



The Catholic Parish  
of  
Celbridge  
and  
Straffan



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**PLANNED GIVING:** (weekly envelope collection) €1,760. Thanks to all the collectors and contributors.

**Important Time Changes**

As of the 1st September the Mass times are changing as follows:

**St. Patrick's Church.** Saturday evening (Vigil) 6.30pm

Sunday 8.30am, 9.30am, 11am, 12.30pm, 7pm.

Weekday Masses 10am, 7.30pm.

Holy Days 8am, 10am, 12am, 7.30pm.

Bank Holidays 11am (no evening Mass)

**St Brigid's Church Straffan.** Saturday (vigil) 6pm.

Sunday 11am

Weekday morning Mass 9.15am.

Holy Day and Bank Holidays: 10am

**'Fed up with Junk Food'**

**Are You Hungry for Something Better!**

**Our Parish Retreat**

**on the**

**Bread of Life**

**"The Eucharist".**

24th to 30th September 2011 for one week in St Brigid's, Straffan and St Patrick's Church

Led by Francis Hogan.

The retreat coincides with both the preparation for the Eucharistic Congress and

The 225th Anniversary of St Brigid's Church, Straffan.

**ABOUT THE CREED - What we believe in.**

Christianity is not just a religion that promotes the truth about God and human destiny; it is a religion that offers salvation. The Greek word for salvation is 'soteria' and the doctrine of the Church often speaks of Christian soteriology. The salvation Jesus Christ inaugurated is a reality that draws us into the fullness of life.

"Not only is it a soteriology of truth disclosed in revelation, but at the same time it is also a soteriology of love ... a soteriology of Divine Love." (John Paul II, Crossing the Threshold of Hope, page. 74)

Because it is a salvation through love the kingdom of God as outlined by Jesus has certain characteristics. Firstly, "everyone is called to enter the kingdom" (Cat. 543)

The outstretched arms of the crucified Jesus image the universal embrace of God.

Secondly, to all who own their powerlessness as "little ones" (Matthew 11 :25) and whose lives are scarred' by poverty in any of its dimensions, the kingdom of God is offered particularly. (cf Matthew 5:3 & Luke 6:20)

Indeed, as the way, the truth and the life, "Jesus identifies himself with the poor of every kind and makes active love towards them the condition for entering his kingdom." (Cat. 544)

Fr. Paul Taylor. P.P.

**Cead Mile Failte**

We welcome Fr. Brian McKittrick our new Curate to the parish this week. We wish him well and hope he will be happy among us.

We also welcome Catherine, another addition to our Parish family. She has been appointed by the Diocese as a Parish Pastoral worker to our Parish We wish her well.

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

**Week day Mass** 10am & 7.30pm

**St Brigid's Church Straffan:** Vigil Sat. 6pm, Sunday 11am. **Week day Mass** 9.15am

**Confessions: Celbridge:** Saturday 10.30am. **Straffan** Saturday 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 before 10am Mass (9am - 10am) in St Patrick's Church St. Brigid's Church after Mass until 11.30am.

**Mass Intentions:**

**St Brigid's Church: Saturday 6pm:** Patrick Ashe **Sunday 11am:** Madeleine Travers

**St Patrick's Church: Saturday 7pm:** Ellen Meade (month's mind), **8.30** Peter and Mary Lynch, **10am** Pro Populo, **11.15** Keith Kiernan, **12.30** Sarah Cross, William, Sarah, Christy and Tom Ellis, **7pm** Lorraine Slaughter.

**29th 10am** Maura Allen, **7pm** Christine Doran, **30th 10am** Phil Cassoni, **7pm** Gay Boylan, **31st 10am** Lorraine Flynn, **7pm** Rose Kelly, **1st 10am** Julia Maher, **7.30pm** Elizabeth and Christy Lanigan, **2nd 10am** and **7.30pm** Altar List, **3rd 10am** Pat Coleman.

*May they rest in peace*

**Philomena Cassoni.** Philomena (Phil) died on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> August after a long and courageous journey with sickness. Originally from Crumlin, Phil had lived happily in Celbridge since moving here 15 years ago from Templeogue. We offer our sympathy to her husband Noel, and their family Peter, Elaine and Niamh, and to her extended family. Although never seeking the limelight, Phil had been generous in the service of our parish. She was a member of our very first parish council, and instrumental in the setting up of the Divine Mercy Novena here. She always found great joy and life in her grandchildren, and only three weeks ago her ninth grandchild (Finn) was born. We ask for her the 'peace which the world cannot give'.

**Frank Reilly.** Frank and his wife Margaret have been well loved members of the Celbridge community since they moved to St Patrick's Park in 1965. He was well known for his involvement with the GAA, first as a player with his native Rathcoffey, and then as a referee in the local leagues. Frank had a diverse range of gifts and hobbies. He was an avid gardener, had a good eye for darts, and was an active member of the Pioneer movement. Many will know him from his work in the Mill, and later in St Raphaels. Frank died suddenly on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> August. We offer our sympathy to Margeret and to their family.

**WHY NOT STUDY THEOLOGY?**

The Dominicans are offering distance learning theology programmes, leading to a certificate or (honours) degree. Students study from home, while also attending occasional study days and using the on-line support of academic tutors. Since its founding in 2002, hundreds of people have completed some or all of the programme.

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*A Fond Farewell*

God has given our parish a great blessing in **Fr. Hagos** these last three years. He gave great witness to God's presence. He has touched a lot of people with his kindness and humble manner, and we thank him most sincerely. Fr. Hagos returns to Ethiopia on Monday to his Salesian community where he will be working with young people in the schools

We wish him and his family God's blessing.

Pastoral liturgy and Ministry Course begins  
19 September 2011 Mondays and Tuesdays  
10am-12 noon, 2.00 pm-4.00 pm

The course in *Pastoral Liturgy and Ministry* will be of interest to those in parish liturgy and those who wish to learn more about the Church's worship.

**Topics covered in the course include: .**

<i>The worship of the Church today</i>	<i>The history of our worship</i>
<i>The role of music in worship</i>	<i>The Space we use in worship</i>
<i>How Eastern Churches worship</i>	<i>Morning and evening prayer</i>
<i>Sunday, Seasons, Feasts</i>	

**The Making of Christians in Baptism,**

**Confirmation and Eucharist**

<i>Worship and the Celtic Worlds</i>	<i>The Mass and the Sacraments</i>
<i>Liturgy and Pastoral care</i>	<i>Ministry Today</i>
<i>The Psalms as Christian Prayers</i>	<i>Liturgy and Culture</i>

**'Happy in the Presence Children's Choir'**

The Children's choir is now forming to sing at 11am Sunday Masses in St. Patrick's Celbridge.

New members from all 1st and 2nd level Parish schools, male and female, having made their Communion, are invited to join.

Practice will take place on Thursdays from 6pm - 7pm. Adults also required to help supervising - please consider volunteering.

Details on Parish website: [www.celstra.ie](http://www.celstra.ie) or contact Grainne on 0876206845.

**We welcome into our faith community** the children recently baptised: Clara Davern, Aoibhinn Ruddy, Samuel McEntee, Camilla Kerwick, Adam Melia and Vincent Stanizak Rapkevicius.

**Children's Corner.**

One day God was talking to Adam and he said "Adam you look lonely, I know I'll give you a woman but it will cost you an arm and a leg."

Adam said " what can I get for a rib?"

The rest is history.

