Sunday 20th 9.30am - Scoil Brid

Sunday 20th 11am - Scoil Mochua

Sunday 20th 7pm - St Patrick's and the Children's Ark

Straffan Church

Sunday 20th 11am St. Brigid's School Straffan and the Glebe.

St. Joseph's & the Helper's Charity wish to acknowledge amount raised €4,615 on our recent charity walk. The funds raised will go towards the mother village orphanage in Medugorje, the grandparents home and the nursing care of the elderly.

Our sincere thanks to all who sponsored us, came on the walk and helped in any way.

A special word of thanks to Fr. Paul Taylor, Bernadette and John - parish office, and Myles, the Sacristan.

Your support was greatly appreciated. Thank You.

International Eucharist Congress June 2012

The IEC are looking for 10 Volunteers from each Parish to assist in the International Eucharist Congress which takes place in Dublin next June. People who can assist in a wide variety of roles are required - including General Administration, Stewarding, Meet & Greet, Pastoral, IT, Transport, Medical, Multimedia etc. Induction will take place on November 19th or 28th in the RDS Dublin and you will be required to attend one of these sessions. If you can help in this wonderful event please give your name by Friday next 11th November to the Parish office at 01 6288827 or email celbridgeparishoffice@gmail.com.

A representative from the congress will then contact you.

This Sunday the 20th November Exposition & Benediction of Blessed Sacrament, third Sunday from 4pm to 5.30pm, concluding with evening prayer of the Church and Benediction at 5.15pm.



Ministers of the Eucharist

Meeting for **All Ministers of the Eucharist** Tuesday evening at 8pm in St. Patrick's Church.

It is very important that all ministers attend or contact Fr. Brian 01 6288827.

Christmas Mass Intentions

Christmas Cards will be on sale from next week end at the back of the Church. All Masses on Christmas Day will be offered for these intentions. Cost €5

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

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

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

Confessions: Celbridge: Saturday 10.30am. **Straffan** Saturday After 6pm Mass

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

Pre- Baptism meetings: To book contact Christina 085 8519110.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament : Every Friday morning before 10am Mass (9am - 9.50am) in St Patrick's Church St. Brigid's Church Friday morning after 10am Mass.

Weekend Mass Intentions:

St Brigid's Church

Sat 6pm. Bridget and Noel Farrell

Sunday 11am Maureen Donovan

St. Patrick's Church:

Saturday 6.30pm Gerry Kenny

Sunday

8.30am Jacinta Cotter

9.30am Eoin Doyle

11am Ambrose, Brian, Kate and Martin Mullarkey

12.30pm Betty Murphy, Eugenio and Margorita Velonta

7pm Bridget Maloney.

Please pray for: Walter Henrick,

Owen and Elizabeth Murphy

Tidy Towns Awards 2011.

Artistic Endeavour Award

We the parishioners thank the gardening team for their great achievement. Michael Doyle, John Connolly, Paddy McCabe, Dermot Fitzpatrick, Leo Mahon, Len Cotter.

"Remembering a loved one at Christmas" in aid of

St. Brigid's Hospice Kildare.

Please support our fundraising event by sponsoring a Light in Memory of a deceased loved one this Christmas. Pick up a special envelope at the back of the church. Envelopes can be placed in the church collection baskets at all Masses in November.

Lighting of the Tree Remembrance Service & Carol singing will take place in St. Patrick's Church on

Sunday 4th of December at 5pm.

You can also donate online at

www.mycharity.ie/event/rememblingalovedone

Straffan Altar Servers

A Meeting will be held for all the Altar Servers on Tuesday 22nd November at 3.15pm (after school)

in the St. Brigid's Church.

It is very important that all the servers attend.

St Vincent De Paul

DON'T FEEL DEPRIVED THIS CHRISTMAS
LET US HELP

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

PHONE 01 8550022

Weekday Mass Intentions

Monday 21st 10am Elizabeth Gibney **7.30pm** Mary Mapplethorpe

Tuesday 22nd 10am Deceased O'Neill and Noonan families, Danuta Porebska **7.30pm** Pat King

Wednesday 23rd 10am Elizabeth Baker **7.30pm** Nancy Farrell and deceased family members

Thursday 24th 10am Michael, Alice, Margaret and Kenneth Cahill **7.30pm** Tom and Molly Fitzsimons and Liz McGarr

Friday 25th 10am Jimmy Plunkett

7.30pm Geraldine McCormack, Winifred Kelly

Saturday 26th 10am Una Fitzgerald.

We welcome into our faith community the children recently baptised:

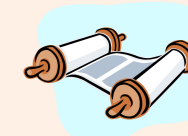
Liam Moran, Lily Wells, Zoey Higgins, Leo McKeown.

Ministers of the Word

An important meeting for all our **Ministers of the Word** will take place on Monday night (21st) in the Holy Faith Convent (behind the Church) at 8pm.

This meeting is about changes in how we approach this important ministry in our parish.

All our Ministers are asked to do your best to attend,



NEW BAPTISM PREPARATION COURSE FOR CELBRIDGE & STRAFFAN

"You are my beloved Son/Daughter" (cf. Luke 3.21-22)

In the past few years (experts tell us) the Sacrament of Baptism has lost its meaning for many people in Ireland. The main thing seems to get the baptism "done", and not bother so much with what the Sacrament is about. With that in mind we're beginning a new Baptism Preparation Course in our parish. Through this we hope to encourage parent(s) /guardian(s) to think deeper about the meaning of Baptism, and develop the understanding that this Sacrament is only the beginning of a life long journey in faith for their child.

Starting from December we're offering a more developed, and hopefully richer, journey on the road to baptism. Parent(s) and/or Guardian(s), along with Godparent(s), will be invited to attend *two 'journey into baptism' meetings* on a Tuesday night. After the first meeting a *Welcome Service* will be celebrated during the 11am mass. The parent(s)/guardian(s) will also be encouraged to attend Masses and other kind of parish activities during the time of preparation. After attending these gatherings a date for the baptism will be confirmed.

This will be a new journey for all of in our parish - for parents, guardians, godparents, Ministers of the Sacrament, and all of us as sisters and brothers who share the grace and responsibility of baptism. It is certainly a change in the way we introduce new members to our faith Community, and to the Easter story given us by the Lord Jesus. But we hope it will really help us in finding, what Pope Benedict has called, 'the joy for which otherwise we wait in vain'.

If you have any questions and/or enquiries about this new preparation programme, or are willing to get involved in the Baptism team, please contact our Parish Pastoral Worker, Christina Malone, 085 8519110.

Children's Corner



After church on Sunday morning, a young boy suddenly announced to his mother, "Mom, I've decided I'm going to be a Priest when I grow up. "That's okay with us," the mother said, "But what made you decide to be a Priest ?" "Well," the boy replied, "I'll have to go to church on Sunday anyway, and I figure it will be more fun to stand up and yell than to sit still and listen.

**I'm ready now, Lord Jesus, to show how much I care.
I'm ready now to give your love at home and everywhere. Amen.**