



The Catholic Parish
of
Celbridge
and
Straffan



PLANNED GIVING: Weekly Envelope Collection: €1,630. Your continued support is appreciated. Thanks also to the collectors.
RECEIPTS 2014: Receipts have been issued to parishioners for the year ended 30/11/2014. If you have not received your receipt or if you require a receipt text your name, address to 085 7021882.



**Parish Retreat to
Ballyvaloo**

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. There are only 10 places left.

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. 0858662255

WELLSPRINGS CENTRE LENTEN/NEIGHBOURHOOD RETREAT

Tuesday nights 7.30 – 9.15. Tuesday 24th; March 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st, 14th April. Retreatants meet once a week for the seven weeks of Lent. Cost €30€ - 8 weeks or €4 a night, concessions can be arranged. To book for the retreat at wellspringscentre@gmail.com

COME AND SEE THE IRISH CATHOLIC CATHECHISM FOR ADULTS

The Irish Catholic Catechism for Adults is a new resource from the Irish Bishops. Designed to complement the Catechism of the Catholic Church, it is adapted for an Irish audience and written in accessible, easy-to-understand language. This Catechism is a resource to facilitate adult faith development. Each chapter begins with a 'story or lesson of faith'. It is composed of thirty-six chapters, divided into four sections:

- I. The Creed: The Faith Professed
- II. The Sacraments: The Faith Celebrated
- III. Christian Morality: The Faith Lived
- IV. The Our Father: The Faith Prayed.

The New Catechism is on view at a table at the front of the Altar. It costs €25. If you would like to order one put your name and telephone number on the sheet.

The Play and Pray at 11am Sunday morning Mass 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 on hour a month to this delightful service to our younger parishioners?

If so please leave your name in the sacristy.

I'm Back Again Parish Fundraiser

'Percy Pig'
Our Parish Piggy Bank



"I like to be fed !!!!!

I eat - all loose change, coins & notes

I eat from 1cent to 2euro coins and more.

My source of food can be found in your drawers, in the cups, in glasses, in your handbag and even in your trousers pocket.

The bigger the bundle of coins the happier I am.
C'mon feed me I need fattening up! I will be outside both Parish Churches at all the Masses
this weekend 21st /22nd February

Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick

This Sacrament one of the seven Sacraments of the Church will be offered to those who are suffering from illness. It is important to stress that it is not appropriate for those who are in good health to receive it.

The Anointing of the Sick will be celebrated during all the Masses next weekend.

Weekend Mass Intentions:

St Brigid's Church

Saturday 6pm: Bridget Maloney

Sunday 11am: Eileen & Ned Rowley
Tommy Noonan m.m.

St. Patrick's Church:

Saturday 6.30pm: Seamus Hendrick (m.m.)

Sunday

8.30am Maura Doyle

9.30am: Lena Young

11am: Kathleen O'Connor

Pray for Michael Keating

12.30pm: Aislinn Wickham

4pm Filipino Mass

7pm: Anne Swayne

This week for LENT

The Stations of the Cross. will be prayed after the 10am and 7pm Masses on Friday, and in St. Brigid's Church, Straffan after the 9.15am Mass on Friday.

Trocaire - Working for a just world. "The Church is likewise conscious of the responsibility which all of us have for our world, for the whole creation, which we must love and protect." Pope Francis

Trocaire boxes are available at the back of the Church.

LENTEN SCRATCH-OFF CALENDAR 2015 - Each day the parishioner scratch off the appropriate date on the Lenten Calendar to reveal a task to be undertaken for that day. These tasks are very simple and achievable and are related to the Gospel message of each day.

Parishioner donate €1 per card. The parish will donate the monies received to a local charity.

The €1 donation should be place in the box in the centre of the Church .

We need no wings to go in search of God, but have only to find a place where we can be alone and look upon Him present within us. St. Teresa of Avila

Weekday Mass Intentions

Mon 23rd 10am Joan Daly Damian Corr **7pm** Fr. Patrick Carmody

Tues 24th 10am The Daly, Redmond & Cummins Family **7pm** Ted McElligott

Wed 25th 10am Mary Smith, Joan Daly **7pm** Midy & Danny McKeown

Thur 26th 10am Ciaran McDonnell **7pm** Gerry O'Dwyer

Fri 27th 10am Margaret Redmond Please pray for Special Intention
7pm Jane Heart

Sat 28th 10am Eoin McKenna

4.30pm Alice Whelan (m.m.)

Synod of Bishops 2015:

Pope Francis is open to hearing your views, experiences and ideas about how we as a Church can reach out to support and strengthen family life and marriage in these times. Archbishop Martin will be taking part.

As Pope Francis says we have "one year to mature, with true spiritual discernment, the proposed ideas and to find concrete solutions to so many difficulties and innumerable challenges the families must confront". (18/10/2014)

Fr. Paul will lead a meeting and is particularly interested in hearing the experiences and suggestions of those who may feel marginalised. We are inviting, anyone who is interested, to come together and to share perspectives, and possible initiatives and ideas, to the **Kildrough Lounge upstairs this Tuesday 24th at 8pm.**

St Teresa of Avila

Fifth Centenary Celebrations

1515 - 2015



March 28th this year marks the 500th anniversary of the birth of Saint Teresa of Avila. Her writings on the journey of the soul into God (especially 'The Interior Castle') are acknowledged as masterpieces on the spiritual life. In 1970, Pope Paul VI declared Teresa to be a Doctor of the Universal Church (the first woman to be given this title). It means her teaching has significance for all Christians.

Fr Kevin (who wrote his Masters Thesis on Saint Teresa) will lead a four-night journey into aspects of her teaching. This will take place on Thursday evenings in March (5, 12, 19, 26) in Wellsprings (Convent), from 8 pm — 9.30 pm. (including the cup of tea)! A donation of €20 is suggested for the four nights. All are welcome.

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".

Accord Dublin are anxious to recruit new volunteers to work in marriage preparation programmes. If you would be interested to find out more there will be an information evening in **Lucan at St. Mary's Parish Centre Tuesday March 10th 8 -9.30pm.**

Further information contact 4784400

DID YOU KNOW?

In our Parish in 2014 we celebrated 229 Baptisms, 254 Confirmations, 70 Weddings, 54 funerals.

Evening Pro Life Event - Stand Against Media Bias

7- 8pm 11th March outside Dáil Éireann

Challenging Media Bias & Groupthink. Did you know that 33 articles appeared in the national media pushing a pro abortion line and only one pro life item.