



The Catholic Parish  
of  
Celbridge  
and  
Straffan



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**PLANNED GIVING:** Weekly Envelope Collection: €3,100. The Planned Giving Envelopes for the New Year are now being circulated and parishioners are being asked to consider giving by Standing Order. Your continued support over the last year is very much appreciated. Thanks also to the collectors.

**The Senior Choir** will launch its new Christmas carol CD, O Holy night, with a live concert on Saturday December 10th here in the church. The CD features many of our favourite Christmas carols including adeste fidelis, joy to the world, silent night and hark the herald.

**The concert will start at 8pm**, and will form part of the County Kildare Orchestra's main Christmas concert. The choir will be joined by choir members of Lucan Community College.

Part of the proceeds will go to the St Vincent de Paul.

Tickets cost €10 and are available from

Choir members. The CD will also be available locally at a cost of €10, CDs sold on the launch night will retail for €8.

**"Remembering a loved one at Christmas"**

in aid of

St. Brigid's Hospice Kildare.

**This Sunday 4th of December at 5pm.**

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

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  
You can also donate online at [www.mycharity.ie/event/rememberingalovedone](http://www.mycharity.ie/event/rememberingalovedone)

**Celbridge and Straffan Gospel Choir  
Fundraising Gig**

In aid of **Dara Residential Services**

**Tuesday 6th December**

In St. Patrick's Church at 8pm.  
Please come along and support.



**SNOOZE FEST**

**Is it just that MASS is BORING for young people?**



Some thoughts from Fr Kevin ....

[www.celstra.ie](http://www.celstra.ie)

**Or might it be something else?**

**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**

**Saturday 6pm** Christina Cully

**Sunday 11am** Deceased members of the Straffan GAA

**St. Patrick's Church:**

**Saturday 6.30pm** John Keegan,

**Sunday**

**8.30am** Fred and Mary Griffin,

**9.30am** Dermot (Derrie) Farrell,

**11am** Michael and Phyllis Grant,

Mary Carroll (Norris) month's mind.

**12.30** Thomas and Rose O'Hea.

**7pm** Evelyn Masterson.

**We welcome into our faith community** the children recently baptised: Oliver Rogacz, Joshua Teahan, Shona Foley, Daniel, Hannah, Naomi Johnson,

**Santa is coming to Vincent's Celbridge**

On **Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> December**, the man himself will be in the **Vincent De Paul shop** (beside the Post Office) on the **Main Street** arriving at **1pm**.

A visit to Santa is **free** and **all children are welcome**. In the meantime, Santa Letters are available in the shop, which children can complete and post in the magic post box. A chance to colour a picture is also on offer and the pictures will be on show in the shop during the weeks before Christmas.

Avoid the city rush, and visit Santa at **Vincent's**. Entertainment, face painting and surprises are assured and Santa is looking forward to meeting you.

You can contact Vincent's on 01 6012752.

The Archbishop of Dublin Dr. Diarmuid Martin

will celebrate the 6pm Mass

Saturday the 10th December

in St. Brigid's Church, Straffan,

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

**The Halo Project**

**OutReach Support in Celbridge**

The Halo project will be providing outreach support for parents/carers who may be concerned about a young adolescent who may be experiencing difficulties around substance misuse.

If you or someone you know feels that you may need some help or advice and are confused as where to go or who to talk to about your worries.

The Halo project will be available to talk with you in this new drop-in service in a caring confidential way with advice, help and support around your concerns.

This service is free and available on Mondays 10am-1pm No appointment necessary 'Old Stone House' Main Street, Celbridge, Co. Kildare.

If you have any queries or would like more information please contact me

**Linda Cooney 087-6747571/ 045-872500**

**Weekday Mass Intentions**

**Monday 5th 10am** Dick, Annie and Paddy Bolger, Brendan Hannigan, 7.30pm John Finan,

**6th 10am** Thomas Shanahan, 7.30pm John Doherty,

**7th 10am** Jeremiah and Ita O'Dwyer, 7.30 Elizabeth Maher,

**Holy Day 8th 8am** James Teague, **10am** Thomas, Eileen Ferguson, **12 noon** Nellie Meade, **7.30pm** Sean and Mary Dillon, James and Alice Flynn, Eddie and Phyllis Hughes.

**9th 10am** Tony Ryan, **7.30pm** Michael and Maureen Dignam

**10th 10am** Tom and Peg Lenihan, Albert O'Reilly.

Thursday next, 8th December **Feast of the Immaculate Conception of Our Blessed Virgin Mary.**

Mass times in St Patrick's Church are as follows Wednesday 7.30pm (vigil) Thursday 8am, 10am, 12noon, evening Mass at 7.30pm.

St. Brigid's Church Wednesday 6pm (Vigil) Thursday 11am. This Feast celebrates the Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (her being conceived free from original sin). It must not be confused with the conception of her son Jesus.

We apologise for the disruption to the phone lines at the parish office recently. If you have found it difficult to get through, It is due to the rewiring and some renovations being done to the Parochial House. The office has moved down to the Eustace Centre at present but it is preferable that you email or phone the office if necessary while work is in progress.

**Confirmation Preparation 2011/2012 - "You Shall Be My Witness"**

The Candidates who are journeying towards the Sacrament of Confirmation will celebrate their Enrolment Service on Tuesday 6th December @ 6.30pm in St. Patrick's Church, Celbridge. All who wish to be confirmed in their faith should present themselves at this service.

The Training session for parishioners who have signed up for the "You Shall Be My Witness" Programme will be on Saturday 10th December from 10.30-1.30pm in the Hall of Scoil Brid. Enquiries contact Parish Pastoral Worker Christina Malone, 085 -9519110.

**Play & Pray.** On Sunday 11th December the children's liturgy group will be offered for all the boys & girls between 4-7years of age @ 11am Eucharist in Celbridge & Straffan. At the moment, due to the number of volunteers we have, we can only invite 25 children for the play & pray. If we have more volunteers we could offer the play & pray for more children. If you wish get involved please contact Christina Malone, Parish Pastoral Worker 085 – 8519110 or/and come along for the next planning meeting on 14th December @ 8pm in St. Patrick's Church in Celbridge.

**Wall of Remembrance**

The Wall of Remembrance has now been taken down, now that November is over. Your photographs and memorial cards are available to be collected.

**Outside Toilet**

This facility is available for your use, situated towards the back of the Church on left hand side, through the gate.

**For your attention:** The school car park closes 15 minutes, sharp after evening Mass ends. Please ensure all cars have vacated the car park immediately after Mass as the Sacristan will lock the gate.