



The Catholic Parish
of
Celbridge
and
Straffan



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PLANNED GIVING: Weekly Envelope Collection: €1,856. The weekly envelope collection and the standing orders are the only source of income. If you would like to support the parish through the standing order please contact the parish office 01 6288827.

Monday 28th October is a bank holiday. Mass will be at 11am No Evening Mass

November Altar List of the Dead envelopes will be available this week at the back of the Church. During the year all Masses on the first Friday are offered for all those who are named on the altar list of the dead.

Sacristy opening hours: The sacristy is open on weekdays from 10.30am - 11am for those who wish to purchase Mass cards and book Masses. Also open in the evening for 20 minutes after Mass. Also on Sunday mornings in between the morning Masses.

Blessing of the Graves Ceremony Sunday 3rd November at 3.30pm in Donaghcumper Cemetery and 12 noon in Straffan.
"Service of Light" Mass for the parishioners who died in the last year, will be held on Monday 4th November in St. Patrick's Church.

Is Irish Catholicism Dying?
(and might this be Good News)

There's a fair number of people who would be delighted to shout 'Yes, it is! Irish Catholicism is dying. And good riddance'. And certainly they could point to the evidence: *Vocations to the priesthood have slumped; the clergy are predominantly elderly; church attendance has dropped dramatically; more than half of those aged under 40 can't see themselves ever going to the sacrament of reconciliation.* And on it goes — a litany of evidence to show that, from a particular viewpoint, Irish Catholicism is dying. And, while some are delighted with this, for others (who have a great love for the Church), these can be confusing and difficult times.

With this in mind, the *Wellsprings Centre* (Convent) are going to look at the question 'Is Irish Catholicism Dying?' over the four **Monday nights in November**. These nights are a follow on from our Easter time reflections on the resurrection accounts, to see what connections might be made between the two. Fr. Kevin, based on his doctoral research in this area, will facilitate these nights. Everyone is welcome. There is more information in the *special leaflets at the door of our church*.

In the meantime, we might borrow the words of Mark Twain: 'Rumours of my death have been greatly exaggerated'!

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), 8am, 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.
Bank Holidays: 10am.
Confessions: Saturday after 6pm Mass

Baptism:
St Patrick's Church: Sunday 2pm
St Brigid's Church: Last Sunday of the month at 12pm
To organise your baptism contact the Parish Baptismal Team 085 8519110.
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament :
St Patrick's Church: Friday morning before 10am Mass (9am - 9.50am).
St. Brigid's Church Friday morning after Mass.

Weekend Mass Intentions
St Brigid's Church
Saturday
6pm Edward, Mary & Bernadette Coyne
Sunday 11am Charlie Dennehy
St. Patrick's Church
Saturday
6.30 pm Joan Carey (1st anniversary)
Sunday
8.30am Kathleen Dunne
9.30am Special Intention
11am Vincent Kelly
12.30pm Rosamund Maguire,
Anthony & Annie Dunne
4pm Philippine Mass
7pm Joseph Gavin
We remember in our prayers Fr. Martin Clarke, Mary Kavanagh, Monica Crofton and Christopher Holohan who died this week. May they rest in peace.

Weekday Mass Intentions St. Patrick's Church
Monday 28th October 11am Special Intention **No evening Mass**
Tuesday 29th 10am Carmel & Patrick Kirwan **7pm** Evelyn & Vera Mooney
Pauline McDermott
Wednesday 30th 10am Pat Hartigan **7pm** Kate & Paddy Healy
Sean, Joe and Paddy Healy Jnr
Thursday 31st 10am Gerry Maher **7pm** Monica Crofton
Friday 1st Nov 10am Patrick, Elizabeth, Thomas, Ned, Peter Kelly
7pm Declan O'Brien
Saturday 2nd 10am Eoin Johnston

The Apostles' Creed
I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of Heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, Our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into Hell; on the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into Heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God, the Father almighty; from there He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and life everlasting. Amen.

A wonderful night was had by all on Thursday night as we marked Myles's retirement. Bishop Eamon Walsh led us in a beautiful Mass with great music by the parish choir. The supper and the speeches in the Kildrought were very enjoyable. We thank everyone who worked to make the night such a success. We hope Myles enjoys the gifts given to him by the parish, Choirs, Schools, and the parishioners.

We welcome into our faith community all the children who were baptised recently:
Josh Cummins, Jack Craigie,
Aoife Henry, Carl Griffin
& Mia Russell.
Congratulations to all the families.

GO OUT TO THE WHOLE WORLD (Jesus says)
... start in Celbridge and Straffan!

Many people are looking for more than what Sunday Mass, alone, can offer.

- Amongst the hustle and bustle of everything it can be difficult at times to make sense of our faith, or even to make time to nourish our faith. The good news is that some of our neighbours and friends have found a way that helps them do both of these. They meet weekly as small groups (for about an hour and a half) to live and share life in Jesus Christ. These are times of faith and friendship (and tea)! Known as our parish 'cell' groups, they try to respond to the advice of Jesus:

Come away to a quiet place, and rest awhile (Mark 6:31)

The groups are an initiative of our parish, and are open to everyone in our parish.

- You're invited to come just as you are.
- You're invited to journey with others (through Scripture and prayer) to help make stronger connections between our life journey and our faith journey.
- You're invited to say as little or as much as you like (or nothing).
- You're invited to come to a quiet place, and rest awhile.

You're invited to take the first (and often hardest) step by calling ..

Maura @ 087 414 1706 Carmel@ 087 991 3490 Yvonne@ 087 7046007(Young adults) Dave@ 01 6244635 (Men's group)