



The Catholic Parish  
of  
Celbridge  
and  
Straffan



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**PLANNED GIVING: Weekly Envelope Collection:**

€1,670.57 Your continued support is very much appreciated.  
Thanks also to the collectors.

**Easter Bank Holiday**

**Mass on Monday** 11am in **St. Patrick's Church**. (No evening Mass)  
10 am in **St. Brigid's Church Straffan**.

**Easter Dues**

The Easter Dues (offerings) envelopes are an important way in which parishioners support financially the Priests of the Parish and the diocese.  
The Priests of this Parish are deeply grateful for the generosity of those who contribute. **Thank You.**

The Priest of the Parish, Fr. Paul P.P., Fr. Kevin, Fr. Brian and Fr. Douglas together with the Parish Pastoral Council and Parish Staff, wish you the abundance of Easter blessings. Our thanks to all the parishioners for your support and encouragement.

A Big Thank You to ...

The ladies who decorate and clean the Church, and those who do the flowers and the Altar.

The Choirs, Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, Altar Servers, the leaders of the Play & Pray group, the collectors, and The Baptism Team who enriched our services.

All those who contributed to the Easter Offering envelopes.

The men who have worked so hard to keep the Church grounds clean and beautiful.

The children who participated in the ceremonies.

and all those Parishioners who assist in any way at Easter time.

We welcome into our faith community **Ritma Prokopcenko, Kristine Burve, Inga Strodaha, Kristina Cerbikova** recently Baptised, and received into the Church.

A special **Divine Mercy Sunday Devotion** (12th April) will start at 3pm in St Patrick's Church, with Confessions and recitation of the Chaplet followed by Mass at 3.30pm and a blessing with St Faustina's relic.

**Novena Prayer leaflets** are available at the back of the Church

**AN EASTER PRAYER**



For he  
is Risen...  
and now  
you have life...

Lord Jesus, we greet You, risen from the dead, and we offer You our thanks and our praise, our prayers and our worship, our devotion and our service. Amen.

**Happy Easter**

**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), 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

**Baptisms:**

St Patrick's Church: Sunday 2pm  
St Brigid's Church: Last Sunday of the month at 12pm  
**Pre- Baptism meetings:** To book contact the parish baptismal team 085 8662255  
**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament :**  
St Patrick's Church: Friday morning before 10am Mass (9am - 9.50am).  
St. Brigid's Church Friday after 9.15am Mass.

**Weekday Mass Intentions St. Patrick's Church**

**Easter vigil and Easter Sunday : Mass intentions per Easter List.**

<b>Monday 6th</b>	<b>11am</b> Concepta Blake, funeral Mass for Aussie O'Mahony	<b>7pm</b> Billy McNamee
<b>Tuesday 7th</b>	<b>10am</b> Jack Quinan	<b>7pm</b> Timmy Slaughter
<b>Wednesday 8th</b>	<b>10am</b> Kathleen & Perry Sherry	<b>7pm</b> Maureen Greene (1st Anniv) & her husband Andy
<b>Thursday 9th</b>	<b>10am</b> Jimmy & Pauline Price	<b>7pm</b> Thomas & Elizabeth Carey
<b>Friday 10th</b>	<b>10am</b> Michael Harmon	
<b>Saturday 11th</b>	<b>10am</b> Christina Wallace	

**St. Brigid's Church Straffan - Update**

We thank the people for the support so far either by way of a donation or "Percy Pig" for the painting of Straffan Church. We have now passed the half way mark in terms of the fundraising.

Work on cleaning the walls and the painting of the inside of Straffan Church and sealing some damp patches on the walls will begin on Wednesday the 9th April. Weekday Masses will be celebrated in Straffan Community Hall at 9.15am for the duration of the works. The weekend Masses for the weekend the 18th and 19th may not be celebrated in the Church but in the hall. Further updates next week.

Be patient and follow the way of simplicity with which God has blessed you. But things cannot help sometimes being filled with anguish, for all of us who seek to love Christ. Life is never in any way as simple as it ought to be: there are so many conflicts, not between good people and bad only but between the good and the good. This is worse, and produces unending confusion. We must seek peace in the underlying simplicity which is beyond conflict: and here we seek the naked presence of God in apparent nothingness. If only we find Him, the emptiness becomes perfectly full, and the contradictions vanish. THOMAS HERTON

**The Living Spirit**

No one can reach your mystery without difficulty, Lord, unless you invite them there and reveal yourself. We must agree to go and discover it and then know the difficulties to reach it and the happiness at our progress. We could think that the apostles were in a better place than we are, just as the disciples of the Lord. But what did they understand about you, Jesus, during your time here on earth? They did not penetrate into your Mystery. They needed the faith of Easter and the penetrating light of the Holy Spirit so that their eyes would finally be opened. It is the same paschal faith, that dwells within us, the Spirit of God gives its vibrant light and convincing warmth to our faith

**Regina Coeli (Recited instead of the Angelus from Easter to Pentecost)**

Queen of Heaven, rejoice. Alleluia.  
For He Whom Thou was worthy to bear. Alleluia.  
Has risen as He promised. Alleluia.  
Pray for us to our God. Alleluia.  
Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary. Alleluia.  
For the Lord has risen indeed. Alleluia.

Let us pray: O God, Who gave joy to the world through the resurrection of Thy Son Our Lord Jesus Christ, grant, we beseech Thee, that, through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, His Mother, we may attain the joys of eternal salvation. Through the same Christ Our Lord. Amen.

Regina coeli, laetare, Alleluia (Can be Sung)  
Quia quem meruisti portare, Alleluia.  
Resurrexit sicut dixit, Alleluia.  
Ora pro nobis Deum, Alleluia.  
Gaude et laetare, Virgo Maria, Alleluia.  
Quia surrexit Dominus vere, Alleluia.

**Grand Canal Walk - Easter Monday**

6th of April 5 km / 1 hour approx.  
Meet @ Ardclough GAA / Free Parking  
Walk starts at 3 pm (Registration from 2.15 pm)  
All donations in aid of  
Tea Lane Graveyard Conservation Project  
For further information contact Breda 087 9630719  
Tea Lane Graveyard Committee

Thank you to all the parishioners who made a donation towards the flowers in the church for Easter.

**Extract from CHRISM MASS 2015 Homily Notes of Most Rev. Diarmuid Martin Archbishop of Dublin Pro Cathedral, 2nd April 2015**

The greatest challenge, the area in which we as Christians fail most is failing to witness in our lives – as individuals and as a Church community – to the love and the mercy of God. This stems in the first place from our failure to understand God's love. God's love is unbounded, but we constantly attempt to place human boundaries and limitations on that love. By setting our boundaries, we fail in our witness to God's love and perhaps more important we fail to accept the love that God offers us. We end up looking on activity and good works as the real discerning factor regarding religious belief. We have in many ways constructed a church of buildings and activities and institutions. We develop strategies to foster renewal based on human activity. We overlook that it is God's compassion which brings the men and women of any time to God.